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This spring I will be completing my Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies from George Washington University. In 2006 I also graduated with my Master's in American Studies with a concentration in Museums and Material Culture, so you could say that this school has been a large part of the formation of my museum career. The Museum Studies Program is known nationwide for its tradition of excellence in the field and experienced faculty. I am very proud to say that I was able to incorporate this program into two of my degrees from George Washington University.

The George Washington University Museum will greatly benefit the campus and museum community with its affiliation with the Textile Museum and Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection. Beyond that, it will provide faculty, students and the rest of the GW community with opportunities in research, exhibition planning, collections maintenance and the chance to learn more on campus. During my undergraduate degree at Michigan State University, I truly believe the best part of my learning was when I was working in class and research projects at the Michigan State University Museum. The hands-on opportunity while on campus helped put real world experience on the theory that I learned from the faculty. George Washington University has the opportunity to give their community this advantage and I wholeheartedly support it.

Thank you very much for your consideration in reading my appeal. Because of my points listed above, I very much hope that you approve this project. I look forward to hearing your decision.

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