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Heart of the Civil War launches collaborative internship Kyle Bjornson selected as inaugural intern shared by four historic sites in summer 2017

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area has selected Kyle Bjornson as the first participant in a unique internship program. Bjornson will create and lead public programs at four different—but related—historic sites in Maryland’s Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area: [Antietam National Battlefield](#), [Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park](#), [Newcomer House](#) and [Pry House Field Hospital Museum](#).

Among other duties, Bjornson will conduct original research and develop a suite of free, 30-minute, ranger-style talks at each site on select dates throughout the summer. This “On the Homefront” series will focus on the civilian experience during the Civil War. Visitors are invited to hear one, a few, or all of these interconnected presentations, which will take place at:

- 9:30 AM at Antietam National Battlefield (located in Sharpsburg; operated by the National Park Service)
- 11:30 AM at Pry House Field Hospital Museum (located in Keedysville; operated by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine)
- 1:30 PM at Newcomer House (located in Keedysville; operated by the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area)
- 3:00 PM at Ferry Hill Plantation in C&O National Historical Park (located in Sharpsburg; operated by the National Park Service)

Presentations will take place on Sunday 6/4; Saturday 6/10; Sunday 6/18; Saturday 6/24; Sunday 7/9; Saturday 7/15; Sunday 7/23; and Saturday 7/29. In this role working with four distinct organizations, the intern will also gather insights into ways to strengthen a shared visitor experience across these distinct sites.

Bjornson, who holds a Master of Arts in Public History from the University of South Carolina, a Bachelor of Arts in History and Anthropology from the University of Alberta, and a Museum Management Certificate, has previously interned with the National Park Service Park History Program and the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. He was selected from over 50 applicants from across the country.

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