Left Forum Video and Social Media Internship 2011-2012

Left Forum seeks to fill a part-time video and social media internship position for the Fall-Spring of 2011-2012 periods. This internship begins immediately. This is a six month internship and/or it can be divided according to the academic calendar year, as two internships, one per semester.

We have recently launched a Video and Media Archive to bring the wealth of ideas and dialogues generated at the Left Forum to the world—or at least to the world via the Internet and social media sites. Film students and social media activists alike are welcome! This is excellent opportunity to develop and hone your video, editing, social networking, and promotional skills while gaining valuable, high-profile experience in the academic and nonprofit arenas. The position can be molded to fit the individual's strengths and interests.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help digitize, edit and upload video content—conference panels, plenary, and interviews—to the local server
- Edit together video clips and audio podcasts
- Help to create and maintain a user-friendly interactive and archival video interface
- As the conference draws near, help to coordinate videographers
- Initiate and contribute to marketing and social networking campaigns to promote the conference video and media archive along with outreach and networking on particular video topic area tracks that appeal to different constituencies.

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

- Previous digital media and video experience is preferred
- High level of attention to detail and seeing projects through to their completion
- Ability to work independently and remotely
- Ability to work effectively both individually and in a team
- Communications and/or marketing background is helpful
- Familiarity with web content management (Drupal or equivalent web design programs) and social networking

ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP

We're a small organization with a dedicated group of organizers, staff, and volunteers, leaving lots of room for your creativity. You'll have the opportunity to work in an interesting (and very relaxed!) office in the CUNY Graduate Center where you'll be interact with scholars and people who are involved with grassroots social justice movements.

This internship is unpaid, although academic credit is available. Hours are flexible—we ask for 15-20 hours a week—and can be adapted to fit your schedule. Closing date for this position is October 1, 2011. People with diverse backgrounds and experience are encouraged to apply.

Please send a detailed cover letter and resume to volunteer@leftforum.org

About Left Forum: Continuing a tradition begun in the 1960s, Left Forum convenes an international conference each spring in New York City. The conference involves a broad spectrum of progressive and Left intellectuals, organizers and academics who come together to share ideas to transform the world; to better understand commonalities, differences, and alternatives to current predicaments; and to engage a wide range of critical perspectives on the world. Left Forum 2011 drew more than 3,500 participants for 300 panels. Recent conference plenary sessions featured Noam Chomsky, Arundhati Roy, Cornel West, and Barbara Ehrenreich.

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