



# Volunteer of the Month

## Lori Epstein

Please join Harpers Ferry National Historical Park's Resource Management staff in honoring intern Lori Epstein Volunteer of the Month for June 2011.

Lori Epstein began working with the Museum Management and the Archeology Program in January 2011. Lori's ability to take on and finish any job given to her, her enthusiasm and excellent work set her apart from all others. She is the first intern to co-curate a temporary museum exhibit: Ailments and Antidotes; Survival in a Town Under Fire. Ailments and Antidotes follows the lives of several families that chose to remain in Harper's Ferry during the Civil War, and Dr. Marmion-the doctor who willingly stayed behind to tend for those in need. Her main project has involved re-cataloging and photographing the park's first archeological collection from the 1959 Arsenal Square investigation. Lori's projects will directly benefit virtual and on-site park visitors. The Arsenal artifact catalog will be published in the NPS museum web catalog.



Lori is now working with the archeology program. Her creative skills have been used to produce archeology posters and exhibits for upcoming events. At the Lower Armory archeological excavation, she is working with park archeologists to uncover information about early Armory and prehistoric layers that lie beneath the historic Armory street. In the archeology lab, Lori is processing artifacts for identification and proper storage. Another ongoing project that Lori has started but will be continued by future interns is a transcription of Armory records housed in the HAFE archives. These records contain valuable information pertaining to the development of the Harpers Ferry Armory and its production of firearms for the federal government.

She recently completed her BS in Anthropology from Appalachian State University with a minor in Geography. Her studies focused on the sub discipline of physical anthropology, becoming interested in how evolutionary principals have impacted the human lineage within various environments. In the future, she hopes to pursue her interests in graduate school, and combine her passion for excavation with her interest in understanding the human past by pursuing a career in Bioarchaeology, aspiring to be a real world version of "Bones"!



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If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering at Harpers Ferry Park, please contact the park's volunteer coordinator at the address or phone number listed below. Volunteer today and give back!

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