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WHO WE ARE

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THE SOCIETY LIBRARY IS A 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORG
Information shapes humanity’s world and world-views, which determine how we define and defend our human rights, civic resources, industrial development, and everything from international to interpersonal relations - but not everybody has access to the same information. Access to intel is asymmetrical, and that’s a problem.

The Society Library’s mission is to effectively centralize humanity’s information, ideas, ideologies, and world-views as a resource for societies. Our work includes the development of tools and programs such as The Internet Government, The Great American Debate and AI Politician.

By collecting, compiling, and curating content, we present our work to the public to help clarify public debates about social and political issues. To do this, we develop and deploy various technologies to help with the sorting and analysis of content that we research and collect.

We believe that it is imperative to apply our techniques and efforts to address the most politically divisive and impactful topics of our time. This year (2019) we are tackling the topic of Climate Change….Is it anthropogenic? Is it even occurring? (Believe it or not, there is still an active debate on this topic!) Most importantly, what legislation should be proposed to address the issues deemed by virtue of their arguments and evidence to be valid?

We will showcase the results of this comprehensive data analysis conducted through The Internet Government in a debate format, live streamed and with accompanying live watch parties in all 50 states called The Great American Debate.
Intellectual Honesty

The Truth is the Truth No Matter Who Says It

We recognize that the truth may come from any source: a conspiratorial website, a harsh rant online, a weaponized piece of content, or even a meme. While the context of the information is important to consider in examination of it, it is never discounted as the possible outlet through which a truth may become known. All pieces of information must be given fair and in-depth examination, as any other.

Intellectual Freedom

Be Not In Possession of Ideas That Possess You

We commit to being free from the possession and oppression of opinions and ideas which may cloud or corrupt our judgement, inspire us to anger, upset, frustration, or despair, or move us to dismiss or discount the contribution of another. Our intellectual context is that of complete open-mindedness and sincere inquiry after truth. Detach yourself from opinions - if you have one, it has you.

Intellectual Inclusion

Let no intellectual stone be left unturned

Beyond being open to the truth coming from any potential source, we have a commitment to actively seek out fringe, isolated, or distant ideas and opinions and include them in our work.

Ernest Service

We do not exist to change what people think, we exist to change the context in which people think

As it has been said, the truth may never win, however it will outlive its opponents. We do not work to change the people around us and force them to recognize a truth, we exist to provide a context in which people may discover possible truths on their own, given the tools we have provided and information we present: created in earnest service. Detached from outcomes, we can work humbly in service of generations yet born.

Love of Information and Individuals

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We do not fear, nor despise any idea, opinion, or argument or the person who holds it. Information is never good or bad, information has the meaning we ascribe to it based on our definitions, classifications, and characteristics. We are never frustrated by nonsensical, grammatically incorrect, or illogical ideas, we see them as ways by which a human expresses a need, even if under many layers of abstraction, distractions, or deceptions. We see our work as an opportunity to connect people with a means of communicating and articulating their worldview; potentially through the expressions of others, which is preserved in our work. We work out of love for this, and out of love for what information can do for others.
Sharon has inspired and organized communities all around the globe - in both developed and developing nations. As a Program Director, she has developed and implemented action-oriented service-learning programs in partnership with both private and public Universities in the southeast region of the United States, and has developed a Community Organizer Training curriculum for an International UN accredited NGO, while also personally mentoring youth leaders around the globe.

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QUOTE OF CHOICE: “Show up and really care about what’s going on. And from there, whatever you do, big or small, you can contribute and make a change in your community. Show up and give a sh*t. From there, you can make everything change.”

Jamie is an award-winning artist, passionate educational advocate, and world-wide door-kicker-downer. Jamie was a millennial COO of an international NGO before leaving to focus on the Society Library and its related programs. Jamie has served on the board of a hackerspace, celebrates hacker & maker cultures, and lives to serve people world-wide. She is of the [strong] opinion that the first step to major societal and political change is through access to information. Jamie is also of the opinion that Sharon is a BAMF.

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QUOTE OF CHOICE: “Energy & Persistence Conquer All Things.”
- Benjamin Franklin
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WHO WE EXPECT YOU TO BE, OR BECOME

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Volunteer Virtues

**DO YOU BEST**

On results: Always deliver what you are proud to deliver. Never let perfectionism prevent you from delivering, but always be proud of the final result, or acknowledge what you could do better next time.

**OWN YOUR MISTAKES**

Mistakes, oopsies, oversights, and issues happen. Instead of passing the buck or the blame, or throwing someone or something under the bus, simply own your mistakes. Doing so will make you a more empowered leader and teammate.

**COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE**

Are you stuck? Don’t understand? Are you upset? Communicate! By this we do not mean complain or gossip, but communicate with your team or volunteer coordinators if you have issues that you want addressed - whether they are personal or internship-related. Don’t let it sit, we’re here with open ears!

**HAVE INTEGRITY**

Honor your word - do what you say you’re going to do and be honest about it. If you can’t keep your commitments, then make sure you explain why and let the team know. Not doing so impacts everyone’s ability to perform.

**GET IT ALL BY GIVING IT YOUR ALL**

In every aspect of life, you have the opportunity to put into it your energy, attention, and skills, and you get back insights, opportunities, and personal and professional growth and value. We invite you to bring all you’ve got into the hours you commit to interning with us. We commit to ensuring you get a lot of value back and are here for you for the rest of your career development.

**BE SINCERE IN ACTION, WORD, AND SERVICE**

Let your emotions, attitudes, actions, and words align. Any inconsistency in alignment of these things will cause interruptions and inconsistencies in your performance and your ability to work in a team. Remember - communicate!

**BE WELL, BE KIND, & BE REAL**

We know life doesn’t stop while you’re interning with us. So remember to take care of yourself and your needs. Treat others with kindness and respect. And always keep it real.
And remember, you can work hard and have fun doing it.

We believe in your awesome-ness

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