MASTER OF ARTS IN HERITAGE STUDIES ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGIS COLLEGE AND ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493 (“Regis”) and Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609 (“Assumption”) do hereby enter into this Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) on the date that this Agreement is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions.

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions with a similar Liberal Arts focus and Catholic tradition. This Agreement will facilitate qualified Assumption students in their application to, admission to, and completion of the Regis Master of Arts in Heritage Studies program.

2. This Agreement applies to Assumption History majors or History minors who graduate through May 2017. Other majors approved by Assumption and Regis may also apply.

3. Regarding the Regis Master of Arts in Heritage Studies program, qualified graduating Assumption students (“Qualified Students”) are eligible for:

   i. A waiver of application fee
   ii. A waiver of the Graduate Record Exam (“GRE”) or Miller Analogies Test (“MAT”) requirement
   iii. Preferred admission without the competition of the rest of the applicant pool
   iv. A waiver of two (2) Regis College Heritage Studies Graduate Courses (see table below). Students will apply by the recommended Regis College admission deadline of their senior year at Assumption College. Assumption students in majors other than history, who will have completed the two required courses by completion of their senior year, may also apply.
   v. Option to complete the eight (8) remaining required courses in 1 additional calendar year.

4. Qualified Assumption students must meet the following criteria:

   i. Anticipated successful completion of BA from Assumption College in May of their senior year
   ii. Completion of the 2 undergraduate history courses with a grade of B or higher:

   **Accepted Assumption College Course Options**

   1) HIS 391: History ProSeminar
   2) HIS 393WE: History Seminar
   3) AAS 350: American Studies Seminar (at the American Antiquarian Society) (transferrable for 6 Regis graduate credits)
   4) HIS 366: Vocations in Public History
   5) WMS 385: Women of the World
   6) Additional course options from other disciplines will be considered for transfer credit and should be discussed with the Regis College Graduate Program Director

   **Waived Regis Graduate Courses:**

   Two of the above courses or 6 credits (i.e. AAS 350) will transfer into the Regis College MA in Heritage Studies program for 6 graduate credits. The Regis College Graduate Program Director will determine which two Regis courses will be equivalent to the Assumption coursework.

   iii. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 at Assumption
   iv. Submission of all application materials by published Regis College deadline for entry to the term beginning the next fall
5. Assumption students who do not meet the requirements of Section 4 may apply for admission to the Regis College Master of Arts in Heritage Studies program via the standard process.

6. Qualified Students who are admitted to the Master of Arts in Heritage Studies program in their senior year under the terms of this Agreement may delay beginning their graduate program for up to one (1) year.

7. Potential applicants should be referred to the Regis College Heritage Studies webpage (http://www.regiscollege.edu/graduate_programs/department.cfm?id=Heritage_Studies_Global) or the Regis College Office of Graduate Admission, 781.768.7330. Individuals with questions about the curriculum or degree should contact Katina Fontes, MA, the Heritage Studies Interim Program Director and Professor (Katina.Fontes@regiscollege.edu or 781.768.7412).

Application may be completed online at the Regis College Office of Graduate Admission website (http://www.regiscollege.edu/graduate_programs/apply_now.cfm). Official transcripts should be submitted directly to the Regis College Office of Graduate Admission, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA 02493.

8. A designated Assumption faculty member will suggest qualified students and provide the names of such students to the Regis College Graduate Program Director before the recommended application deadline. It will be the responsibility of Assumption to work cooperatively with Regis to promote the Regis College Master of Arts in Heritage Studies program to potentially eligible Assumption students. Assumption should make efforts to inform appropriate academic and administrative personnel and students about this opportunity. Communication would include inserting information about this Agreement in appropriate program materials, and verbal, written or electronic notification to students on a timely and regular basis. Additionally, a representative of the Regis College Heritage Studies program will make periodic visits to Assumption to present to and speak with potential applicants about the program and this Agreement.

9. It is agreed and understood that each party has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated in writing between respective department chairs of each institution as they occur.

10. Regis and Assumption will each adhere to its respective institution’s non-discrimination policy.

11. Each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party against all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney’s fees, sustained by or incurred by the other party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever resulting from the indemnifying party’s (i) breach or default under this Agreement; or (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party in fulfilling their responsibilities under this Agreement. The right to indemnification set forth herein shall be in addition to and not derogation of any other rights contained in this Agreement.

12. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between Regis and Assumption and becomes effective on the date that it is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions. Either party may take the initiative to amend this Agreement by submitting
suggestions to the other party in writing. No addition, modification, or deletion of this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by authorized administrative representatives of both institutions. The amended Agreement will become effective when signed by the authorized administrative representatives of each institution.

13. This Agreement is valid for three (3) years from the date that it is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions. In April 2017 Regis will evaluate, determine, and notify Assumption as to whether or not a renewal of this Agreement is desired.

14. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other institution. Such termination will not affect Qualified Students who have applications pending to the Regis College Master of Arts in Heritage Studies program.

15. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the event of a conflict or dispute pertaining to the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve their differences in good faith. If the parties cannot resolve their differences, the parties agree to submit to binding mediation with a mutually agreed to mediator, with each party bearing equally the costs of mediation. Mediation shall be held in Massachusetts if a claim of breach is brought by either of the parties. The parties may mutually agree in writing to an alternative location for mediation.

Duly authorized administrative representatives of Regis College and Assumption College executed this Agreement as of the day and year given below.

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