

HISTORIC PRESERVATION in Michigan



2017 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**Michigan State University Department of Anthropology,
Michigan State University Office of the President,
and the Michigan State University Department of
Infrastructure Planning and Facilities**

The MSU Campus Archaeology Program, East Lansing

Inspired by the success of the first on-campus excavation by university archaeologists in 2005, Dr. Lynne Goldstein of the Department of Anthropology, in collaboration with the Department of Infrastructure and Planning Facilities, developed the Campus Archaeology Program. With support from the Office of the President, a line item in the budget and additional funding from the Graduate School, the program is a model that could be—and should be—replicated at other institutions.

Today all construction on campus is preceded by investigations by the graduate student Campus Archaeologist and crews. Infrastructure Planning and Facilities employees assist with clearing ground, moving obstacles and securing sites, and they automatically include archaeology in all project planning and construction.

Students use social media and blog posts to engage faculty, staff, students and alumni. In addition, they create exhibits, hold special events and participate in events such as MSU's ScienceFest, Grandparents University and Archaeology Day at the Michigan History Museum.

Perhaps the greatest education has been among formerly skeptical administration and staff who once thought there was nothing left to find on campus. They now realize that archaeological resources are present, important and must be incorporated into future planning.

