

Associate Deans Group

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INCLUSIVE HISTORY PROJECT
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



"Chinese Student's Club, 1918." Photo provided by University of Michigan Bentley Historical Library

IHP Mission

The Inclusive History Project (IHP) is designed to study and document a comprehensive history of the University of Michigan that is attentive to diversity, equity, and inclusion and stretches across the university's three campuses and Michigan Medicine.

In undertaking this journey of institutional self-discovery, U-M commits to changing our conception of the past and to taking action that enables us to build a truly inclusive present and future.

The IHP's Main Areas of Work

- RESEARCH to produce a new and inclusive history of the university
- ENGAGEMENT to develop those new histories and more deeply understand their impact on the present
- REPARATIVE ACTIONS to redress historical and persistent harms and to change the university's future

Origins & Trajectories

Investigating U-M's origins across space and time and how they matter to our history and present

People & Communities

Focusing on how institutional barriers to full and equal access have impacted students, staff, faculty, alumni, patients, and community members and on the history of those who sought to make a more inclusive and diverse university

Symbols & Icons

Examining sites and acts of memorialization, commemoration, and celebration of U-M's history, focusing on building names, slogans, songs, athletics, and more

Research & Teaching

Exploring the centrality of research and knowledge production to the university's mission and how methods and dissemination have affected the education of our students and our contributions to society at large

The IHP Fund

- Teaching Fund
 - Funding compelling undergraduate and graduate teaching that creates and shares knowledge about the university's past with regard to DEI
 - First awards made in February 2024 to a dozen courses on all 3 campuses on a range of topics
- Research and Engagement Fund
 - Funding research projects, creative endeavors, and engagement activities through mini-grants and large grants, and open to faculty, staff, and students
 - Proposals due April 5

Research Project Sites: Ann Arbor

- Launched projects
 - African American Student Project (with the Bentley Historical Library)
 - The 1817 Project: Land, Culture, Memory, and Repair
 - Hill Auditorium (with UMS and SMTD)
- Projects in development
 - The history of diversity, equity, and inclusion in U-M Athletics
 - Jewish students, political radicalism, and antisemitism at U-M
 - A community archives project (with the Bentley Historical Library)

Research Project Sites: Flint & Dearborn

- The Origins of UM-Flint's DEI Centers
- The 1959 Project: University of Michigan Dearborn's Origins and Timelines

IHP Showcase on March 19

- March 19 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Building auditorium in Ann Arbor, MI
- The IHP team will discuss the project's work this year, including how it is beginning research into U-M's history. Leaders of some existing projects on the university's past will share their progress and findings.
- Participating projects include:
 - Justice InDeed
 - Native American Student Stories
 - Michigan Iranian American Oral History Project (MIAOHP)
 - Michigan Middle East Travelers Oral History Project (MMETOHP)
 - IHP Teaching Fund grantees, including Manan Desai, Asian American Histories at the University of Michigan, and Finn Bell, Hidden Histories Archive



Questions?

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