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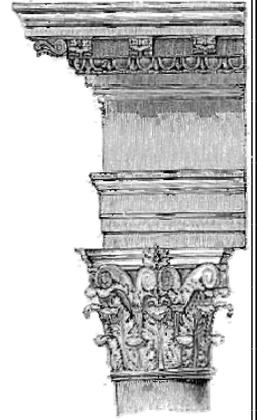
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# THE POST & LINTEL

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## A WORD IN EDGEWISE

*By Chris Beyer, Director of Preservation Eastern*

September was a very exciting month for PE. We kicked off the new school year on September 8<sup>th</sup> with our new student orientation. Afterwards many of our returning students helped us welcome our new colleagues to the program by hosting a potluck reception. That evening, the alumni sponsored another very successful "Evening Under the Stars" on the roof of historic Sherzer Hall.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we had our first ever PE happy hour at Aubree's in Ypsilanti's Depot

Town. All students are welcome to come hang out and socialize at these monthly events. The October happy hour will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 at the Tap Room Annex, located at 205 W. Michigan Ave. in Downtown Ypsilanti.

Our speaker series finished out our activities for the month. Two alumni from our program came to talk about careers in the museum field. Devon Akmon, the curator of research at the Arab American National Museum, discussed some of the challenges of running a new museum. Rick Finch,

the site manager of Ft. Meigs talked about the differences between small and large living history museums. Both speakers offered excellent insights and advice for those pursuing careers in the museum field.

Looking ahead, PE is working with the alumni to host a Halloween party at the EMU lake house on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00, as well as a networking dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This program is only open to PE members, so pay your dues and come join us!

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS!

- *Networking dinner is Friday, November 17*
- *Halloween party is Saturday, October 28, 7-11 pm*
- *Next Happy Hour is Friday the 13th— don't be scared, come on down for some fun!*
- *The International Masonry Institute is sponsoring a hands-on workshop, Wednesday, October 11th at Washtenaw Community College*

## PRESERVATION IN OUR BACKYARD

*By Allison Craddock*

I was walking down E. Washington St. in Ann Arbor just the other day when I noticed that the structure at number 411 was not, shall we say, grounded. Indeed, we all have the opportunity to bear firsthand witness to one of our beloved "re-words" in the relocation of this 160 year old, two story blue painted

brick house. The house is being relocated to a new location on Pontiac Trail, north of the UM Medical Campus.

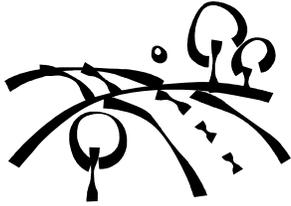
As condo development becomes the new pink in A2, the demand for locations close to downtown and the University of Michigan's central campus is likely to make this not the only historic house to be removed

from its original foundations.

For more information, please see the Ann Arbor News's feature article, "Slow journey ahead for historic house" featured in the September 18, 2006 issue. The article may be accessed online at: [www.mlive.com](http://www.mlive.com)

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## RYAN'S ADVENTURES WITH MDOT—THE RECAP, PART ONE

*By: Ryan Schumaker*

Since the end of January I have been working at the Michigan Department of Transportation as the graduate assistant from EMU.

Working there has given me first hand experience with the Section 106 process. It is something I am involved with everyday. I work directly under Lloyd Baldwin who is a historian for MDOT and is a graduate of the Eastern's

preservation program. In addition to Lloyd I also assist Sigrid Bergland, the second historian in the department.

During the course of the assistantship I have been working the required twenty hours a week, which accounts for about three days out of the week. While working I have completed research on road projects all over the state. One of the major, long term projects being worked on is the new bridge crossing into

Canada located in Detroit. I have helped research the history of the communities in the area that will be impacted by this new bridge.

Currently I have been researching the first state funded road located on M-81 in Tuscola County. MDOT wants to place a Michigan State Historic Marker on the road... *For more on MDOT and Ryan's adventures, see the continuation of this article in next month's [Post & Lintel](#).*

## HELPFUL HINTS WHEN CONSIDERING A POSITION IN THE MUSEUM FIELD

*By: Rick Finch, Site Manager, Fort Meigs State Memorial*

“DO IT BECAUSE YOU LOVE IT. YOU WON'T GET RICH BUT YOU CAN MAKE A COMFORTABLE LIVING AND ENJOY GOING TO WORK”

-RICK FINCH

1. Listen to everyone's advice then decide which parts of each person's advice are best for you.
2. Try to find an area of interested you like and pursue it. You need a good general knowledge of museum operations, but then find a specific area such as agricultural history, domestic arts, interpretive theory, etc.
3. Network. Attend conferences to meet people. This gets your name out there and lets you meet others in the field with the same interests, concerns, or problems. Decide which area in the museum field you wish to work in, and find an organization that best fits your needs.
4. Present sessions at conferences and write papers.
5. Plan for your position. Decide what area of the museum field you want to pursue and make sure you are as qualified as possible. If you are considering museum management then take some general business courses. For interpretation, consider taking an acting class. Those interested in museum education should have a solid grounding in educational theory.
6. Internships! Do it. I feel it gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn more about museum studies, have some practical experience, and it also gave me a chance to explore which areas of the museum field I liked more than others.
7. Don't be afraid to start low and work up. You may be surprised at how quickly you can move up in an organization!
8. Work at a well respected institution, and be willing to relocate.
9. Job shadow. Once you find a position you want, make sure you job shadow or at the least interview a person in the position

## DR. TED'S CORNER

Please join me in welcoming our new students for this year: Nathan Anderson, Erin Beard, Christina Branham, Sarah Briggs, Amanda Curylo, Jennifer Edginton, Laura Fry, Joshua Hollis, Deborah Ingersoll, Amanda Litzinger, Valerie Marvin, Suzann McCoy, Patricia Hoezee-Meyer, Benjamin Miller, Timothy Mitchell, Ryan Nykamp, Deborah Odette, Maureen O'Meara, Kathleen Phillips, Paul Schmidt, Daniel Schneider, Rebecca Torsell, Janice VanLente, Leslie VanVeen, Lindsey Wallace, Andrew Wilhelme, Jessica Williams, and Kendra Wisson.

We are fortunate to be able to maintain the strong enrollments levels set during the last several years. Students who graduated this past year include: Devon Akmon, Matt Borders, Karen Brandt, Alison (AJ) Chalom, Diana Clark, Annie Dowling, Carrie Duhl, Jim Edmunds, Dan Gallio, Rick Kuss, Jennifer Mazurek, Cassandra Nelson, Heidi Nielsen, Marcia Phil-

lips, Leslie Pielack, Alexis Reynolds, Jonathan Ringel, Seth Rivard, and Natalie Thomas. I'm proud to announce that of this group of seventeen, eleven (11) already are known to have secured/continued employment within the fields of historic preservation or planning...that's a 65% placement rate within less than a year, showing that our graduates are highly regarded and placed. Among these, one has married and moved to India, while another works for FEMA in Louisiana and two have moved to Texas for their jobs. We wish them all well as their careers evolve.

And of course, welcome back all our returning student body as well!

Our Departmental Graduate Assistant (GA) this year is Allison Craddock. A number of other students hold agency-sponsored GAs, including MDOT (Ryan Schumaker), the City of Ypsilanti (Cristin Moody),

The Motor Cities National Heritage Area (Wesley Thompson), and two positions with the Ypsilanti Historical Society that are also supported by EMU President's Office (Laurie Turkawski and Jessica Williams). New student, Rebecca Torsell, holds a GA with the Graduate School. Third year student Cheryl Chidester received a scholarship to attend and present a poster at the annual conference of the *Association for Preservation Technology* (APT) this fall at Indiana University, and Wesley Thompson received a *Diversity Scholarship* to attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. Remember, the National Trust's Annual Meeting, this year the HP program is sponsoring a reception/reunion at the Conference and everyone is urged to attend. The event will be held at historic Mitchell's Restaurant (304 Ross St.) in downtown Pittsburgh. Please join us on Nov. 3 (Friday) from 6- 8 PM.



*Dr. Ted – the man, the myth, the legend.*

**FYI:** A LIMITED NUMBER OF \$100 SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL TRUST CONFERENCE ARE AVAILABLE!

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS.

## EDGEWISE, CONTINUED

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This is a rare opportunity to rub elbows with a group of movers and shakers in the field. There is a sign up sheet posted on Dr. Ted's door.

Finally, I want to encourage anyone who is interested in getting more involved in PE to talk to any of our officers. We have created a PE advi-

sory board that is open to any member who would like to be more involved in our programming and decision-making.

This December, at our holiday party, we will be electing a new director for the upcoming school year. I would recommend that anyone interested in running for the

position consider joining the PE advisory board this year to learn more about what we do.



*Rick Finch (left) and Devon Akmon at the PE Speaker Series*



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## JOIN PRESERVATION EASTERN!

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Applications are available in the PE folder on Dr. Ted's door. Pick up one today!



*Membership in Preservation Eastern can make you a stronger candidate when interviewing for HP jobs!*

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## MCLENNAN FUND SUPPORTS NATIONAL TRUST CONFERENCE

A limited number of \$100 scholarships to attend the National Trust conference in Pittsburgh, Penn. are available. To be eligible, students must be registered for, or planning to register for the

conference, in addition to having taken at least 15 CRs or four semesters of graduate work. The deadline for all applications is October 18.

OCTOBER 18!  
THAT'S COMING  
UP SOON!

