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Dr. Ted's Corner

WELCOME TO OUR 28th YEAR!!!

The Fall 2007 term commences the Historic Preservation Program’s 28th year amidst some challenging times at EMU. It promises, however, to be a very productive and rewarding year with 33 new students coming into the program—a recent record. Your Preservation Eastern board has met throughout the summer and has planned a very active term for our student organization. This year’s new student Orientation, organized by Preservation Eastern, will feature campus walking tours, a potluck, and the annual spectacular, Evening Under the Stars, atop historic Sherzer Hall hosted by our outstanding Alumni Chapter.

Please join me in welcoming our new students for this year:


We are indeed fortunate to be able to maintain the strong enrollment levels set during the last several years.

Twelve students have graduated over the course of the 2006-2007 Academic year, including:


New Grads: with Dr. Ted at the Year-End party in historic Depot Town

Our Departmental Graduate Assistant (GA) this year is Sarah Collingwood. A number of other students hold agency-sponsored GAs, including MDOT (Leslie VanVeen), the City of Ypsilanti (Courtney Miller), and two positions with the Ypsilanti Historical Society (Katie Dallos and Jessica Williams). Rebecca Torsell, holds a GA with the Graduate School. Third year student received a scholarship to
attend and present a poster at the annual conference of the Association for Preservation Technology (APT) this fall in Puerto Rico, and Deborah Sanchez and Jessica Williams received Diversity Scholarships to attend the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Meeting in St. Paul.

Speaking of the National Trust’s Annual Meeting, this year the HP program is sponsoring a reception/reunion lunch at the conference and everyone is urged to attend. The event will be held at historic Great Waters Brewing Company in downtown St. Paul. Please join us on Oct. 4 (Thursday) starting at noon.

The Field School this past summer was split into two sessions, one in Saline at the historic depot, and the other at the remarkable Goll farmstead near Archbold, Ohio; both were great successes. The International Masonry Institute offered a two-day seminar under a tent at the old Saline depot and under the supervision of HP masonry experts from IMI’s main headquarters in Virginia, for seminars on all manner of masonry and plaster application and restoration. The Goll farmstead restoration was under the direction of another HP alumnus, Steve Stier, and revealed an astonishing example of a mid-19th century house lined in wattle & daub.

Adjuncts this term include our co-founder and perennial favorite, Dr. Marshall McLennan (Architectural Nomenclature), as well as Nancy Bryk (Introduction to Historic Administration and Material Culture), Brian Conway, Michigan SHPO (Principles of Building Technology), and Cara Metz, former Massachusetts SHPO (the downstate section of Preservation Research Techniques). We are very pleased to welcome not one, but two SHPOS who will be teaching for us this term—a rare occurrence to be sure.

Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc., please contact any of us. Of course Dr. Gabe Cherem and I continue to serve as your advisors.

Looking forward to another great year!!

Welcome Fellow Preservationists!

As the new director of Preservation Eastern, I would like to welcome all students to the new 2007-2008 school year! PE has a very fun and educational filled schedule for the upcoming fall term. We begin the school year at our annual student orientation where we meet and greet new and returning students. Students, alumni, and friends are welcome to explore the night sky through the Astronomy Club’s telescopes and taste delicious desserts provided by the HP Alumni Association as we mingle underneath the stars atop Sherzer Hall.

In late September, PE will host a Speaker Series at the Ypsilanti Historical Society Archives. As the leaves begin to fall in October, Preservation Eastern will collaborate with the HP Alumni for a much anticipated Halloween Party at an alum’s home in Clinton, Michigan.
As the weather gets cooler in November, we will network with real-world preservation professionals at the Ladies Literary Club. Snowflakes will begin to cover the ground as Dr. Ted carves the turkey at our annual holiday party—a treat you don’t want to miss! I encourage all new and returning students to support their student organization and join Preservation Eastern. It is a wonderful opportunity to share ideas with fellow students, network with real-world preservationists, and make a few close friends along the way!

I wish all students a successful, prosperous, and blessed school year!

Jessica Williams
Director
Preservation Eastern

From the Field...

There is really no way to grasp exactly what you’ll be doing in your career field until you do it. Over the summer I worked as a Kress Intern with the Central Park Conservancy, a non-profit organization. Over the course of ten weeks, I was exposed to intensive hands-on conservation work. This experience is one that will stay with me throughout my career as a preservationist/conservationist. My experiences involved learning from not only my supervisor, but also my colleagues at the Conservancy who have had years of experience within the field of conservation. I worked closely with the other Kress Interns and my supervisor to perform annual conservation on the monuments throughout the park. Not only did I perform annual conservation on the monuments and pointed on the Bethesda Terrace, but I also learned the basics of patination, causes and the results of bronze deterioration, the basics of mold making, and I was introduced to stone replacement using overall knowledge of conservation.

Most importantly, the internship confirmed for me that conservation is the path I will be choosing
within the broad field of preservation. I hope that next year, Kress Internships will be offered as it serves as an invaluable experience to all who undertake it. Experience is what makes a good conservationist so what are you waiting for? Get started!

Rebecca Torsell

It's that time of year again...
Give me your money!

Welcome new (and old) students! Want to get the full Historic Preservation program experience? Join the HP organization-Preservation Eastern! PE is an excellent way to network with fellow HP students as well as alumni and prospective employers. Benefits include, quarterly newsletters, free (or discounted) admission to PE events such as networking mixers, private tours, speaker series, and seasonal get-togethers. Most importantly, PE allows students to voice their opinions regarding the direction of the EMU HP program.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of Preservation Eastern events. Don't miss out, join today!

Yearly dues are as follows: New members- $15, renewing members- $10. Please see any PE officer for more information or email Katie Dallos, Business Officer at katedallos@yahoo.com

EMU HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **SEPTEMBER 7** (FRIDAY) NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION, NEW AND CURRENT STUDENTS POTLUCK DINNER, ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS EVENING UNDER THE STARS AT SHERZER HALL ON CAMPUS

- **SEPTEMBER 13** (THURSDAY) DISCOVER DOWNTOWN TOLEDO-WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC TOLEDO WITH DR. TED

- **SEPTEMBER 22** (SATURDAY) EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DATE, LOCATION, AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT TO BE ANNOUNCED)

- **SEPTEMBER 24** (MONDAY) SPEAKER SERIES AT YPSILANTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

- **OCTOBER 2-6** (TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY) 2007 NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL. Those of you who wish to share a room at the conference hotel please contact Jessica at jwilli81@emich.edu

- **OCTOBER 27** (FRIDAY) PRESERVATION EASTERN & HISTORIC PRESERVATION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S HAPPY HALLOWEEN PARTY AT TAMARA AND BILL CLICK'S HOUSE IN CLINTON, MI.
• NOVEMBER 16 (FRIDAY)
PRESERVATION EASTERN'S FALL TERM PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MIXER AT THE LADIES LITERARY CLUB IN YPSILANTI.

• DECEMBER 7 (FRIDAY)
PRESERVATION EASTERN AND EMU HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM ANNUAL HOLIDAY (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)

PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS. ALL TIMES OF EVENTS WILL BE GIVEN IN ADVANCE NOTICE.