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Methods in Cultural Heritage:
ANP 491 (6 credits)

What's all this talk about cultural heritage?
What is it? How do we do it? Why?
Learn a series of research methods that can help you in a variety of different fields - anthropology, archaeology, art history, public history, etc.
We will use the MSU Campus Archaeology Program as a case study.
Class will meet from 9 am - 4 pm on Mondays thru Thursdays

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THE NATURE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE:
The term Cultural Heritage is used in many ways. What does it actually mean, and what kind of work is encompassed by the term? What is good cultural heritage, and why promote it? What are different aspects of cultural heritage?

HOW DO WE STUDY & PROMOTE CULTURAL HERITAGE?
Scholars often want to study cultural heritage to place a number of local events and/or sites in context. Countries often see cultural heritage as a way to bring in tourists & development. What are some issues of these approaches?

ARCHIVAL WORK:
We will do a bit of archival research in the course, in order to develop students’ skills and introduce them to methods that will make their archival work simpler and better organized.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA:
Historians often focus on historic & archival data exclusively, and archaeologists tend to look primarily at archaeological data. This class will help students learn how to integrate the two in order to get better data and better context.

HISTORIES & STORIES:
A lot of cultural heritage work is based on oral histories, items of everyday life, and stories repeated from one generation to another. How can these be integrated into a cultural heritage plan?