

# THE DIFFERENCE

To fulfill its mission and ensure continuing excellence, the Museum of Anthropology must fully support the following areas:

## **Graduate Fellowship and Research Support**

**\$2.5 million endowed  
\$125,000 annually**

The University of Michigan has long been recognized as the nation's preeminent graduate program in anthropological archaeology – and has trained many of the leading scholars who now occupy prominent positions in leading universities and museums in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. To sustain this excellence, we seek an endowment of \$2.5 million which will allow us to offer three graduate student fellowships per year and assist us in our commitment to excellence in graduate education.

## **Postdoctoral Fellowships in Anthropological Archaeology**

**\$2.4 million endowed  
\$120,000 annually**

The Museum's collections provide rich potential for intensive research by young scholars seeking to make significant contributions to anthropological and archaeological theory and knowledge. Postdoctoral fellowships will benefit the museum by bringing the best and brightest young archaeologists to Ann Arbor to conduct important research and collaborate with our students and curators. They will also allow us to nurture exciting cutting-edge scholarship on a range of topics exploring human cultural evolution and transformations. An endowment of \$2.4 million will generate \$120,000, sufficient to allow us to support two post-doctoral fellows in anthropological archaeology.

## **Collection care and conservation**

**\$1.5 million endowed  
\$75,000 annually**

The Museum of Anthropology cares for more than four million archaeological and ethnographic artifacts. Our collections primarily derive from curatorial research exploring the evolution of human cultures around the globe, from more than a million years ago until the present. The Museum is actively working to update collection storage and care and to digitize information on all of our collections to make them more widely accessible to scholars and the interested public. In addition, many of our collections are fragile and in urgent need of conservation care. To meet these goals at the highest levels of curatorial excellence and contemporary Museum standards requires substantial resources. An endowment of \$1.5 million will generate \$75,000 per year for collection care, documentation, and conservation.

## **Archaeological Field Research Support**

To maintain the Museum of Anthropology's leading position as a center of innovative research in archaeology around the globe, we seek an interlocking set of endowments to provide seed money to support archaeological field research in the US and abroad. These funds will allow us to develop and sustain research collaborations, engage in the rapid deployment of new methods of analysis and dating, and nurture the rapid dissemination of research results.

### ***Endowment for African Archaeology***

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

Africa is not only the site of humanity's initial emergence, but also the homeland of a number of unique and still poorly known early civilizations. West Africa is a particularly exciting research arena, as recent studies have revealed that complex societies have flourished here for more than 3000 years, emerging independently of developments in other areas. Exciting research opportunities are everywhere. The Museum is actively engaged in

research in key areas of Africa and has close working relations with sister institutions, but these institutions have only limited resources. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to support archaeological research in Africa as well as to facilitate scholarly exchanges of students and colleagues.

***Endowment for Asian Archaeology***

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

The Museum has been actively engaged in archaeological research in Asia for more than 80 years, and has trained several cohorts of students in the latest archaeological field techniques and theoretical perspectives. With ongoing archaeological research in East, Southeast, and South Asia, the time is ripe for the Museum to expand opportunities for innovative collaborative research in Asia that employs exciting new methods to elucidate Asian cultural developments from the Stone Age to the rise and expansion of historic empires. We are especially eager to be able to provide resources to Asian scholars who wish to travel to the US to work with the Museum's curators and collections. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to support archaeological research in Asia as well as to facilitate scholarly exchanges of students and colleagues.

***Endowment for Eastern European Archaeology***

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

Eastern Europe, the gateway to Europe, from the earliest entry of humans into the continent practically to the present day, has a rich archaeological heritage of great historical importance. With fall of the Iron Curtain, this region's recent isolation has ended and contact and research collaboration with colleagues and students is beginning to flourish. Curators and graduate students from the Museum of Anthropology are actively engaged in collaborative research throughout the region, from Poland to the Balkans, in projects that range from the earliest Paleolithic occupation to the dawn of history. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to support archaeological research in Eastern Europe as well as to facilitate scholarly exchanges of students and colleagues.

***Endowment for Latin American Archaeology***

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

The Precolumbian civilizations of Mesoamerica and Andean America provide anthropologists with research opportunities to explore the emergence of horticulture and the rise of states and empires effectively independent of those in the Old World. Our curators work closely with Latin American institutions, even curating collections housed in the host countries, but resources to continue these fruitful collaborations are increasingly scarce. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to support archaeological research in Latin America as well as to facilitate scholarly exchanges of students and colleagues.

***Endowment for Near Eastern Archaeology***

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

From its earliest history as the bridge between Africa and Eurasia for the expansion of our earliest human ancestors, to the rise of the world's first civilizations in Mesopotamia and Egypt and the establishment of the great monotheistic religions, the Middle East has been central to understandings of humanity's past. Museum curators and affiliated students have a long history of working with Middle Eastern scholars to elucidate many aspects of the human career in the crossroads and newly developed approaches in satellite imagery and analytical techniques are promising completely new breakthroughs in our understandings of this critical region. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to support archaeological research in the Near East as well as to facilitate scholarly exchanges of students and colleagues.

***Endowment for North American Archaeology***

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

Since its inception more than 80 years ago, the Museum has been a leader in archaeological research in Michigan and throughout the eastern and southwestern United States. Museum curators and affiliated students have made major contributions to scholarship on the rich prehistory and diversity of Native American communities. Current Museum research in North America is examining late prehistoric ritual and social landscapes in the northern lower peninsula of Michigan, exploring early village communities in northern Arizona and southeastern New Mexico, and documenting prehistoric and colonial era rock art in northern New Mexico, among other projects. Undergraduate and graduate students and/or local community members participate in our field efforts throughout North America and gain unique research experiences in excavation, survey and analysis of archaeological materials. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to support archaeological research in North America as well as to facilitate scholarly exchanges of students and colleagues.

**Institute for Underwater Archaeology**

**\$1 million endowed  
\$50,000 annually**

The underwater archaeology program at the Museum of Anthropology is dedicated to underwater research within the Great Lakes. The program has two foci. One is the discovery and documentation of Great Lakes shipwrecks, particularly wooden vessels from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The second research focus is on ancient Native American sites that have been inundated by subsequent rises in lake levels. Both lines of research benefit from the extraordinary preservation environment created by the cold fresh waters of the Great Lakes. The program involves undergraduate and graduate students as well as curators, and is coordinated with formal course offerings in underwater archaeology in the Department of Anthropology. Current research involves shallow water and scuba based investigations coupled with the use of satellite imagery, historic maps, and statistical modeling. It is our hope to incorporate vessel based side scan sonar and magnetometer survey into our repertoire of research tools. An endowment of \$1 million will generate \$50,000 annually to provide fellowships to student participants in underwater research, for purchasing and maintenance of research equipment, and for travel and maintenance at remote field sites.

**Undergraduate Research Support:**

**\$600,000 endowed  
\$30,000 annually**

The Museum's curators and research staff seek to involve undergraduates in the excitement of archaeological field and laboratory research. UM Undergraduates participate in Museum and Anthropology Department sponsored archaeological field training projects in Michigan, the Southwest US, and Senegal, and conduct original research on the Museum's Collections from these areas as well as Latin America, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe. The Museum's irreplaceable collections constitute an extraordinary resource for undergraduate education; several hundred students per year visit and work with our collections as part of courses and independent research projects. An endowment of \$600,000 will generate \$30,000 per year, and will allow us to grant individual fellowships for students seeking to participate in archaeological fieldwork, to provide equipment and funds for costly analyses, such as radiocarbon dating, and to assist students wishing to attend professional conferences to present their original research.

**Publication Program**

**\$400,000 endowed  
\$20,000 annually**

The Museum's publication series plays a critically important role in the dissemination of primary archaeological research, presenting the results of major archaeological field projects as well as reports and analyses of the Museum's collections. As major academic and private publishers are

increasingly reluctant to publishing data-rich reports – which ultimately are source documents containing primary evidence for all future research – the Museum’s commitment to publishing archaeological monographs and reports becomes increasingly important. Producing high quality, richly illustrated archaeological print and digital publications is costly. An endowment of \$400,000 will provide \$20,000 per annual for support of manuscript production and publication.

**Distinguished Speaker Series**

**\$200,000 endowed  
\$10,000 annually**

Our ongoing ‘brown bag’ lecture series is one of the most important functions of the Museum. Curators, faculty, and students gather together for presentations by leading scholars from around the globe who present the newest exciting research in archaeology. The interactions of students and curators with guest speakers and the discussions that continue long after our guest speakers have departed have enduring impacts on research and education. To assure our ability to bring in the best external speakers, the Museum requires a stable source of funding for our Speaker Series. An endowment of \$200,000 will provide \$10,000 annually to fund major lectures by several visiting distinguished archaeologists.

**Director’s Strategic Fund**

**\$50,000 annually**

Each year, expendable funds are essential to address urgent needs of the Museum, providing important resources and enhancing our ability to quickly respond to new opportunities and initiatives. Gifts to the Director’s Strategic Fund are critical to the well-being and ongoing growth of the Museum. In addition to areas of support described above, Strategic Fund resources are used to:

- o Provide seed money to exploratory curatorial field projects to provide curators and research staff with preliminary results to enable them to apply for major research grants.
- o Provide supplementary research or matching funds to meet external granting agency requirements.
- o Purchase necessary equipment for field and laboratory research. As archaeologists increasingly apply sophisticated geophysical techniques (e.g., remote sensing) in fieldwork and material science techniques in analysis of archaeological materials, effective Museum research and teaching creates on going needs for up-to-date field and laboratory equipment.