

THE DEGREES IN INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

The Department of Social Sciences is the home of the leading journal in industrial archaeology, *IA: The Journal of the Society for Industrial Archeology*.

Core requirements include seminars on industrial heritage and the global history of industry, a range of electives, and independent study with faculty. This flexible research degree prepares students for careers in academia, the private sector, and government. No American institutions and only two European universities offer anything comparable to this challenging academic program.

Excellent Faculty, Productive Partnerships

The Department of Social Sciences enjoys an interdisciplinary faculty uniquely qualified to offer graduate work in industrial archaeology and industrial heritage. Industrial archaeology faculty members serve on the boards of professional and scholarly organizations and have won awards for their publications.

The industrial archaeology graduate programs maintain close ties with the Michigan Historical Center, the US Forest Service, and the National Park Service. We take advantage of our proximity to the many historical industrial sites within the Keweenaw National Historical Park, Isle Royale National Park, and the Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forests. Since 2001, the annual field school has been conducted at the West Point Foundry site, in Cold Spring, New York.

Michigan Tech's Archaeology Laboratory supports the processing, documenting, and cataloging of artifacts from field excavations. The lab serves as a curatorial facility for archaeological materials from the Hiawatha and Ottawa National Forests and for the state of Michigan. The facility is well-equipped with computers, scanners, and GIS, GPS, and geophysical research tools.

The program relies upon the superb holdings of the Michigan Tech Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections in the University's J. R. Van Pelt Library. Holdings range from historic photographs to extensive corporate, public, and personal records related to mining activity on the Keweenaw Peninsula.

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Recent research locations and subjects include

- the West Point Foundry on the Hudson River, near New York City
- iron-smelting and copper-mining and -processing facilities throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula
- cultural landscape studies of National Park Service copper- and gold-mining sites in Alaska and California
- architectural studies of mining company housing and neighborhoods in the Upper Peninsula
- Utah's nineteenth-century pioneer industries
- mining activities on the Arctic island of Svalbard, north of Norway
- community studies of the sugar industry in Hawaii and the Caribbean