The University of Michigan
Arts of Citizenship Program
Projects and Partnerships as of August 2004
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- Winner of a 2004 Great Lakes Community Arts Award -
- Winner of the 2004 Imagining Michigan Award for University-Community Collaboration -

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| Students on Site Website and Teaching Partnership | ● Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Public Schools  
● Bentley Historical Library  
| Detroit Connections                        | ● Harms Elementary and Greenfield Union Elementary Schools, Detroit  
● Communities in Schools, Detroit  
● UM School of Art and Design. | Afterschool art workshops in Detroit elementary schools with UM student mentors. Integrating art across the curriculum to improve educational outcomes. Followup with resource handbooks for replicability. www.umich.edu/~janiep/ | 2000-2005 |
| Battle Creek History                       | ● Heritage Battle Creek  
● Western Michigan University  
● Kellogg Community College  
● Funded in part by UM Rackham Graduate School and UM Whitaker Fund, 2003-04 | Summer field schools for citizen scholars on methods of local research, led by UM graduate students. Exploring African American urban heritage in the 19th and 20th centuries. Museum exhibits under development. | 2002-2005 |
| Underground Railroad Research              | ● African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County  
● Funded in part by a UM Diversity and Democracy grant, 2002-03 | Documentation of local Underground Railroad and anti-slavery activism, leading toward a website. Assistance with museum bus tour of Underground Railroad sites. Liaison with state and national organizations. | 1999-2005 |
| Telling It                                 | ● SOS Community Crisis Center, Ypsilanti  
● Neutral Zone Teen Center, Ann Arbor  
● UM Residential College  
● Funded in part by Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and UM Ginsberg Center, 2003-04 | Afterschool literacy playshops for homeless children in Washtenaw County, with UM student mentors. Using drama, music, storytelling, and visual art to help improve children’s writing skills. Making a CD of the children’s stories and poems with the Rebel Grrls teen band. | 2002-2005 |
| Children of Abraham                        | ● Mosaic Youth Theatre, Detroit  
● Numerous Detroit cultural and religious organizations | Touring play about the conflicts among Muslim, Jewish, and Christian teens, with educational resources and study guide to stimulate discussion with audiences. | 2004-2005 |
| DebateWatch                                | ● Commission on Presidential Debates (national nonpartisan organization)  
● Numerous SE Michigan cultural organizations | Hosting of local DebateWatch sessions for young voters and pre-voters, with followup discussion of issues. Multi-arts performances in response to debates. | 2004 |

TURN OVER for Past Projects
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<td><strong>Environmental Citizenship</strong></td>
<td>● Ann Arbor Public Schools  ● Ann Arbor Ecology Center  ● Ann Arbor Learning Community</td>
<td>Multiweek interdisciplinary unit on environmental history of the Huron River Valley, using field trips, creative activities, and class visits by UM students.</td>
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<td><strong>Hallelujah Project</strong></td>
<td>● Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, Washington, DC  ● University Musical Society  ● Many Detroit community groups, including Winsans Academy, Hannan House, CAMP Detroit, Core Cities Neighborhood Center  ● Marygrove College Dance Department  ● UM Dance Department</td>
<td>Multiple intergenerational collaborations exploring the links among life-narrative, Detroit social history, and dance. Student-created performance pieces in 2000 and 2001. Month-long performance residency by Liz Lerman Dance Exchange in fall 2001, joining on stage professional dancers with community members who had never danced before. Followup with documentary anthology.</td>
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<td><strong>Poetry of Everyday Life</strong></td>
<td>● Ann Arbor Public Schools  ● Ann Arbor District Library  ● UM English Department</td>
<td>Curriculum bringing UM students to 4th-grade classes for field trips, poetry writing, and art. Public art exhibit and poetry reading at public library at the end of the term.</td>
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<td><strong>Broadway Park Design</strong></td>
<td>● City of Ann Arbor (several departments)  ● Local planners  ● UM Taubman Architecture and Urban Planning  ● Funded in part by McKinley Foundation of Ann Arbor, 2002-04.</td>
<td>Community exploration of designs for public art, public history, and outdoor educational amenities for historic local riverfront park and bridges. For background and design gallery, see <a href="http://www.artsofcitizenship.umich.edu/broadway/">www.artsofcitizenship.umich.edu/broadway/</a>.</td>
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The Arts of Citizenship Program at the University of Michigan builds bridges with the community in the arts, the humanities, and design. The program supports innovative cultural partnerships as well as experimental teaching, research, and creative work.

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