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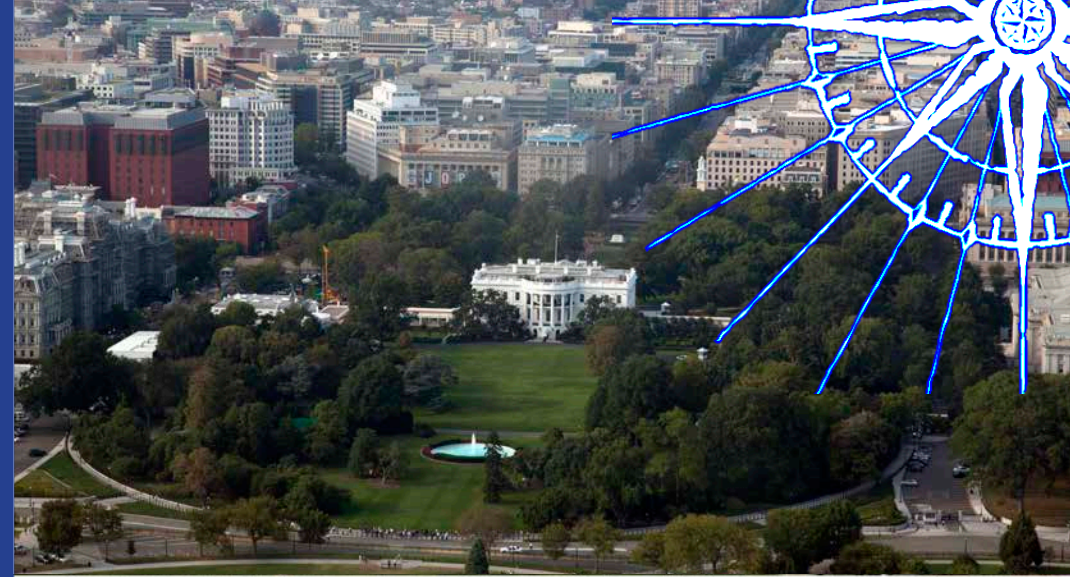
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WYATT EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Washington D.C.

The Nation's Seat of History

2017-2018



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The National Seat

Like most American cities, Washington, D.C. is a place filled with contradictions. Although it serves as the seat of the federal government, it was also the nation’s “murder capital” in the 1990s, with the highest homicide rate in the country: 45.8 murders per 100,000 residents in 2002. Just blocks away from the affluence of the Capitol district are some of the country’s poorest neighborhoods, such as the Shaw East neighborhood or Anacostia which lies across the Potomac. It is these contradictions that we will try to capture this year as we explore our nation’s seat of history.

Events at a glance

- Wyatt Kick Off Event - Thursday, Sept. 21, 4:00 pm, Happenings Room, UCEN
- Ipad Winner Announced - Friday, Sept. 30, 12:00 noon, Instagram post
- Film: The Exorcist - - Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:00 pm, TBA
- Guest Lecturer: David Johnson - Wednesday, Oct. 25, 4:00 pm, 111 French Hall
- Guest Lecturer: James Smither - Wednesday, Nov. 8, 4:30 pm, Mich. C, UCEN
- Film: Mr. Smith Goes to Washington - Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6:00 pm, TBA
- Guest Lecturer: Phil Portlock - Thursday, Jan. 25, 4:00 pm, Mich. A, UCEN
- Film: Let the Church Say Amen - Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6:00 pm, TBA
- Travel Expedition Applications Due - Friday, Feb., 23, 5:00 pm, 260 FH

Your Wyatt Exploration Passport

To chart your participation in Wyatt events, history majors and minors will receive a Wyatt Exploration Program Passport. Bring this passport to any Wyatt Exploration Program event or activity, and you will receive a stamp that verifies your attendance. Students will then submit this passport along with their travel application, and the number of stamps they have collected will be considered in the selection process for the travel expedition.

Instagram Challenge

An important way students can earn stamps in their Wyatt Exploration Program passport is to participate in our Instagram Challenge.

Here’s how it works.

- Take a picture of you, your friends or a faculty member participating in a Wyatt Exploration Program activity. This could include our kickoff event, a film night, a lecture, or an activity associated with one of our affiliated courses.
- Post your picture to Instagram and make sure to include the #wyattexploration.
- Students who make at least five different posts from different activities by February 15 will receive two additional stamps in their Wyatt Passport.

Affiliated course Work

History 403: Cemetery Interpretation and Preservation
 History 431: American Urban History
 History 361: Introduction to Public History

Travel expedition to Washington DC

Our expedition of the nation’s seat will include several aspects of Washington DC’s history and culture. Students will have the opportunity to visit leading public history institutions such as the Smithsonian and Library of Congress. We’ll also be exploring the diverse past that has characterized the District by visiting African-American, LGBTQ+, and regional historical sites.



Dr. Dorothea Wyatt

The generous bequest of Dr. Dorothea E. Wyatt has made the Wyatt Exploration Program possible. Dr. Wyatt was one of the original sixteen faculty members of the Flint College of the University of Michigan when it was founded in 1956 and the first chair of the Department of History. A stalwart supporter of her university and her discipline, Dr. Wyatt made this extraordinary gift to further develop and improve the program in history here at UM-Flint.