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2023 AIA Fellowship

Candidate Bryan S. Lijewski
Organization Michigan State Historic Preservation Office
Location East Lansing, Michigan
Chapter AIA Michigan;

Category of Nomination

Object 4 > Government

Summary Statement

Bryan Lijewski, AIA, dedicates his career and passion to preserving the historic built environment by educating and engaging the public and professionals while saving lighthouses, landmarks, and downtowns.

Education

University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign, Illinois
Attended 2 years
Master of Architecture with Historic Preservation Specialization, 1996

University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Attended 4 years
Bachelor of Science in Architecture, 1990

Licensed in:

Michigan
License #1301055883

Employment

Michigan State Historic Preservation Office
Lansing, Michigan
August 1999 - Present
23 years

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Springfield, Illinois
June 1996 - August 1999
3 years

Ferrari Design Group Architects, PS
Redmond, Washington
October 1990 - August 1994
4 years

Dennis R. Polak & Associates

Saginaw, Michigan

June 1989 - August 1989

3 month internship

October 3, 2022

RK Stewart, FAIA, Chair
College of Fellows Jury
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292

RE: Bryan Lijewski, AIA, Sponsor Letter for AIA Fellowship

Dear Mr. Stewart:

As a preservation architect working in the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Bryan Lijewski, AIA increases the value of his public service role by being an enabler of historic preservation through his engagement, design involvement and project execution through partnering with design professionals, government agencies and the public. His career has been focused on advocating for historic preservation and ensuring its implementation using his position in public service as a vehicle to passionately execute his vision.

As a preservation architect (the Object for which I received my Fellowship), I have had the privilege of working in partnership with Bryan for 20 years often seeking his expertise and wisdom in executing our most challenging preservation projects. The success of this partnership has had the benefit of preserving Michigan's most iconic architecture to the delight of clients and the millions of yearly tourists that come to experience the breadth of Michigan's historic assets, including British forts, French fur trading posts, Native American fishing communities, Victorian downtowns, musical legends recording studios, paper mills, and the striking iconic lighthouses dotting the 3,200 miles of Michigan's coastline.


Bryan's tireless efforts in ensuring preservation design excellence in preserving these assets, educating Michigan citizenry for the value and relevance of our historic heritage, and his ability for obtaining funding for execution of these efforts has set him apart. He has raised the preservation practice of architects within the State, thus greatly elevating the economic investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in positive financial support in preserving Michigan's historic legacy for generations to come!

I am a big supporter of Bryan in what he has accomplished and how he uses these accomplishments to continually raise the bar. It takes a unique and gifted person to see a need or a void to be filled, to link the design community with a public need for historic preservation and to provide an entrepreneur approach which has such positive and impactful results, both visual and financial.

Bryan is a doer, tireless worker, a trusted advisor, passionate advocate, extremely knowledgeable resource of The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. He has extensive ability for finding and securing funding for the execution of award winning projects, as is evidenced in the countless Michigan Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation projects where he has provided leadership with fellow architects around the State.

It is my honor and pleasure to sponsor Bryan Lijewski, AIA, for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I ask for your support in recognizing the unique and gifted contributions of Bryan's efforts by bestowing the elevation of Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugene C. Hopkins, FAIA
Principal
HopkinsBurns Design Studio

2004 President
The American Institute of Architects

Bryan Lijewski, AIA, dedicates his career and passion to preserving the historic built environment by educating and engaging the public and professionals while saving lighthouses, landmarks, and downtowns.

During his 30-year career, Bryan Lijewski has been a champion for the preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of our historic built environment. His leadership has enabled the preservation of iconic lighthouses, historic buildings and landmarks, and traditional downtowns. Woven throughout this work is his commitment to educate and engage others about historic preservation practices and programs. His career impact is millions of dollars invested in historic properties and communities, thousands of rehabilitation projects completed, several hundred thousand people engaged by his outreach, and beautifully preserved historic structures that attract visitors from around the world.

Lighthouses

Uniquely positioned as the State of Michigan's preservation architect specializing in historic lighthouses, for 21 years Bryan has led efforts to save these historic beacons. With over 3,200 miles of freshwater coastline, rich natural resources, and heavy maritime traffic, Michigan has 120 lighthouses—more than any other state. In 1998 the National Trust for Historic Preservation placed Michigan lighthouses on its list of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. To save these endangered landmarks, Bryan directs planning and rehabilitation projects that result in the investment of millions of dollars toward their preservation. He has secured grant funding to assist lighthouse stewards, and he has built fundraising efforts through the Michigan Save Our Lights license plate seen on thousands of Michigan vehicles. Bryan is a nationally recognized expert for lighthouse preservation who leads efforts for the care, maintenance, and promotion of historic lighthouses.

Public and Professional Education and Engagement

Bryan leads educational efforts about historic buildings, preservation programs, and sound rehabilitation practices through articles, educational materials, publications, in-person trainings, virtual trainings, webinars, and conference presentations. His audiences span generations—from elementary school students to senior residents. His engagement cultivates relationships and partnerships that result in thousands of residential and small-scale commercial preservation projects that create vibrant communities and neighborhoods. As an ardent spokesperson for the Illinois and Michigan State Historic Preservation Offices he has led conversations on the challenges and opportunities of recognizing and rehabilitating historic buildings. His engagement efforts include promoting Michigan's historic lighthouses by distributing more than 250,000 postcards, maps, and decals across the country, from the Atlantic Coast to the Gulf Coast to the Pacific Coast.

Historic Buildings and Landmarks

By advocating for historic buildings, landmarks, districts, and neighborhoods through the design and implementation of preservation programs, Bryan facilitates projects that result in continued community viability and prosperity. Historic properties designated locally, in the National Register of Historic Places, or as National Historic Landmarks, such as the Bay View Association in northwest Michigan and the Marshall Historic District in south-central Michigan, contribute to the distinctive places and districts that he has worked to preserve. From historic streetlights to bascule bridges to the one-time home of Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr., he coordinates with multiple partners at the state, local, and national levels to complete projects that contribute to sustainable historic districts and communities. His state historic preservation tax credit projects have generated over \$58 million in direct investment and \$66 million in indirect investment for a total economic impact of over \$124 million—and they resulted in nine Michigan Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation.

Downtowns

Bryan was a Main Street architect and design leader during the formative years of the Illinois and Michigan statewide Main Street programs, which follow the National Trust for Historic Preservation model focusing on downtown economic development, promotion, organization, and design. He provided design services for 47 downstate and suburban Illinois Main Street communities. In Michigan, he advocated for a statewide program, developed the design assistance portion of the program, and served on the Michigan Main Street advisory committee. At the regional and local levels, he has partnered with the Oakland County Main Street program and has been a project leader for the design committee for downtown Lansing. In total, Bryan's design leadership over 26 years has impacted more than 82 downtowns across Illinois and Michigan including Great American Main Street Award Winners St. Charles, Illinois; Libertyville, Illinois; and Boyne City, Michigan.

2.1 Significant Work

The following projects represent those Bryan Lijewski led throughout his career. Bryan identified these as the most successful, challenging, or professionally rewarding projects that also exemplify the passion, dedication, and commitment he puts into every project. For each planning and rehabilitation project included, there are many other similar projects that illustrate his impact on lighthouses and small commercial and residential properties and the communities they create. Many of them demonstrate long-term and ongoing relationships he has with owners and stewards through multiple projects and historic preservation easement commitments.

Lighthouses



Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP)

Lighthouses

Lakes St. Clair, Huron, Michigan, and Superior

Planning, Rehabilitation. 2001-Present

Since the inception of the MLAP, Bryan has been the preservation architect for all lighthouse projects. He has directed 105 grant projects at 44 lighthouses and guided the investment of millions of dollars. Through these grants, he has developed decades-long relationships with lighthouse stewards across the state and has become the resource expert for lighthouses.



National Maritime Heritage Program Grant

Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse in Lake Huron, and Gull Rock Lighthouse, Manitou Island Lighthouse, and Stannard Rock Lighthouse all in Lake Superior.

Planning, Education. 2015-2019

To double the impact of state dollars, Bryan applied for and was awarded a grant of \$123,000 from the National Park Service National Maritime Heritage Grants program for Historic Structure Reports for four offshore lighthouses to guide preservation efforts. He managed and directed the project, which also increased public awareness of the lighthouses.



Point Betsie Lighthouse

Lake Michigan

Benzie County, Michigan

Planning, Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2004-Present

Built in 1858 to guide maritime traffic at the southern entrance to the Manitou Passage in Lake Michigan, the lighthouse was transferred from the federal government to Benzie County in 2004. Bryan partnered with the county and the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse to manage several grant projects and direct preservation activities.



North Manitou Shoal Lighthouse

Lake Michigan

Leland Township, Michigan

Planning, Rehabilitation. 2019-Present

The lighthouse was purchased by the nonprofit North Manitou Light Keepers in 2018 through the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act. Bryan convinced the new owner to use grant money to complete a Historic Structure Report to identify critical work needed. He advocated for this critical work and secured more grant money in 2021.



DeTour Reef Lighthouse

Lake Huron
DeTour Township, Michigan
Planning, Rehabilitation, Education. 2001–2019

In 2001 Bryan started a long-term relationship with the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society with a grant to restore a deck crane, which provided the opportunity to hoist materials and equipment to the deck and allowed for a complete rehabilitation of the structure. Bryan continues to work to save the light, which has received several additional grants.



Port Austin Reef Lighthouse

Lake Huron
Port Austin, Michigan
Planning, Rehabilitation. 2015–Present

After years of abandonment and deterioration, the dock at the offshore lighthouse was unusable. Access by contractors, volunteers and visitors, and the delivery of material and equipment was difficult at best. Bryan and the owner designed a new dock that was completed with grant funding and now allows full access to the lighthouse.



Lake St. Clair South Channel Front Range Lighthouse

Lake St. Clair
St. Clair County, Michigan
Planning, Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2014

Through grant funding, Bryan led the efforts to appropriately stabilize the leaning Front Range Lighthouse to preserve it for a future restoration project. This project preserved and secured the structure in its current state, which will allow for straightening and fully restoring the structure when funding becomes available.



Huron Island Lighthouse

Lake Superior
Marquette County, Michigan
Planning, Rehabilitation. 2000–Present

Bryan first worked with the Huron Island Lighthouse steward on a grant project to complete a Historic Structure Report. Since then, he has engaged with the owner, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with professionals and the public to develop a maintenance and rehabilitation plan to prioritize work on the structure to best utilize limited funding.



Stannard Rock Lighthouse

Lake Superior
Marquette County, Michigan
Planning, Easement Monitoring. 2015–Present

Known as “the loneliest place in the world” by U.S. Coastguardsmen, this remote offshore lighthouse is located more than 25 miles from land. Bryan led a consulting team to the lighthouse in 2017 to document and evaluate its current condition, which resulted in a Historic Structure Report that will be used to prioritize critical rehabilitation work.



Livingstone Memorial Lighthouse

Detroit River

Detroit, Michigan

Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2013–Present

Built in 1930, the nation's only marble lighthouse was designed by renowned Detroit architect Albert Kahn. The structure needed cleaning and exterior rehabilitation in 2013 when it was awarded an MLAP grant. Bryan led the City of Detroit through the grant process and ensured a finished project that complied with historic preservation standards.



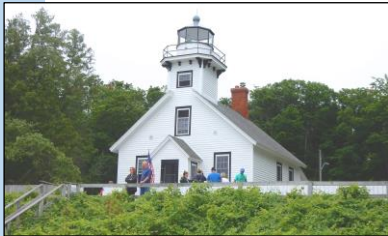
Grand Traverse Lighthouse

Lake Michigan

Leelanau Peninsula, Michigan

Planning, Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2002–Present

Critical work on this popular lighthouse, including foundation stabilization and door and window replacement, was funded through four grant projects led by Bryan. He has collaborated with the owner, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the operator, the Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum, for over 20 years to protect this lighthouse.



Mission Point Lighthouse

Lake Michigan

Peninsula Township, Michigan

Planning, Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2015–Present

In addition to guiding mariners, the 1870 lighthouse has drawn locals and visitors as a tourist destination for over a century. Bryan successfully advocated for three grants for projects at the lighthouse. He continues to direct projects at the lighthouse due to the perpetual historic preservation easement held by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.



St. Helena Lighthouse

Lake Michigan,

St. Helena Island, Michigan

Planning, Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2001–Present

A multinational energy company proposed an equipment installation on St. Helena Island to monitor shipping traffic. After Bryan determined that the proposal had a significant negative impact on the remote and historic site, he convinced the company and the project partners to reduce the size of the installation to have minimal impact on the lighthouse.



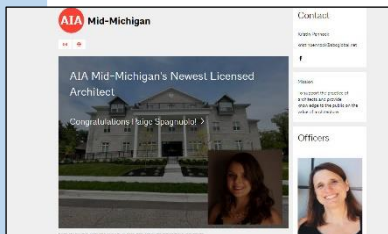
Crisp Point Lighthouse

Lake Superior

Luce County, Michigan

Planning, Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2001–Present

The Crisp Point Lighthouse has stood at the edge of Lake Superior since 1904 and is subject to the notoriously severe weather. Due to the weather exposure, the brick tower requires maintenance and rehabilitation on a routine basis. Bryan led efforts to award two grants for exterior masonry repair and painting to keep the tower standing.



AIA Mid-Michigan Chapter Website

Lansing, Michigan

Creation, Maintenance. 2014-Present

When he became a director of the chapter, Bryan initiated the creation and establishment of a website. He researched and selected a platform and designed the pages and content. He later successfully switched to the AIA National web platform and continues to lead public awareness efforts to share information and engage members and the public.

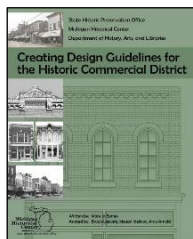


Historic Lighthouses of Michigan Map

Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

Publication, distribution. 2011-2022

To build awareness of and encourage tourism to Michigan's historic lighthouses, Bryan led the efforts over the course of 10 years to print and distribute a Michigan lighthouse map. The map identifies the location of all historic lighthouses and is distributed to lighthouse stewards and the 14 Michigan Department of Transportation Welcome Centers, which see 7.5 million visitors annually.



Creating Design Guidelines for the Historic Commercial District

Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

Editing, distribution. 2005

Leading the work of a historic preservation graduate student, Bryan guided the writing of the design guidelines and edited them to ensure they were complete and accurate. The guidelines remain available to the public and are used as a template for writing local commercial design guidelines.



Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

Alpena, Michigan

Creation, distribution. 2018

Michigan's lighthouses are ingrained in the state's identity and in local tourism. Bryan amplifies and encourages these roles for the lighthouses by marketing the Michigan Save Our Lights license plates. The marketing materials were used to create a display at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center.



DeTour Reef Lighthouse Tour

DeTour Township, Michigan

Tour assistance. 2013

As a volunteer light keeper at the DeTour Reef Lighthouse, Bryan spent the weekend on the offshore lighthouse, prepped it for tours, and assisted with conducting the tour. Participants had the rare opportunity to communicate with passing freighters through the working foghorn, which had been restored through work he had approved as part of a grant project.



Manistee Memorial Bascule Bridge

Manistee, Michigan

Planning. 2022

Bryan's analysis of the Michigan Department of Transportation's prepared plans and specifications for a bridge rehabilitation project identified issues that led to required revisions that respect and retain the historic architectural features of the 1933 bridge's significant Art Deco-style operator house and concrete pylons.



Gordon Hall

Dexter, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2018

Bryan identified Gordon Hall as a potential project for a Michigan Heritage Restoration Program grant and managed the project through completion. The project helped increase local awareness of the value of this highly visible local landmark listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the State Register of Historic Sites, and as a local historic district.



Ironwood Carnegie Library

Ironwood, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2015-2017

As manager of the Michigan Heritage Restoration Program, Bryan led a successful lobbying effort for a grant for this library in the western end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As an example of his expertise and commitment to historic preservation, he worked with the owner and the contractor to locate and source red sandstone that closely matched the original.



Indian Village Streetlights

Detroit, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2015-2016

Lighting the Future by Preserving the Past was a grant project to rehabilitate 57 streetlights installed in 1910 in the historic neighborhood. Bryan's key role was to utilize his expertise to lead multiple project partners through a process to preserve the historic integrity of the streetlights and to raise awareness of their significance.



Ford Piquette Avenue Plant

Detroit, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2015-2016

The National Historic Landmark Ford Piquette Avenue Plant houses a museum dedicated to Detroit's automotive heritage. In 2015 it needed critical masonry work to ensure structural integrity and to restore the exterior. Bryan led the owner through a grant project that has enabled the museum to continue to be viable as an international tourist destination.



Milton and Kittie Geer House

Washtenaw County, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2003-2013

The derelict Italianate-style farmhouse was rehabilitated as the primary residence of the new owners. As just one example of Bryan's commitment to local preservation, he led the owners through the preservation tax credit process, which helped to fund the project, and he provided them with expertise and advice to guarantee the work was appropriate and certifiable.



811 Portland

Calumet, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2001-2011

Located within the Keweenaw National Historical Park, 811 Portland was completely rehabilitated through six state historic preservation tax credit projects. Bryan led the owners through the process to ensure that the materials and construction methods were not just in compliance with preservation standards, but also restored the house to its former grandeur.



Frankfort U.S. Coast Guard Station

Frankfort, Michigan

Rehabilitation, Easement Monitoring. 2011

For this adaptive reuse project, Bryan ensured that the historic integrity of the resource remained while accommodating its new use as an art center. He guided the architects in their design of a bridge through the boat bay area that retains the open character of the space and complies with rehabilitation standards.



Michelson-Young House

Detroit, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2001-2005

Commonly called the "Motown Mansion" after Motown Record Company founder Berry Gordy Jr., who owned the house from 1967 to 2001, it was rehabilitated by its new owner in the early 2000s. Bryan led the new owner through the state historic preservation tax credit process to ensure project completion and compliance with historic standards.



714 Wheaton Avenue

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2003

Built in 1891, the house was converted to a multi-unit rental in the 1950s. In 2003 a family rehabilitation project returned the house to single-family use. The project exemplified good historic preservation in the neighborhood and set a local standard for other projects. Bryan successfully led the family through the state historic preservation tax credit process.



Downtown Lansing Interpretive History Panels

Lansing, Michigan

Interpretation. 2018-2019

Inspired by communities that celebrate their heritage through public interpretive displays, Bryan created and executed a project to add 10 interpretive history panels featuring local topics and landmarks for downtown Lansing. Bryan was presented with the Downtown Lansing Inc. volunteer of the year award for this project.



Union Building

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Calumet, Michigan

Rehabilitation. 2006-2011

The park undertook a phased project to adapt the 1889 lodge hall for use as the Calumet Visitor Center. Bryan led the park staff and consultants through the Section 106 review process to approve the project. The facility now serves a national audience who experience the copper mining heritage of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula.

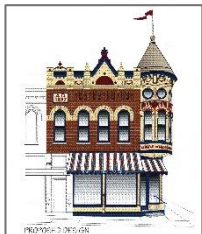


Harpole Building

Quincy, Illinois

Planning. 1998

As the program design leader, Bryan collaborated with the Quincy Main Street program and the building owner on a façade rehabilitation project for the historic Harpole Building. The design proposal visually transformed the building by creating a new, historically appropriate color scheme. The proposal also provided recommendations to improve accessibility.

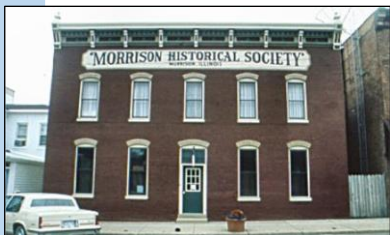


100 North Main Street

Stockton, Illinois

Planning. 1997

As an anchor building at the main intersection of downtown Stockton, this beautifully detailed historic building needed care, maintenance, and a façade rehabilitation. Bryan created a cost-effective design and specifications for the owner and led discussions with Stockton Main Street on ways to implement the project.



Morrison Historical Society

Morrison, Illinois

Rehabilitation. 1996

The Morrison Historical Society requested a design for a refresh of their Main Street façade, which would update the dated brown and beige color scheme. As design leader, Bryan facilitated their request by creating a historically appropriate color scheme. The society and Morrison Main Street showcased the project as an important visual downtown improvement.

Officer, Board Member

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Mid-Michigan Chapter

- Past President, 2019
- President, 2018
- Vice-President, 2017
- Secretary, 2016
- Director 2013-2015

Chapter Accreditation Committee Leader

American Institute of Architects (AIA) Mid-Michigan Chapter
2018 and 2022

- Created and led a committee to guide the chapter through the AIA 2018 accreditation process
- Participated in accreditation training provided by AIA in Washington, D.C.
- Coordinated and guided all pertinent component information for submittal through the application portal
- Achieved chapter accreditation
- Continued involvement on committee applying for accreditation in 2022

Website Developer and Manager

American Institute of Architects Mid-Michigan Chapter
2014-Present

- Developed, designed, and updated chapter website using Weebly platform
- Successfully converted website to AIA platform
- 1,900 average annual visitors

AIA National Conference Session Peer Reviewer

AIA National Conference on Architecture 2018 and 2023
Fall of 2017 and 2022

- Rated, ranked, and selected approximately 20 session proposals as a member of the Conference Education Peer Review Team
- Provided thoughtful, constructive feedback for each proposal
- Reviewed historic building and historic preservation proposals as a subject matter expert

Presenter

Architect(ure) talks, Discover Michigan's Offshore Lights, AIA Michigan
Ongoing

- Provided access to in-person or virtual presentation on Michigan's historic lighthouses

Design Awards Judge

Main Street Oakland County

2014-2019

- Served as a judge on a committee for Main Street Oakland County design award submissions
- Reviewed applications and recommended winning entries

Design Awards Judge

Annual Design Awards Jury

AIA Huron Valley

August 2018

- Created and chaired a committee of AIA Mid-Michigan members to evaluate projects and select awardees

**Design Awards Committee**

AIA Mid-Michigan Design Awards

2017

- Served on committee for chapter awards program and presentation
- Presented design awards at ceremony

Guest Juror

Michigan State University Interior Design Class

May 2010

- Met with students to critique and provide comments on their final interior design projects

Conference Session Proposal Reviewer

Michigan Historic Preservation Network

2013–Present

- Reviewed abstract proposals for annual conference
- Met with review committee to recommend and make selections for conference sessions

Design Committee Leader

Downtown Lansing Inc. Main Street Program

2008–2020

- Promoted and advocated good design in the downtown district
- Reviewed and recommended grants for façade rehabilitation projects and business signs
- Chaired committee for downtown history panel project
- Revamped downtown sign ordinance through subcommittee

Façade Grant Review Committee

Lansing Economic Area Partnership

2017–2020

- Reviewed and approved grants for Lansing area façade rehabilitation projects
- Facilitated projects and provided guidance to property and business owners

Advisory Committee Member

Michigan Main Street

2003–2010

- Provided guidance on program policies and procedures
- Reviewed program applications and selected communities to participate in the program
- Conducted community visits and provided technical services

Food Sorter

Greater Lansing Food Bank

2020–Present

- Volunteer at the food bank warehouse sorting and packaging food for distribution

Lighthouses



Lighthouses, License Plates, and Grants: How the Michigan SHPO helps Protect our Lighthouses. Michigan Lighthouse Festival. Marquette, Michigan. August 6, 2022.

Sustaining Funding. Grants Panel. Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Conference. Holland, Michigan. May 24, 2022.

Lighthouses, License Plates, and Grants: How the Michigan SHPO helps Protect our Lighthouses. Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) Webinar. April 22, 2021.

Michigan's Offshore Lights (Virtual). Kalamazoo Kiwanis, March 3, 2021.

Saving Michigan's Offshore Lights. Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference. East Lansing, Michigan. May 17, 2018.

Saving Michigan's Offshore Lights. Maritime Heritage Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. February 16, 2018.

Restoration of the St. Joseph Lights: A Case Study of Collaboration to Preserve Our Maritime Heritage. Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference. Petoskey, Michigan. May 18, 2017.

Public and Professional Education and Engagement

The Role of SHPO in Preservation. University of Detroit Mercy – School of Architecture. Detroit, Michigan. Fall of 2017-2019, 2021.

Preservation Issues. University of Detroit Mercy – School of Architecture. Detroit, Michigan. October 8, 2020.

Discover Michigan's Offshore Lights. Cedarbrook Senior Living. Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. September 17, 2018.

Environmental Review and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. United States Coast Guard Atlantic Area. Cleveland, Ohio. February 7, 2012.

Infill Design Guidelines & General Standards. Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference. Grand Rapids, Michigan. May 15, 2009.

Creating Design Guidelines for your Community. Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference. Grand Rapids, Michigan. May 16, 2009.

Lighthouses of Michigan. Auburn Area Catholic School Fourth Grade. Auburn, Michigan. April 2006.

Historic Buildings and Landmarks

Building Maintenance and Weatherization Workshop (Virtual). Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. October 27, 2020.

Home Maintenance and Energy Efficiency Workshop. Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Muskegon, Michigan. March 20, 2016.

Building Maintenance Workshop. Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Muskegon, Michigan. December 16, 2014.

State Historic Preservation Tax Credits. Kalamazoo Old House Expo. Kalamazoo, Michigan. January 23, 2010.

State Historic Preservation Tax Credits. Kalamazoo Old House Expo. Kalamazoo, Michigan. January 24, 2009.

Historic Preservation Tax Incentives. Preservation Eastern. Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti, Michigan. October 22, 2005.

Historic District Home Renovation Tax Credit. Marshall Friends of Old Houses. Marshall, Michigan. November 23, 1999.

Downtowns

Interpreting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Main Street Oakland County. Oakland County, Michigan. June 23, 2016.

State Historic Preservation Office Programs. Main Street Oakland County. Oakland County, Michigan. November 17, 2005.

Main Street Design. Dundee Main Street. Dundee, Illinois. April 23, 1998.

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Discover Michigan's Offshore Lights

Bryan Lijewski, AIA
Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Michigan Historic Preservation Network

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP

Instructor: Bryan Lijewski
Architect
State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

OCTOBER 27, 2020 ALPENA

State Historic Preservation Tax Credits

Kalamazoo Old House Expo
January 24, 2009

Lighthouses



Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2021. **Rehabilitation of the Thunder Bay Island Light Station.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2018. **Rehabilitation of the Big Sable Point Light Station, the Little Sable Point Light Station, the Ludington North Breakwater Light, and the White River Light Station.**

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Commercial/Building Award, 2017. **St. Joseph North Pier Inner and Outer Lights.**



Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2016. **Rehabilitation of the St. Joseph Pier Inner and Outer Lights.**

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Commercial/Building Award, 2014. **Rehabilitation of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2010. **Rehabilitation of the Point Betsie Light Station.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2009. **Rehabilitation of the South Channel Range Lights.**

The Evans Graham Preservation Award, 2009. **Controversial Color Restoration Lights Up Charlevoix.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2005. **Rehabilitation of the DeTour Reef Lighthouse.**



AIA Component EXCEL Programs and Best Practices Award, 2019. **A Project Architecture Installation.**

Downtown Lansing Inc. Hero Award, 2018. **A decade of volunteer service on the design committee and leadership on the Lansing history kiosk project.**



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Public and Professional Education and Engagement

Historic Buildings and Landmarks



Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2016. **Rehabilitation of the historic Indian Village Streetlights.**

The Evans Graham Preservation Award, 2015. **Lighting the Future: Historic Indian Village streetlights restored.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2014. **Stewardship of the Frederick Kennedy Jr. Farm and the Hugh Richard House.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2013. **Rehabilitation of the Geer House.**

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Commercial/Building Award, 2013. **Rehabilitation of the Union Building.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2012. **Rehabilitation of the Union Building.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2011. **Rehabilitation of the house at 811 Portland.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2008. **Rehabilitation of the Michelson-Young House.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2007. **Rehabilitation of the house at 1754 Parker.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2007. **Rehabilitation of the Penney House.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2004. **Rehabilitation of the house at 714 Wheaton.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2003. **Rehabilitation of the house at 921 West Lovell.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2003. **Rehabilitation of the John Schumacher House.**



Downtowns

Downtown Lansing Inc. March 2014. **Volunteer of the Month-Bryan Lijewski.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2010. **Rehabilitation of Witherbee's Market.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2008. **Rehabilitation of 168 West 13th Street.**



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All Governor's Awards listed are for projects that Bryan was involved with during construction, that he nominated for the award, that he advocated for, and that he presented through the State Historic Preservation Office.



Historic Lighthouses of Michigan, Postcards and Map, 2011–2022.

Wheeler, Jacob. **"The North Manitou "Crib" Lighthouse gets a makeover."** *Glen Arbor Sun*, November 14, 2021.

Baird, **Historic Structure Report - Final: Point Betsie Light Station Shoreline Protection System**. May 7, 2021. Edited by Bryan Lijewski.

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- 3.1 Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program**
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Completed 2019
- 3.3 Point Betsie Lighthouse**
Lake Michigan
Benzie County, Michigan
Ongoing

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Ongoing
- 3.5 Historic Preservation Programs**
Ongoing

Historic Buildings and Landmarks

- 3.6 Residential State Historic Tax Credit Program**
Michigan
Ongoing
- 3.7 Indian Village Historic District Streetlights**
Detroit, Michigan
Completed 2016

Downtowns

- 3.8 Main Street Programs**
Illinois and Michigan
Ongoing
- 3.9 Downtown Lansing Interpretive History Panels**
Lansing, Michigan
Completed 2018





Through the MLAP Bryan has developed a long-term partnership with the owner of the Mission Point Lighthouse on Lake Michigan that spans more than 15 years and includes grant work and annual historic preservation easement compliance. Today the restored lighthouse is open to the public and visiting “lighthouse keepers” throughout the summer.

“I’m always amazed how many people from other countries. Just this week: England, Poland, Germany, Switzerland, Lithuania, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Australia, Japan, France, and Netherlands!”

Keepers’ Daily Log at the Mission Point Lighthouse on Lake Michigan. August 2015.

Bryan is a tireless champion for Michigan’s lighthouses. His influence is felt across Michigan’s 3,200 miles of coastline and at a majority of its 120 historic lighthouses by untold numbers of visitors to these iconic historic structures. In 1998 the National Trust for Historic Preservation placed Michigan lighthouses on its national list of the 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. To help protect and preserve these historic icons, the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) was created, and in 2001 Michigan introduced the specialty fundraising Save Our Lights license plate. Sales of the plate provide the annual funding for the MLAP lighthouse preservation grants. Since the introduction of these programs and funding sources, Bryan’s leadership, expertise, passion, commitment, and advocacy has helped reverse years of abandonment and deterioration at Michigan’s treasured lighthouses.

“I cannot express in words my gratitude for all your help and hard work—obviously beyond the call of duty—well beyond. Your assistance and enthusiasm for preservation of this light station is very much appreciated and I look forward to many more steps to get Manitowish to its former glory.”

Joe Kaplan
Keweenaw Land Trust



Over the last 20 years, Bryan has directed the use of more than \$2.8 million in grant dollars resulting in more than \$4.2 million dollars in direct investment on over 100 projects. He approved the materials and methods utilized in the projects to ensure long-term sustainability of the resources and protection of their historic integrity. He also drove the effort to require historic preservation easements in perpetuity for lighthouses that received grant funding so they will be forever protected. Today Michigan’s lighthouses draw visitors from around the world who want to experience the history and the perils of the Great Lakes, contributing substantially to local economies around the state and providing Michiganders with a sense of identity.

Challenge

Save and preserve Michigan’s historic lighthouses, which were placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s list of America’s 11 Most Endangered Places in 1998.

Role

Preservation architect in role of lighthouse specialist advocating for grant dollars, directing preservation projects, and building awareness of these historic beacons.

Resolution

Millions of dollars invested in dozens of rehabilitation projects resulting in saved lighthouses, increased tourism, and community pride.



I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included preservation architect, lighthouse specialist, and grant manager.

Joelle Letts
Former Michigan State Historic Preservation Office Grants Manager/Budget Specialist

Awards

The Evans Graham Preservation Award, 2009. **Controversial Color Restoration Lights Up Charlevoix.**

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Commercial/Building Award, 2014. **Rehabilitation of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse.**

Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2010. **Rehabilitation of the Point Betsie Light Station.**

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With a goal of doubling the impact of funding available through the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP), in 2015 Bryan applied for and received a grant award of \$123,000 from the National Park Service National Maritime Heritage Grants Program, which was matched with \$123,000 from the MLAP. This funding allowed him to direct and manage a project he envisioned and designed to do Historic Structure Reports (HSR) for four offshore lighthouses. He created a competitive grant application round and selected four lighthouse stewards to participate in the grant project. The four lighthouses were Thunder Bay Island in Lake Huron, and Gull Rock, Manitou Island, and Stannard Rock all in Lake Superior. To build public awareness about the remote and largely inaccessible historic lighthouses, an educational component of the project included community presentations and a social media campaign. The project was successfully completed in 2018 with four public presentations in Michigan attended by 200 lighthouse enthusiasts, more than 90,000 printed postcards and maps distributed across the country, and placement of the reports in the collection of the Library of Michigan. Bryan, as the recognized lighthouse specialist, presented the project to a national audience at the Maritime Heritage Conference in New Orleans in February 2018 and to a statewide audience at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network conference in May 2018.



The Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society successfully utilized their HSR to guide rehabilitation work and subsequently received an MLAP grant and a U.S. Lighthouse Society preservation grant. Bryan guided this grant work and nominated the society for a Michigan Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, which it received in 2021.

"I am impressed by the efforts of the State Historic Preservation Office to protect Michigan's significant maritime resources and hope you will give their application strong consideration."

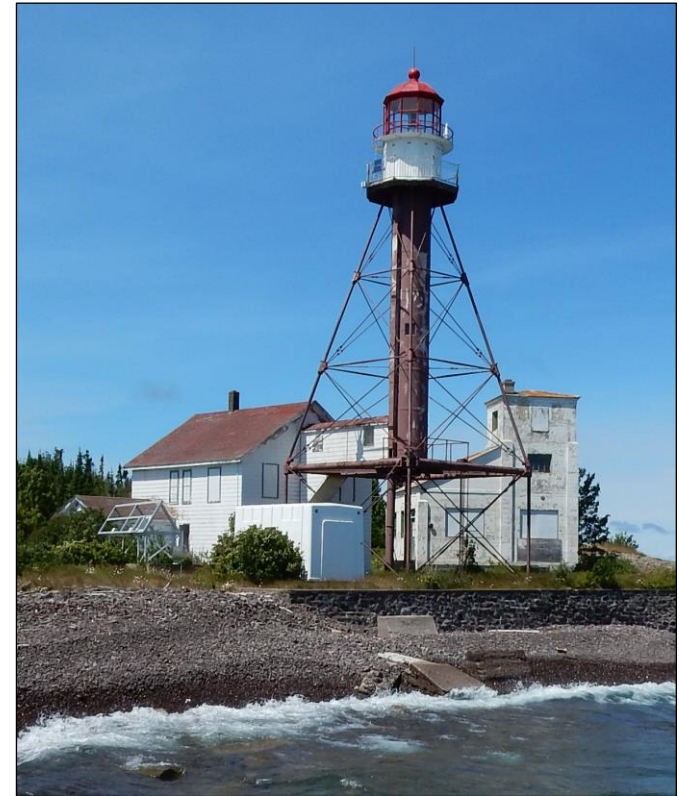
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United States Senator

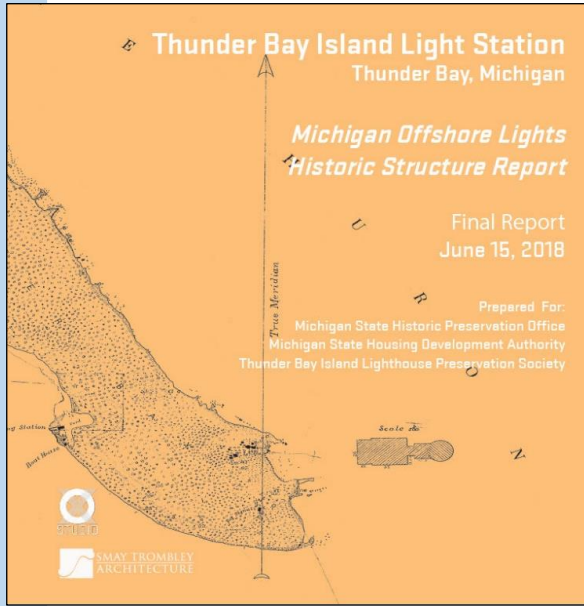
"It was great to collaborate with you on this project! I'm thrilled that we received national recognition for our lighthouse expertise by the U.S. Lighthouse Society and the National Maritime Historical Society at the maritime conference in New Orleans. I hope we have the opportunity to do it again."

Michelle Smay
Principal
Smay Trombley Architecture

"Thanks to both you [Joelle Letts] and Bryan for the guidance and oversight. We can all be pleased that a badly needed project came to successful fruition. We are so lucky here in Michigan to have such tremendous people working at the SHPO!"

Sue Skibbe
Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society.





Awards

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2021. **Rehabilitation of the Thunder Bay Island Light Station.**

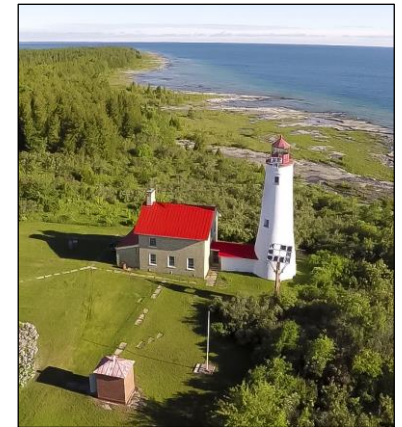
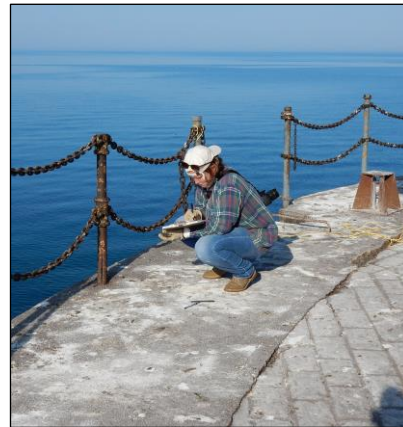
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I have personal knowledge of the nominee’s responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included preservation architect, lighthouse specialist, and grant recipient and program manager.

Michelle Smay
Principal
Smay Trombly Architecture

Challenge

Locate and secure funding for critical planning documents for challenged and endangered offshore lighthouses.

Role

Grant awardee, competitive application creator, and project manager and executor.

Resolution

Completion of a National Park Service-approved grant project that resulted in public participation and four Historic Structure Reports that will guide future work.



The Point Betsie Lighthouse was transferred from the federal government to Benzie County in 2004 and is maintained and operated by the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse. Bryan has worked with the county, the Friends, and multiple project partners for over 20 years to ensure the preservation and appropriate rehabilitation of the resources at the light station. For newly transferred properties, especially those within the public realm, Bryan advocates for planning documents as an initial investment to guide preservation and rehabilitation. Accordingly, he strongly supported funding a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant in 2001 for a comprehensive study for the Point Betsie site even before the property transfer. This \$30,000 planning investment led to a second MLAP grant in 2004 for \$54,000 for building restoration and planning. Over the next several years he continued to advocate for funding, which resulted in an additional \$164,000 investment. Today the lighthouse is open to the public for tower climbs, museum visits, and overnight stays, and is the most visited attraction in Benzie County.





Point Betsie Shoreline 1955 and 2012



Awards

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2010. **Rehabilitation of the Point Betsie Light Station.**

Publications

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In 2021, with a continued push for planning documents, the county and the Friends initiated a Historic Structure Report (HSR) for the deteriorating shoreline protection system that serves to protect the historic site from erosion from Lake Michigan wave action. Bryan pursued the evaluation of the shoreline protection system for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The system was determined eligible as a contributing resource to the National Register-listed site. The significance of the shoreline protection system, both historically and structurally, is critical for the long-term preservation of the site by preventing future severe erosion. Bryan continues in the role of project partner to ensure a new shoreline protection system is historically sensitive while being robust enough to protect the historic site. Benzie County was awarded a \$5.1 million state appropriation in late 2021 for the rebuilding of the shoreline protection system. Without doubt both this money and funding raised through a local campaign to rebuild the shoreline protection system will save the historic site.

I have personal knowledge of the nominee’s responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included preservation architect, lighthouse specialist, project partner, and historic preservation easement monitor.

Chuck Clarke
Former Benzie County Administrator/Controller
Former Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse Treasurer

Challenge

Evaluate the historic significance of maritime resources and identify project partners to design appropriate rehabilitation projects.

Role

Preservation architect and project partner who led the effort to secure grant dollars, designate historic resources, and ensure project compliance with historic preservation standards.

Resolution

Rehabilitated historic site and buildings, which are now open to the public, and the successful design of a seawall and revetments that will save the resources.

Stannard Rock
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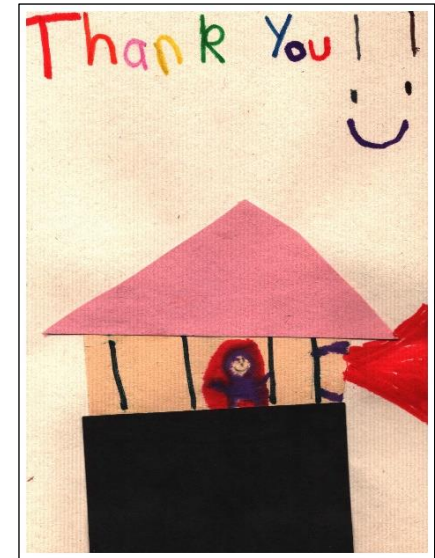
On August 26, 1835, while piloting the American Fur Company vessel John Jacob Astor, Capt. Charles C. Stannard blew off course during a storm and discovered a previously unrecorded reef about 25 miles from the Keweenaw Peninsula. Thereafter, the reef was known as Stannard's Rock.

The need for a light on the reef became critical after the increase in maritime traffic following the opening of the new State Locks in Sault Ste. Marie in 1855. The light was not completed, however, until 1882. The light earned a reputation for loneliness due to its remote location. Coastguardmen gave the light station the nickname "Stranded Rock" to underscore the isolation, and it was designated a "brig station," meaning no wives or other family members could be stationed there.

In 1961, almost 80 years after the light station was put into service, a horrific explosion in the Fog Signal Building killed one coastguardman and left three others attended on the deck for two days while the fire burned. They were eventually rescued by the Coast Guard Cutter Woodstock. This was the same year the light was set to be automated.

For more information about the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program, visit www.michigan.gov/saveourlights

Gaining support for programs that protect Michigan's maritime heritage requires building a broad constituency. Bryan reaches beyond a typical architecture audience and has been committed to historic preservation education at all age levels. He strives to have his educational efforts lead to engagement of his audiences, whether it be a resident with a casual interest, or a professional committed to historic preservation. He has presented to elementary school students, professional conferences, and senior living communities. He has provided talks on Michigan lighthouses through the Architect(ure) Talks series sponsored by AIA Michigan; he has conducted workshops for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network; and he has advanced the awareness and understanding of state and federal preservation programs applicable to lighthouses among audiences as diverse as local volunteers and United States Coast Guard personnel.



In addition to in-person engagements, Bryan has been instrumental in building awareness of Michigan's historic lighthouses by producing and publishing over 250,000 pieces of promotional and marketing materials that are direct mailed and distributed at the 14 Michigan Department of Transportation Welcome Centers where they are available to more than 7.5 million visitors annually. They have also been distributed at the National Lighthouse Museum in Staten Island, New York, the National Maritime Heritage Conference in New Orleans, and have been sent to lighthouse enthusiasts in California. To bring more attention to Michigan's offshore lights, which are largely inaccessible to the public, he featured several of them on the Historic Lighthouses of Michigan Map and postcards.

Publications

Historic Lighthouses of Michigan, Postcards and Map, 2011-2022

Challenge

Build awareness of Michigan's historic lighthouses and provide educational opportunities that engage the public.

Role

Preservation architect, advocate, promoter, and educator.

Resolution

Multiple speaking engagements and the completion and distribution of marketing and promotional materials reaching hundreds of thousands of people.

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included preservation architect, advocate, promoter, and educator.

Laura Rose Ashlee

Former Communications Coordinator, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office
Michigan Historical Commissioner



DISCOVER MICHIGAN'S OFFSHORE LIGHTS



In 1835 Capt. Charles C. Stannard blew off course in a storm and discovered a reef 25 miles off the Keweenaw Peninsula. Thereafter known as Stannard's Rock, a lighthouse was built on the reef in 1882. Its isolation earned it the nickname Stranded Rock and designation as a "stag station", where only single men could be stationed.



Bryan fosters working relationships and engages project partners to ensure the success of projects that utilize state and federal historic preservation programs. As a preservation architect and lighthouse specialist, he negotiates solutions for complex projects often involving partners such as the National Park Service; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S Forest Service; the United States Coast Guard; the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management; and state partners including the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and the Michigan Department of Transportation. Local partners include municipalities, nonprofit groups, and lighthouse stewards.

“You made the audience feel comfortable and engaged asking questions and not feeling inept by doing so. I cannot thank you enough for sharing your expertise, your time, and your passion for preservation.”

Ron Campbell, AIA
Principal Planner/Preservation Architect
Oakland County, Michigan



In 2011 the Port Austin Reef Lighthouse Association received a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant to complete a planning document. Bryan coordinated with the consultant, the association, and the National Park Service to ensure that the report was accurate and in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. The high priority recommendations from that report were used to apply for a Michigan Department of Transportation-Transportation Alternatives Program grant. The Port Austin Reef Lighthouse in Lake Huron was recently awarded a \$480,000 grant from that program for the exterior rehabilitation of the lighthouse. Bryan worked with the architect and the National Park Service to develop appropriate plans and specifications for the work. His advice and recommendations resulted in revisions to the project that accurately preserve and reconstruct the light’s distinguishing historic features.

Challenge

Provide education and training on complex state and federal preservation programs to the public and professionals with the goal of completing rehabilitation projects.

Role

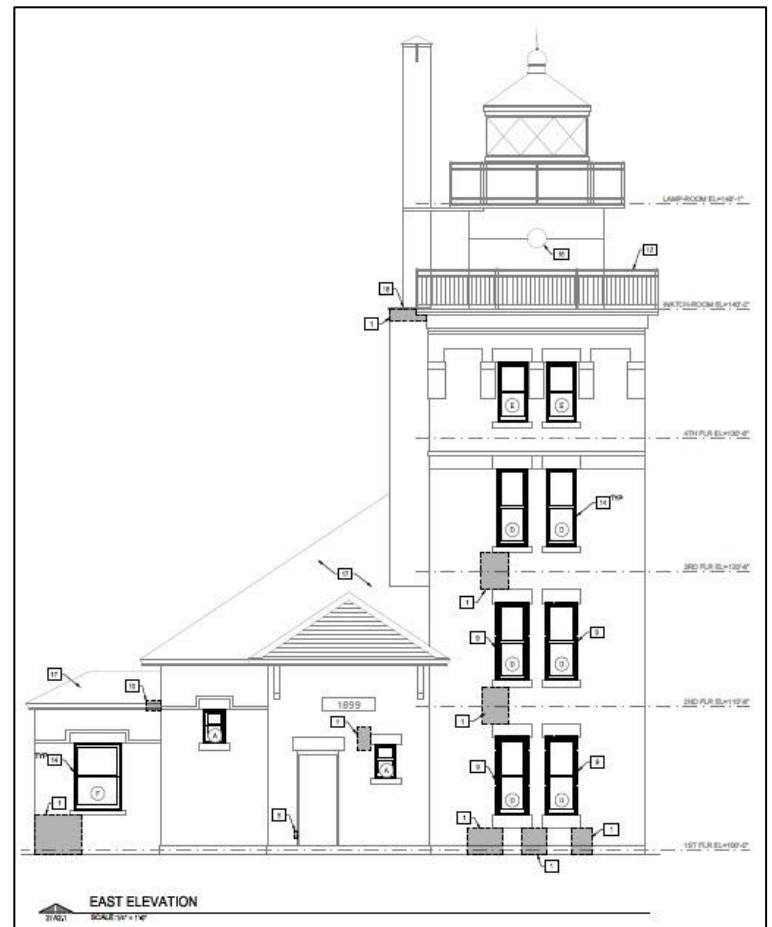
Preservation architect, educator, and project partner.

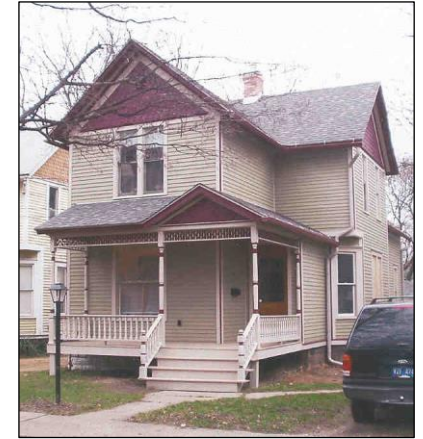
Resolution

High success rate of program participation and use of programs to complete rehabilitation projects.

I have personal knowledge of the nominee’s responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included preservation architect, educator, and project partner.

Sigrid JJ Bergland
Historian
Michigan Department of Transportation





During the 12 years that Michigan’s first state historic preservation tax credit program was available, Bryan led the residential rehabilitation component of the program and exceeded program goals by promoting the program through community presentations, one-on-one assistance to homeowners, and the review and approval of applications. As a result of these efforts, the initial 2-year sunset clause included in the legislation was removed and the program operated successfully for 10 more years while under his direction. Bryan worked with more than 600 projects across the state in over 44 communities. With more than \$58 million in direct expenditures and more than \$66 million in indirect expenditures, he oversaw more than \$124 million invested in Michigan’s historic resources.

“I am writing in praise of Bryan Lijewski’s recent preservation tax incentive presentation here in Calumet. The workshop, held in a residential tax credit project to over thirty participants, was a resounding success. We appreciate Bryan’s role in furthering the impact of the preservation tax credits in the Copper Country.”

Frank C. Fiala
 Superintendent
 Keweenaw National Historical Park



After a 10-year hiatus, a new state historic tax credit program was passed at the end of 2020. Due to his success in leading the first residential tax credit program, Bryan will again be in charge of that program. The new credit will be available for 10 years and is valued at \$10 million total for residential properties in local historic districts, listed in the State Register of Historic Sites, the National Register Historic Places, or as a National Historic Landmark.



Awards

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2014. **Stewardship of the Frederick Kennedy Jr. Farm and the Hugh Richard House.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2013. **Rehabilitation of the Geer House.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2011. **Rehabilitation of the house at 811 Portland.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2008. **Rehabilitation of the Michelson-Young House.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2007. **Rehabilitation of the house at 1754 Parker.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2007. **Rehabilitation of the Penney House.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2004. **Rehabilitation of the house at 714 Wheaton.**

Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, 2003. **Rehabilitation of the house at 921 West Lovell.**

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Pam O’Connor
 Past President of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network
 Preservation Practices Historic Preservation Consulting
 National Trust for Historic Preservation Advisor

Challenge

Create and implement a new state tax credit program for historic residential properties.

Role

Preservation architect and program manager.

Resolution

Successfully completed rehabilitation projects with tens of millions of dollars invested.

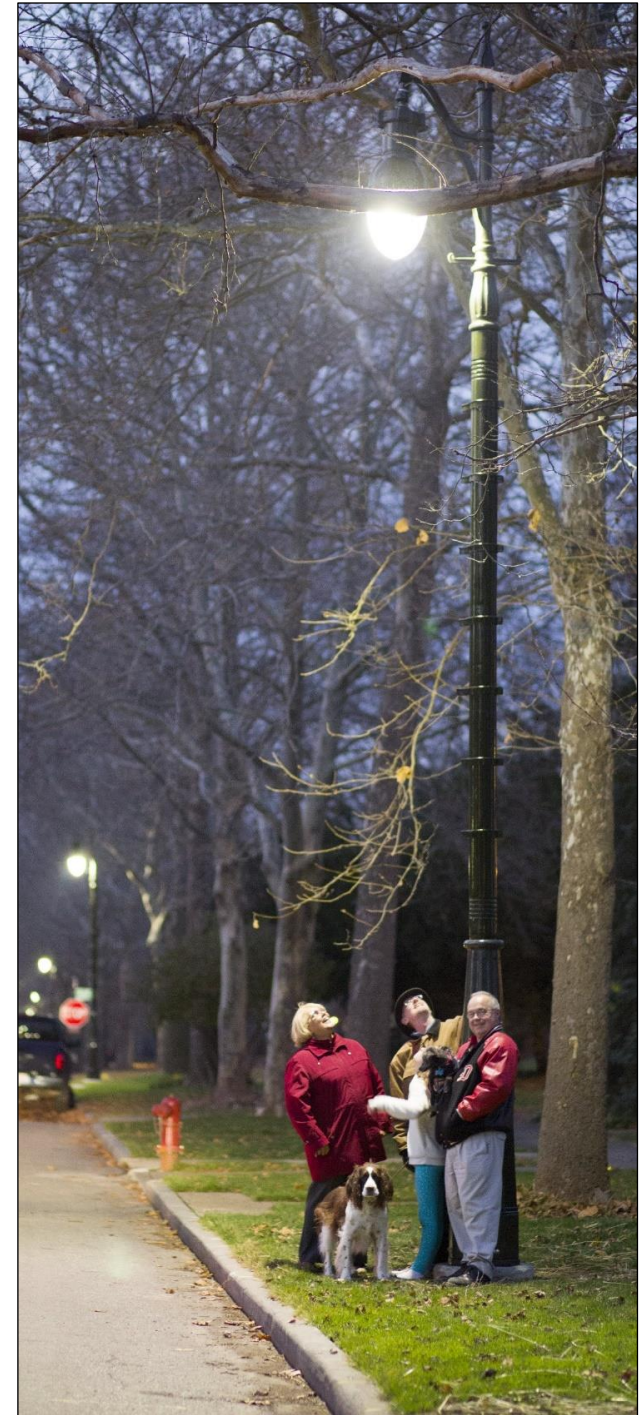
In 2014 a \$600,000 state legislative appropriation was approved for a competitive grant program to fund restoration and preservation projects in Michigan. Bryan designed and implemented the new program, which resulted in the completion of six projects located throughout the state from Detroit in southeast Michigan to Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula. He wrote the grant manual and conducted a competitive application round. To facilitate engagement with the applicants and to nurture the best projects, he visited each applicant and their project. Once the awardees were selected and approved, he worked closely with each one to ensure the projects were completed on time and conformed to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. A total of \$1,235,667, including matching funds, went toward the rehabilitation of Michigan historic resources.



One project stands out as exemplifying Bryan's tenacity in working with multiple project partners to get the project done right. During Detroit's efforts to upgrade the public lighting in the city, residents of the National Register of Historic Places-listed Indian Village Historic District, which includes more than 350 homes, wanted to retain and rehabilitate their 1910 historic neighborhood streetlights. Bryan collaborated with the project partners, including the Indian Village Historical Collections, the City of Detroit, the Public Lighting Authority, and DTE Energy, as well as project engineers and consultants to define the details of the project: retain 57 historic light poles and their historic features while providing modern-day lighting. Bryan directed the efforts to bring the project into compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The resulting completed project was a proud accomplishment for the neighborhood, the city, and the State Historic Preservation Office.

"The Lighting Committee is grateful for the assistance of the Program Officers from SHPO who provided expertise as a historical architect. They proved to be invaluable throughout the rehabilitation process guiding historical considerations and requirements."

Indian Village Historical Collections



**Challenge**

Upgrade historic streetlights to modern standards while keeping the historic character and details intact.

Role

Preservation architect, grant manager, and project partner.

Resolution

Fifty-seven streetlights were successfully rehabilitated and continue to add to the character of the historic district.

Awards

The Evans Graham Preservation Award, 2015. ***Lighting the Future: Historic Indian Village streetlights restored.***

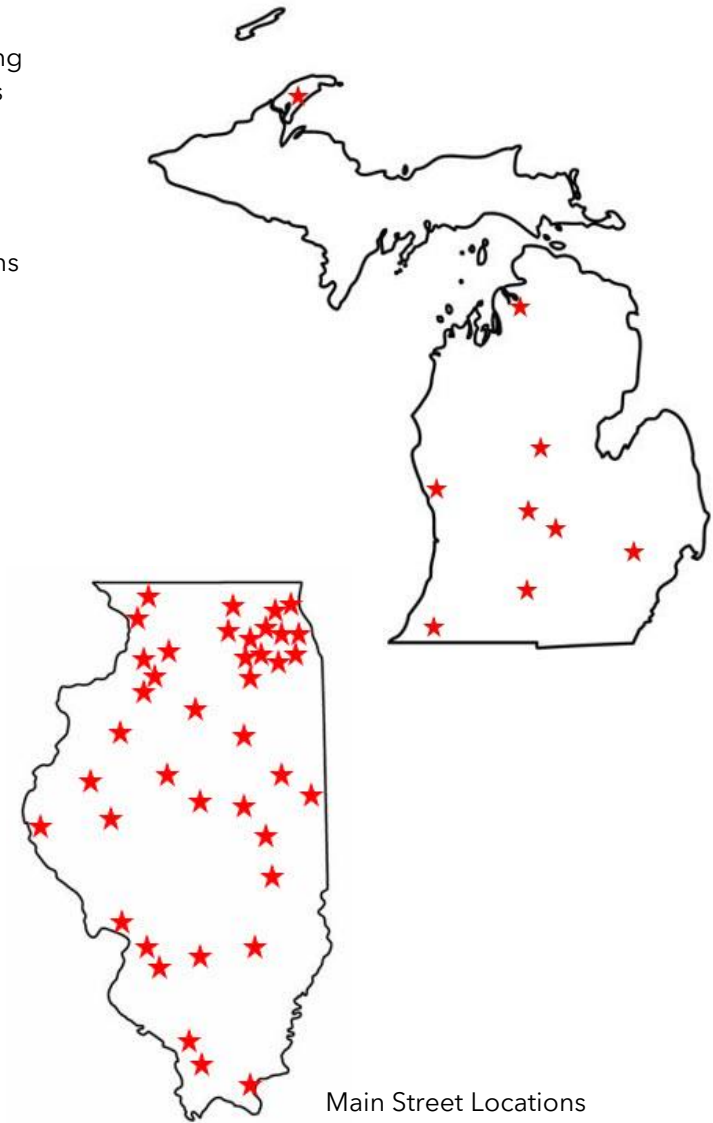
Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, 2016. ***Rehabilitation of the historic Indian Village Streetlights.***

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included preservation architect and grant project coordinator.

Peter McGreevy
Former lighting committee member
Former President of the Indian Village Historical Collections
Former Treasurer of the Historic Indian Village Association
Indian Village resident



Bryan was one of the first two design architects for the Illinois Main Street program, which was established in 1993. He managed the design services and assisted 47 Illinois communities, including those in the Chicago suburbs and southern Illinois. His services included educational presentations to property owners and the public, schematic design drawings and specifications for façade rehabilitation projects, and developing alliances with community managers, boards of directors, developers, and property owners on downtown building rehabilitation projects. Today the Illinois Main Street program proudly reports that 1,100 buildings have been rehabilitated since the program's inception. His schematic drawings served as the basis for the design of the highway signs that identified Illinois Main Street communities throughout the state.



Main Street Locations

Michigan Main Street
Five Year Summary
2003-2008



Photo courtesy of Boyne City Main Street

In Michigan Bryan advocated for a statewide Main Street program and was instrumental in developing design services during the inception of the program, including establishment of the component criteria, defining design services, conducting workshops, and being a member of National Main Street Center community resource teams. From 2003 to 2008, he was a member of the Michigan Main Street advisory committee, which helped set policy and goals for the program. Since its launch, the program impact is 2,499 façade and building improvements to date.



Oakland County Main Street, the only countywide Main Street program in the country, currently serves 27 communities. It has benefited from Bryan's downtown revitalization experience through training presentations and annual awards judging. In addition he was a project lead and committee member for Downtown Lansing Inc. for over 10 years, bringing his experience and statewide expertise to the local level through projects that visually impact downtown and educate visitors about the capital city.



Challenge
Implement design services for two statewide Main Street programs and provide assistance to the only countywide Main Street program.

Role
Served as Main Street Architect and managed and directed design services in Illinois and Michigan.


Resolution
Successfully delivered design services and revitalization assistance to 82 communities including Great American Main Street Award Winners St. Charles, Illinois; Libertyville, Illinois; and Boyne City, Michigan.

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included Main Street Architect.

Nick Kalogeresis
Former Illinois Main Street Suburban
Program Coordinator
Associate Principal, The Lakota Group

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Manager
Michigan Main Street Center

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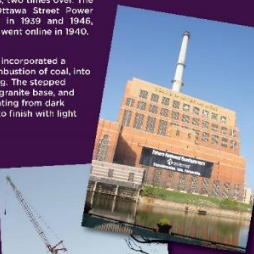

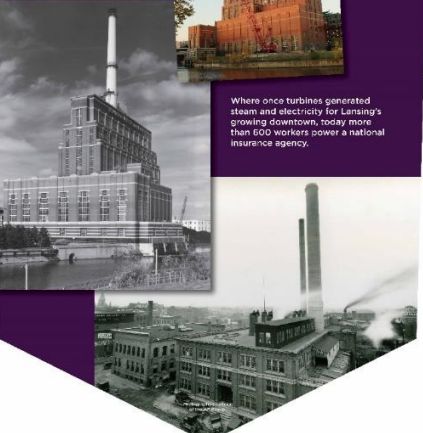


Directly across the Grand River rises one of Lansing's most massive construction projects, two times over. The coal-burning, power-generating Ottawa Street Power Station was built in two phases, in 1939 and 1946, interrupted by World War II. It first went online in 1940.

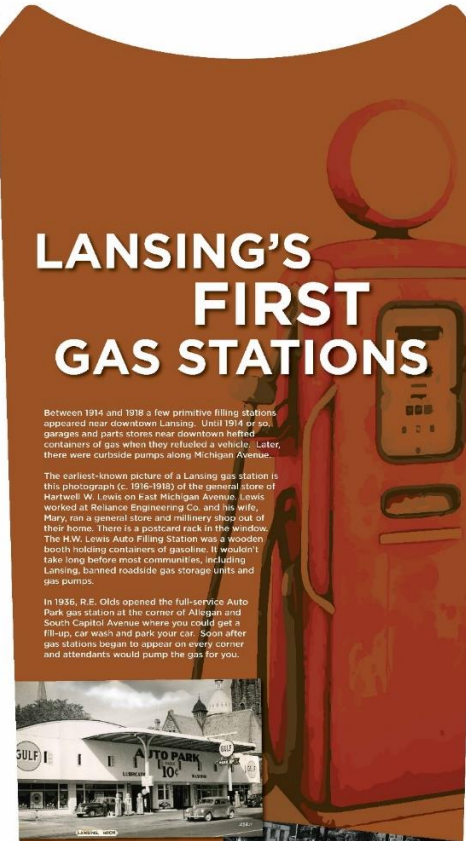
Lansing architects Bowd & Munson incorporated a stylized flame, symbolizing the combustion of coal, into the exterior of the Art Deco building. The sloped facade rises from a polished black granite base, and transitions to brick in colors graduating from dark purple, through reds and oranges, to finish with light yellow at the top.

Decommissioned in 1982, the plant sat idle, home to pigeons and an occasional peregrine falcon. The formidable power plant was edging toward the wicker's ball when the Accident Fund Insurance Company of America purchased the plant in 2007 and transformed the magnificent structure, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, into its corporate offices.

Where once turbines generated steam and electricity for Lansing's growing downtown, today more than 600 workers power a national insurance agency.





LANSING'S FIRST GAS STATIONS



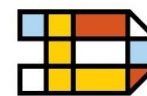
Between 1914 and 1918 a few primitive filling stations appeared near downtown Lansing. Until 1914, if you needed gas, you had to go to a garage or parts store near downtown where they heated containers of gas when they refueled a vehicle. Later, there were curbside pumps along Michigan Avenue.

The earliest-known picture of a Lansing gas station is this photograph (c. 1916-1918) of the general store of Hartwell W. Lewis on East Michigan Avenue. Lewis worked at Reliance Engineering Co. and his wife, Mary, ran a general store and military shop out of their home. There is a postcard rack in the window. The H.W. Lewis Auto Filling Station was a wooden booth holding containers of gasoline. It wouldn't take long before most communities, including Lansing, banned roadside gas storage units and gas pumps.

In 1918, R.E. Olds opened the full-service Auto Park gas station at the corner of Allison and South Capitol Avenue where you could get a fill-up, car wash and park your car. Soon after gas stations began to appear on every corner and attendants would pump the gas for you.

Bryan chaired a committee to create and execute a project to add interpretive history panels featuring local topics and landmarks for downtown Lansing while he was a volunteer for the Downtown Lansing Inc. design committee. Due to lack of funding, the project simmered for several years until it was incorporated into a major wayfinding signage project for downtown Lansing. With the goal of easier navigation for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic to attractions and amenities in the city, the new pedestrian wayfinding signs were designed to incorporate Bryan's history panels.



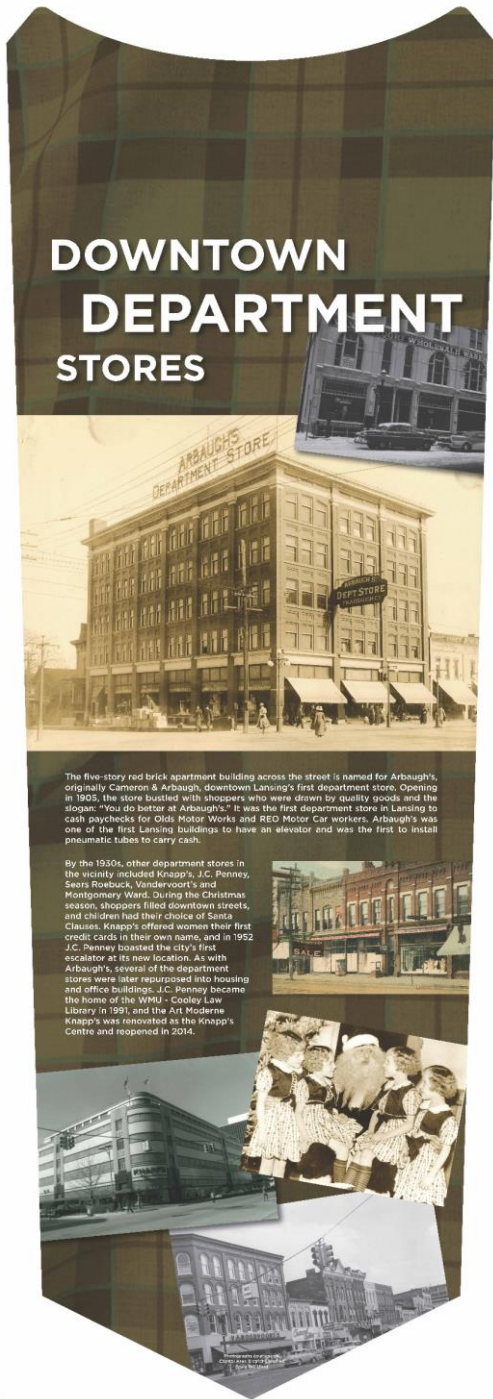
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Bryan partnered with the Historical Society of Greater Lansing to conduct research and select the buildings and topics for the panels. Featured buildings include the Ottawa Power Plant, downtown department stores, Lansing's first gas stations, and the Hotel Olds. The installed panels showcase local history for 541,000 Central Michigan residents and 1.5 million annual visitors to the city, including the 300,000 guests who tour the Capitol. For these efforts, he was recognized with the Downtown Lansing, Inc. Volunteer of the Year award in 2018.

"The pedestrian wayfinding system will not only serve as a useful guide for visitors to our community, it will introduce them to attractions and history they may not have been aware of before interacting with the kiosks."

Julie Pingston
Executive Vice President and COO
Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau



Challenge

Install interpretive history panels in the capitol city of Lansing, Michigan, to highlight significant historic buildings.

Role

Project creator, project lead, and committee chair.

Resolution

Production and installation of ten interpretive panels highlighting local history, buildings, and landmarks.

Awards

Downtown Lansing Inc. Hero Award, 2018. **A decade of volunteer service on the design committee and leadership on the Lansing history kiosk project.**



I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included project creator, project lead, and committee chair.

Bob Rose
Former Downtown Lansing Inc. Design Committee Chair