In 2016-2018, Wayne State University, under the guidance of a steering committee drawn from Anthropology, English, CMLLC, History, and Political Science, received a National Endowment for the Humanities Next Generation Humanities PhD Planning Grant to address the crisis in doctoral education in the Humanities and, in particular, the connection between doctoral training and employment in the academic and non-academic sectors. PI Elizabeth Faue, Professor and Department Chair in History, will present on the work of the Steering Committee and what it believes is its most significant outcome—the revaluation of internship experience in the applied and public humanities as it enhances the professional opportunities and skills of doctoral students in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Just as Career Diversity has now become the most important trend in higher education, so too has there been an appreciation for what internships can do for doctoral education in the future. In summer 2017 and summer 2018, the NEH Next Gen Humanities PhD project and its allies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate School launched a Humanities Clinic to expand student internship and the range of skills students would employ in applying their doctoral training to community partners and public engagement. Three of the ten interns for the summer 2018 Humanities Clinic will be on hand to discuss their experiences.

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