

# WESTERN ANTHROPOLOGY'S MICHAEL SPENCE LECTURE - MARCH 13TH

## *Community Archaeology in Practice and Theory: Lessons from Detroit*

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**Abstract:** Community archaeology is an established practice that is deeply connected with local interests, advocacy, empowerment, and historic preservation or heritage initiatives. Yet its connections with theory are less well-developed. This presentation focuses on recent collaborative work at the Malcolm X House with the intention of seeding more theoretical considerations about the power and possibility of the local, especially with respect to capacity building, sustainability, and terms of engagement in the settings where archaeologists work alongside stakeholders.

**All are Welcome, no registration required. Reception to follow.**

**When: Lecture - 3:30 PM, Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>; Reception - 4:30-6 PM**

**Where: Scholar's Square, D.B. Weldon Library (WL 140) Main Floor**



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