

# The Center for Community Research

## What is it?

The CCR provides a setting dedicated to community-based research activities.

It is a place for involved, active learning where students and citizens of all ages can participate in a variety of local research projects. A core group of experienced research professionals and faculty work with students on ongoing research projects in the community where we live and work. Sometimes participants (students, faculty and/or citizens) work with Center staff to design research activities that help us all increase our understanding of issues in the community.

## Where is it?

The CCR main office and research lab are currently located within the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College in the central urban core of Cleveland, Ohio. This location enables the Center to provide participants easy access to urban sites of significance.

## Who can participate?

Everyone interested in community research is welcome. Since its beginning in 1994, CCR projects have involved community college and university students working side by side with high school students, citizen volunteers and faculty from a variety of fields and schools. Community-based agencies and organizations will be encouraged to use the Center for generating research projects of interest to them.



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Collaborative partners nationally include: The American Anthropological Association's Commission on Education which is placing the CCR research program on its website. • The Society for Anthropology In Community Colleges supported the CCR as the core model for a network of CCR's as the vehicle for community research projects in the U.S. and Canada. Capilano College in Vancouver, B.C. is the first to adapt the concept and begin networking. • The League for Innovation in Community College awarded the CCR with Cuyahoga Community College as Innovation of the Year in 2001. • Local and regional collaborative partners include: Cuyahoga Community College's West, Metro and Eastern Campuses; Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, Kent State University, John Carroll University, the Cleveland Municipal School District, Western Reserve Historical Society, the Cleveland Public Library, the Cuyahoga County Archives.

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## What is happening at the CCR?

For the past eight years, the Center has involved many hundreds of students, interns and voluntary citizens in studies of pre-Civil War social and cultural life in Cleveland, Ohio, one of the most important centers for nineteenth century urbanization. The first two research projects are producing significant new data on village to urban development and nineteenth century social movements concerning the rights of women and African-Americans.

Interns learn much by doing and benefited greatly from the experience in both academic and practical terms. Our interns are often rewarded with greater scholarship opportunities because of their unique research experiences noted on their records.

## Hands-on historical/ archaeological research opportunities

The Center for Community research focuses on:

- Innovative educational stimulation for students and faculty in a variety of disciplines
- A flexible variety of credited and noncredit options for short course and traditional classes



- Paid and voluntary internships
- Interdisciplinary integrated field and lab research
- Collaborative work for students from diverse backgrounds and interests utilizing a number of collegiate, archival, and other learning resources in the community
- CEU certification in field research methods, Ohio history, Ohio pre-history, archaeology, historical archaeology, cultural anthropology, and urban cultures.
- Participation in primary research projects that promise significant contributions to the social and cultural history of Northeast Ohio

The Center for Community Research offers something new and exciting in education: community-connected research designed to stimulate any student, citizen, teacher/professor who wants to apply research methods to subjects and sites right in the heart of one's community. All we ask is a willingness to work in collaborative teams and to apply a number of sciences to study complex urban issues. Join our ongoing projects or design your own with our assistance. Call, e-mail, visit or write us soon.

## Special opportunities for grades K-12

We engage students and teachers, grades K-12 in their first experience with community-based cultural research projects.

- After school programs in hands-on historical and archaeological research
- Instructional visits to the Center for Community Research
- High School senior honors projects in archaeology, anthropology, history, and urban studies.
- Summer Day Camp programs in archaeology



- High school and college course credit
- Community history and archaeology
- Web-based research instruction

Students in grades 9-12 may be eligible for CCC's Post-Secondary Enrollment Option Program-PSEOP. High school students may qualify to receive high school credit for college classes-and they may begin as early as their freshman year under PSEOP. High school student participants may take from one course up to a full-time load of courses, depending upon high school counselor approval.

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