

The Great Lakes and the Global Midwest
Proposal Abstract

At this unique moment of radically changing water geography, we propose to establish a multisite Great Lakes Lab rooted in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Lab will generate curricula, conferences, and innovative research projects that bridge campus and community. Participants in Great Lakes Lab events will approach issues of water distribution, toxicity, and privatization from a social angle and propose policy, as well as grassroots, initiatives. Funding from the Global Midwest initiative will enable us to seed the Lab at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Michigan State University, and the University of Michigan.