Students in material culture courses engaged in fieldwork documenting and interpreting traditional buildings and arts.

**Research Topics**

- **Folk Architecture and Cultural Landscapes**
  - Regional diffusion, formation, and hybridization
  - Vernacular adaptation of urban spaces
- **Folk Technology, Art, and Craft**
  - Woodcarving and Metalwork
  - Children’s toys and games
- **Physical Culture and Bodylore**
  - Strength Athletic Technology and Gym Culture
  - Gender and Strongman & Strongwomen Performance
- **Ethnic-Religious Culture**
  - Jewish ritual and material culture
  - Pennsylvania-German and Amish diaspora

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- Lifetime Scholarly Achievement Award, American Folklore Society, 2018
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- Kenneth Goldstein Memorial Award for Lifetime Academic Leadership, American Folklore Society, 2015