Kimberly Kleinhans, Administrator of the Michigan Dance Council (MDC) and PhD student in Education at Wayne State University will present her research on the exploration of the meaning of innovation in the context of economic development and will discuss a summary of best practices. Arts Councils in Michigan are looked at as potential facilitators of increased innovation and creative thinking. Kleinhans surveyed, cataloged and mapped data on current activities and capacities of Arts Councils across the state to identify appropriate strategies to utilize in regions and communities.

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