# THE ROTUNDA at Sinsinawa Mound

## Reimagine with us!

## **Location:**

585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI.

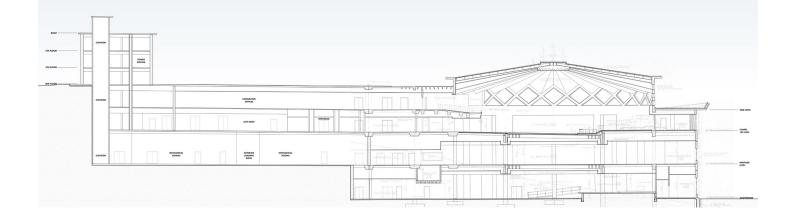
### Team:

Gronen **VenuWorks UW-Milwaukee** Sinsinawa Dominicans, Inc. "Collaborating in the real world is exactly what we need in higher education. This is something you cannot learn from a textbook, having the opportunity to work on unique projects and step off campus to gain real-world experience is invaluable."

#### William Krueger

Historic Preservation Institute





## **UW-MILWAUKEE**

#### **Academic Purpose:**

The Rotunda at Sinsinawa Mound offers a unique academic opportunity for students from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee's Historic Preservation Institute (HPI) to engage in an adaptive reuse project. Students are tasked with reimagining the Rotunda and its 1964 mid-century buildings, creating a space where learning, design, and community partnerships intersect.

#### **Hands-on Learning:**

What makes this initiative particularly meaningful is the collaborative framework among the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, Gronen, VenuWorks, and UW-Milwaukee, in which students are not mere observers but active contributors.

Through this studio course, HPI students work directly with real clients and explore potential programming opportunities to develop design solutions that honor the site's historic and cultural significance. This hands-on experience equips students with practical skills and prepares them to navigate the technical and collaborative challenges of preservation projects in their future careers.

#### **Outcomes:**

Students will work with the team to create programming plans that connect the Rotunda's spaces with new, meaningful and viable uses. They will develop design proposals and visual studies that show how the buildings could serve future community needs. The studio focuses on building analysis, creative problem-solving, and clear design communication within the context of adaptive reuse and real-world scenarios.

