

# SPECIAL PURPOSE CENTERS

## **Centers of Excellence at Northern Michigan University**

Northern Michigan University is home to several special purpose centers, which provide and coordinate educational outreach programming to K-12 educators and community members throughout the Upper Peninsula. Several Centers also coordinate undergraduate programs at NMU.

### **Center for Economic Education** *145 Magers Hall*

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The Center for Economic Education consults with educators and promotes, develops and implements economic education courses, workshops, materials and programs across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Through a coordinated effort between the Center, a strong network of K-12 Michigan Educator Associates and a consortium of school districts, the CEE strives to advance the understanding of the economic way of thinking and its applications in order to foster a growing population of responsible, knowledgeable and effective participants in the global marketplace.

### **The Center for Gerontological Studies** *118 Gries Hall*

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The mission of the Center for Gerontological Studies is to promote research and educational opportunities for faculty, students and community members focusing on the needs of older adults living in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Center seeks to involve these stakeholders in the development and implementation of public policies that will enhance the lives of older adults in rural communities. The Center helps to develop educational programming related to aging, including a cross-college minor in gerontology at the undergraduate level. (See the Sociology and Social Work" section of this Bulletin for information on the minor.)

### **The Center for Native American Studies** *112 Whitman Hall*

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The mission of the Center for Native American Studies is to enrich the knowledge and understanding of the indigenous peoples of North America from a Native American perspective by providing an academic setting where Native American history, culture, and current issues can be viewed from multiple lenses. The center oversees a minor in Native American Studies. (See the "Center for Native American Studies" section of this Bulletin for a full description and information on the minor.)

### **The Center for Upper Peninsula Studies** *112 Whitman Hall*

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The purpose of the Center is to promote a greater understanding of the people, culture, history, and environment of Michigan's Upper Peninsula through a variety of research, teaching, and outreach programs. The Center aims to develop an understanding and appreciation of the Upper Peninsula as a distinctive region; to develop and support a community of people studying the area; to initiate, undertake, encourage and support research and scholarly work on all aspects of the region, its people and its resources; and to provide services to regional institutions and researchers.

### **The Glenn T. Seaborg Center for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics** *2805 West Science Building*

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The mission of the Glenn T. Seaborg Center for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics is to enrich the knowledge and understanding of the general public in the areas of science and mathematics; particularly that of students and teachers from preschool through college. The objectives of the Seaborg Center are to provide programs that support the teaching and learning of science and mathematics at all levels, but particularly in the elementary and secondary schools of the Upper Peninsula; curriculum support to the schools; mathematics and science teacher education; professional development opportunities for teachers; and enrichment experiences for students.

### **The Upper Peninsula Center for Educational Development** *2805 West Science Building*

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The Upper Peninsula Center for Educational Development is a consortium of the seven intermediate school districts in the U.P. and Northern Michigan University. The mission of the Center is to increase educational achievement and citizenship among regional learners through educational development and technical assistance, resource development and coordination, and collaboration among Intermediate School Districts, universities, colleges and local school districts of the region.