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Operation Artists, Scholars, and Innovators

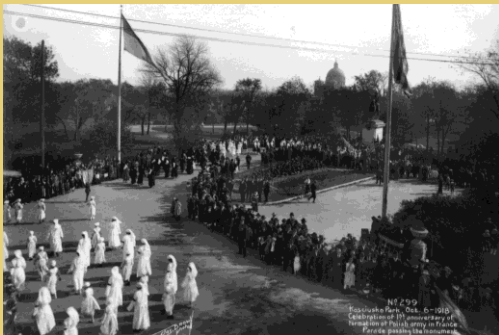
In the Park Neighborhoods (Lincoln Village and Baran Park) November, December 2012

Project OASIS is a long-term effort by Urban Anthropology Inc. to draw artists (of all genres) and humanities scholars to the Park Neighborhoods in order to enhance the cultural richness of the Old South Side. Urban Anthropology Inc., located in the Park Neighborhoods, is the only nonprofit in the US specializing in cultural urban anthropology.

Update on scholars' projects

Arcadia book on Old South Side involved 25 anthropologists

Event to unveil book slated for June 29th



Celebration of southside Poles at Kosciuszko Park

The work of dozens of cultural anthropologists working in Urban Anthropology's internship program played roles in collecting oral histories of the Old South Side during the last decade. Also important to this effort was Susan Mikos of Polanki, another anthropologist. Together this group of scholars pieced together the history of this neighborhood through and turned the its eras into captions of local photographs, mostly from the Roman Kwasniewski collection at UW-M. The result is a book in the *Images of America* series, called *Milwaukee's Old South Side*.

Event to roll out the book

On Saturday, June 29, a host of local organizations and political leaders will hold an event called "Old South Side Day" at Kosciuszko Park. Exhibits will feature historical segments of this area's history. Free food and music will also be available.

Update on artists' projects

Theatre begins on the cultural history of City

Yes, a civil rights march once came to Kosciuszko Park. And a play on this march was performed to a sold-out house at the
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Basilica of St. Josaphat on November 3rd. Local residents and other Milwaukeeans learned about the effects of the march on two neighborhoods – one on the south side and one on the north side of Milwaukee.

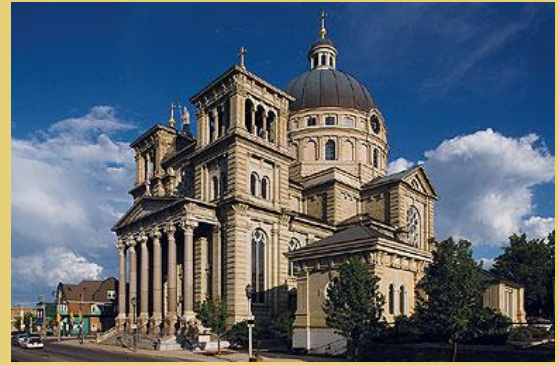


Play cast, left to right, top: Linetta Davis, Ryan Nelson, Damian Thompson, Dee Walker, Beth Reichart, Bria Cloyd, Jason Drake-Hames. Bottom: Christopher Goode, Ken Spears. (Crystasany Weaver not shown.)

Play first in a series

Urban Anthropology Inc., the producer of the play, will produce a theatre series based on the cultural history of Milwaukee. The plays will be based on 13 years of oral histories that have been conducted by anthropology interns.

The plays will be performed at the Basilica of St. Josaphat and other venues in the Park Neighborhoods.



The majestic Basilica of St. Josaphat

Future plays

Next year's play, *The Follow Up*, will feature a story on Milwaukee residents 40 years after they were evicted from their ethnic neighborhoods that were razed during the era of urban renewal and freeway building.

Another future play will recount south side mysteries that unfolded during the years that the area population was changing, including the never-solved theft of the famous Squirrel Lady statue in Kosciuszko Park.

Another will be a story of intrigue that took place on Jones Island during the years the Kashubes were being removed from the Island.

Join our living tour of the Park Neighborhoods

The Park Neighborhoods' resident association, Urban Anthropology Inc. is actively drawing OASIS people to our area to live, work, and create new organizations or businesses in this beautiful area (see a booklet on neighborhood assets at <http://www.urban-anthropology.org/OCCbook%20v2a.pdf>). If you are an artist of any kind, a humanities scholar, or an innovator such as a community activist or creative entrepreneur, we have a financial specialist and a real estate agent just to serve you (at no cost ever). We also offer a list of rental properties in the area and neighborhood tours to help community-contributing people with modest incomes own and rent properties. Contact Rick Petrie (below) for this assistance.

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