In the latter half of the 20th century, a new paradigm of urbanism took hold: the shrinking city. Despite disinvestment and a call to “rightsizing” shrinking cities, these communities retain astounding historic resources and significant heritage. Dr. Ryberg-Webster will explore the role and challenges of historic preservation in shrinking cities, using case examples from Cleveland, Ohio, and draw parallels to the ongoing discourses about heritage across the City of New Orleans. She will illustrate the complexities of preserving the rich heritage of shrinking cities, highlight the need for preservationists to work with a wider range of partners, and question the applicability of longstanding preservation tools for cities and neighborhoods rich with heritage, but overwhelmed by decades of disinvestment.