Connecting the History and Ideology of Thomas Jefferson to The University of Missouri
Problem: Disconnect between Headstone, Obelisk, and the University of Missouri

- Draw in visitors to monument
- Re-establish relationship between headstone and obelisk
- Create a moment in time between visitor and monument
- Connect monument to the University of Missouri
Drawing in Visitor's Traffic Pattern Analysis

- Student traffic in Red
- Faculty and staff traffic in Green

Results

- Monument must create a “pause” in traffic
Headstone and Obelisk Relationship

- Re-connect the two elements
Connecting Visitors to Display

Challenge: Invite onlookers without compromising monument’s integrity

- Protect headstone with minimal physical barriers
- Develop relationship between visitor and monument with materials
- Establish a private moment with monument
Connection to the University

• Original doorframe is retained

• Re-purposed beams from Switzer Hall are used
Design Solution

• Lighting draws visitors in and highlights the obelisk shape

• Floor material change generates a moment in time

• Original doorframe ties display directly to Jesse Hall
The Experience