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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

Welcome to September! I am excited to be back in the swing of school. I just love the interaction with students and discussing History.

Sincerely,
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1. Join us at “A CAPITOL IDEA” on Sat., Sept. 21st, in Lansing

The Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) invites you on “A WALK THROUGH MICHIGAN HISTORY & GOVERNMENT.” The morning program begins at 10 a.m. in the State Capitol, with lunch and the afternoon program in the Michigan History Center. The Sat., Sept 21st, activities conclude at 4 p.m.

The program offers educators the opportunity to learn about the unique experiences available to their students on a field trip to Lansing. The program includes presentations on scheduling, logistics, and tours of key sites. In addition, information will be provided describing nearby educational facilities and details on the statewide Michigan History facilities of the Department of Natural Resources. Presenters include spokespersons for the State Capitol Tours, the Michigan History center, the State Archives, the Library of Michigan, and the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center.

Registration is \$20/person and includes lunch, 5.5 SCECH available and resource materials. Deadline-Friday, September 13, 2019. To register online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/921MHG> and click on "Register." MAIL-IN Registration form is attached "RESA Registration Form" AND posted at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org> Questions? Call David Hales: 734-334-1309 or halesd@resa.net

2. Michigan Humanities Council announces Great Michigan Read Selection

The 2019-2020 Great Michigan Read is "What the Eyes Don't See" by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha! The Great Michigan Read program will begin in September 2019, and conclude in fall 2020. Want to become a partner? You can register now online at <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/become-a-2019-20-great-michigan-read-partner/> and materials -- including free books, readers' guides, and teachers' guides -- will be sent out in late August 2019. The 2019-20 Great Michigan Read is supported by The National Endowment for the Humanities, Meijer Foundation, and Martin Waymire.

3. 15th Michigan Railroad History Conference

The 15th Michigan Railroad History Conference will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The program will include a day of historical presentations as well as optional historical field trips in the area on Friday and Sunday. Lunch will be served. At the completion of the program, an informal panel discussion will be held at the afterglow.

For more information and updates see www.michiganrailroadhistory.org. Questions contact mrhc2019@gmail.com.

4. MHPN Seeks Conference Session Abstracts

The next Michigan Historic Preservation Network Annual Conference will take place May 14th-16th, 2020 in Kalamazoo. MHPN is looking for session abstracts for the 2020 conference. The conference theme is "Preservation On the Frontline." Abstracts are due by midnight, September 8th, 2019. Full details and info for abstract submission are available [here](#).

5. Cook Leadership Academy Alumni Panel

As the Boomers retire and the world pushes forward, a new generation of leaders is taking the reins. We must ask ourselves: how can young leaders be successful in today's economy, and what is their best path forward to success? As Lakers for a Lifetime and Cook Leadership Academy alumni, Allie Bush, Jeff Domagala, Megan Sall, and Selma Tucker are glowing examples of that transition from student to community leader. All four emanate the character and qualities it takes to lead in the community, while serving as role models to the leaders of tomorrow. Join this year's cohort of fellow candidates and community members, as the panelists share their personal and professional lessons in leadership.

Details: 4 PM, September 13, Loosemore Auditorium, Richard M. Devos Center, 401 Fulton St. W

Register here: <https://www.gvsu.edu/hc/cms-form-edit.htm?formId=091DC22A-B13D-AB29-C35EC906178C14A8>

6. Constitution Day is September 17th!

This Congressional initiative is authorized by Section 111 of Division J of Pub. L. 108 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005, Dec. 8, 2004; 118 Stat. 2809, 3344 Department.. Section 111(b) states each

educational institution that receives Federal funds for a fiscal year shall hold an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of such year for the students served by the educational institution For purposes of the Department implementation of this requirement educational institutions includes but is not limited to local educational agencies institutions of higher education receiving Federal funding from the Department.

Wayne RESA has a great site with links to resources for use on Constitution Day. You can find all kinds of lessons and activities at

<https://www.resa.net/curriculum/curriculum/socialstudies/highlights/constitutionday/webresources/>

7. Book Your Presidential Drama Early!

2020 will soon be upon us and GEM Theatrics has two great touring shows to help you celebrate, commemorate, entertain, and educate! Bring John and Abigail Adams or Harry S. Truman to your venue!

My Dearest Friend, by Mary G. Kron and Give 'Em Hell, Harry! by Samuel Gallu

Nonprofit organizations may qualify for a grant from the MI Humanities Council's Arts & Humanities

Touring Directory to bring John and Abigail Adams to your venue! Grant window opens 11/15/19. Go to www.gemtheatrics.com for more information about these shows and grant information.

8. Registration is open for the second annual Women's History Conference

The 2019 conference celebrates the role of women in agriculture as they effect change and explore how we can use the past to effect future change in ourselves and others.

The conference features sessions from expert presenters, including Anna Clark, research library assistant at the Jackson District Library who will speak about rural women of Jackson County and staff from the Ella Sharp Museum who will talk about the farming life of Ella Sharp.

The day includes tours of the Mann House and Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library, as well as a catered lunch.

Learn more and register for the conference [here](#).

9. 2019-2020 Challenge and Mini Grants Now Available -- Applications Due October 1

MotorCities is excited to announce two grant opportunities for 2019 and 2020. Both its Mini-Grant program, as well as the Challenge Grant program, are now accepting applications.

"These mini-grants are intended for short-term, high impact projects that need that extra little bit to move from concept to reality," said MotorCities Executive Director Shawn Pomaville-Size. "They can include tours, field trips, conferences, lectures, planning and studies. We encourage applicants to be creative."

A total of up to 10 mini-grants with a maximum value of \$1,500 each will be awarded. The mini-grants do not require a match, but projects exhibiting matching funds and additional leveraging will receive preference. The deadline for mini-grant applications is October 1, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST, and grant awards will be announced by November 1, 2019.

Challenge Grants are awarded for up to \$25,000, and funds must be matched by a combination of cash, in-kind, donated goods and documented volunteer services. Challenge grant applications must be received by October 1, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST, and grant awards will be announced by November 1, 2019.

MotorCities deploys programming which preserves and promotes the automotive and labor heritage of the 10,000-square mile National Heritage Area, focusing on three areas:

Revitalization;

Education & Interpretation;

and Heritage Tourism.

Learn more about both grant programs at motorcities.org/grants-programs.

For any questions about project eligibility or whether your project best fits the mini-grant or challenge grant program, contact Brian Yopp at 313.259.3425 x307 or byopp@motorcities.org.

10. Facing History & Ourselves Resources

We all know how challenging it can be to engage students sometimes but also how crucial it is in developing informed and responsible citizens. Facing History & Ourselves has some powerful tool teaching tools to address current events in the classroom **and they're free**. Find them here: [free resources to teach current events](#). These resources, “Foster thoughtful classroom conversations and build your students’ capacities for critical thinking, emotional engagement, ethical reflection, and civic agency.”

11. Save these dates NOW for NCHE in Cleveland in 2020

2020 NCHE Conference—Past, Present, and Future: NCHE at 30, Cleveland, OH, March 19-21-NCHE is Now Accepting Session Proposals; submission deadline is September 23, 2019. The 2020 Call for Proposals, can be found at: <https://www.nche.net/2020proposalsubmission>

12. 2019 National History Teacher of the Year Finalists

These educators were chosen from the 53 exceptional 2019 State History Teachers of the Year for their innovative methods of bringing history to life for their students through the use of historic documents and artifacts, field trips, demonstrations, and hands-on projects. The National History Teacher of the Year, who will be announced in September, will receive a \$10,000 prize and a special ceremony in New York City, where the Gilder Lehrman Institute will present the National History Teacher of the Year Award in October. Check out more information on these exceptional teachers at <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/noteworthy/meet-2019-national-history-teacher-year-finalists>

The winner of the 2018 Michigan History Teacher of the Year Award is Paul Scheidler of Hartland High School. Many congratulations to him from the entire MCHE team.

13. Teaching with Film

TPS Teaching Network has a new Teaching with Film group on their website. It is filled with great ideas and resources to bring film into the classroom. Check it out here: [Teaching with Film](#)

14. Michigan Council for Social Studies (MCSS) makes plans for Fall 2019

A Fall Regional Conference is being planned for Macomb ISD on Sat., Nov. 2. Sean McBrady and Annie Whitlock are organizing this event. The Fall Conference will be held in Traverse City with the date TBD.

15. MWF Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

MWF has announced that Vernice Davis Anthony, Terry Blackhawk, Gilda Jacobs and The Sister Survivors of Larry Nassar will be the contemporary inductees into the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame on November 7th at Detroit’s Cobo Center. The historical honorees are Martha Baldwin, Margaret Kirchner, and Lucille Watts. Together, they have shown us what courage, commitment, and conviction look like and how their actions have advanced so much, for so many. One hundred years from now, their names and their accomplishments must be remembered. If you are interested in registering to attend this ceremony, the information is here <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E129886&id=95>

16. World War I Educational Information

The National World War I Museum and Memorial is a great resource for teachers. Even though it is located in Kansas City, the website links educators to an abundance of information and resources for teaching about the “Great War”. Check out all they have to offer: <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/educators-students>

17. Patriot Week 9/11-9/17

Patriot Week renews America's spirit by deepening the appreciation of the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other Patriots, vital documents and speeches, and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Many of our current holidays have become overly commercialized or have lost their deeper meaning. We need to invigorate our appreciation and understanding of America's spirit. Anchored by the key dates of September 11 (the anniversary of the terrorist attacks) and September 17 (Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution by our Founding Fathers), the Schedule for each day has a separate focus. Co-created in 2009 by Judge Michael Warren and his then 10-year-old daughter Leah, Patriot Week has captured the imagination and support of citizens across the nation. For lesson plans, educational videos, and a schedule of events in Michigan and elsewhere this year, visit www.PatriotWeek.org.

18. River Raisin National Battlefield Park

September is full of great events at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park such as the story of the park, nature walks, and Remembering the Raisin. The full list of activities can be found at

<https://www.nps.gov/rira/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>

19. Save Michigan History grant program awards \$4,449 to three Michigan libraries and museums

The Michigan State Historical Records Advisory Board has announced the 2019 recipients of the Save Michigan History grant program.

The board awarded \$4,449 to the Argus Museum in Ann Arbor, the St. Clair County Library, the Lapeer District Library for a variety of projects that will increase availability of historical records around the state.

The Save Michigan History grant program, a partnership between the Michigan State Historical Records Advisory Board and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, awards smaller Michigan historical organizations and institutions with funding to preserve archival records. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$2,000 to preserve records and make them available to the public.

For more information about the Save Michigan History grant program, visit the Save Michigan History website or contact the Archives of Michigan at Archives@Michigan.gov or 517-335-2576.

20. Family Free Day at the Henry Ford Museum

On September 15 everyone receives free admission to the Henry Ford Museum thanks to a very generous donor. Museum hours are 9am-5pm.

21. Plan now to commemorate 100th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage in 2020

Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote. On May 5, 2019 the History News Network featured an interesting article, "A Tale of Two Suffragists: Hazel Hunkins and Maud Wood Park" by Susan Ware To read article, visit <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/171894>

22. Future History Skills Workshops at the Historical Society of Michigan

[Visit their website for full descriptions of each workshop.](#)

Friday, September 6

If These Walls Could Talk: Researching Your Historic House

Friday, September 20

Museum Newbies – How Do I...?

Friday, October 11

Selling History: Operating a Museum Store

Participants can “attend” remotely, if they prefer. If you can watch and listen to a video on Facebook or YouTube, you can attend our workshops remotely! Details for remote connection will be provided. (Remote access is not available for off-site workshops.)

Workshops are held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Historical Society of Michigan’s **NEW BUILDING, 7435 Westshire Dr., Lansing, Michigan** (unless otherwise noted).

23. Join us for our Fall Teacher Professional Development Workshop!

WWI 360: Teach Like an Ace and Deliberative Dialogue from the Classroom to the Cabinet Room

November 7, 2019

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$4

This one-day workshop from the National WWI Museum and Memorial offers a blend of meaningful content and primary-source focused methods for teaching WWI and its enduring impact. Learn to debunk common WWI misconceptions, how to teach beyond the Western Front and why we need to teach WWI now more than ever.

You’ll also learn how to use historical deliberations to engage, educate, and equip your students.

Breakfast and lunch included; SCECHs available for those who apply. A limited number of sub reimbursements are available.

You won’t want to miss this professional development opportunity provided by the National WWI Museum and Memorial, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Michigan Center for Civic Education, and Michigan Council for History Education!

To register: cshubert@38foundation.org or 616.254.0409

24. News from “Bridge” (The Center for Michigan)

** Amid literacy crisis, Michigan’s school librarians have all but disappeared

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/amid-literacy-crisis-michigans-school-librarians-have-all-disappeared>

** M-STEP shows no progress for Michigan’s struggling third-grade readers

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/m-step-shows-no-progress-michigans-struggling-third-grade-readers>

** As Lansing debates funding, schools struggle to pay teachers, fix roofs

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/lansing-debates-funding-schools-struggle-pay-teachers-fix-roofs>

25. Selected Items from the History News Network (www.hnn.us)

** The History and Mythology of the Mayflower Arrival in 1620

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172776>

** Russian History Gives the United States an Ominous Warning

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172774>

** Chocolate and the History Behind Historical Fiction

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/172846>

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