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Friday, October 2

Virtual Tours

Join us Friday morning and afternoon for virtual tours of historic Lansing. Get a behind-the-scenes look at museums, historic buildings, and other points of interest around the city—all without having to leave home or board a tour bus. Each tour provides an opportunity to view Lansing’s rich history from a unique perspective as you learn from local curators, tour guides, and experts.

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Exhibitor Time

We know that browsing the vibrant exhibit tables is a highlight for conference attendees, and we intend to replicate that experience with our first-ever Virtual Exhibit Hall.

- See and hear from local organizations, authors, sponsors, and other vendors.
- Exhibitors will join the stream after every session to tell you about their work—from Q&As with authors to news from historical organizations.
- Visit virtual exhibit tables on our website, complete with vendor information and links to their products and services.
- Start up a conversation with exhibitors on our social media group while you watch the live stream.

Our Virtual Exhibit Hall will bring you closer to the vendors than ever before.

Mini-Workshops

Some conference-goers like to attend training opportunities that can help them hone their skills—and those attendees have not been forgotten. Opposite the tours, we’ve scheduled four mini-workshops. Participants can choose one mini-workshop or join them all for a “workshop track.”

9 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.
Fading Photos: How to Identify, Scan, Restore, and Archive Historical Photographs

Robert Myers, Historical Society of Michigan

This workshop assists small museums, historical societies, and interested collectors in identifying and preserving their historical photographs. The presenter will review basic conservation techniques, storage recommendations, digital scanning, and how to approach cataloging issues. Attendees will have the chance to see plenty of examples and ask any questions that they may have.

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
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Mini-Workshops cont’d

10:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.
PastPerfect 101
Christy Kincaid, Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum
You bought PastPerfect—now how do you use it? The PastPerfect collections management software is popular with museums of all sizes, but it can overwhelm users with its complexities. A longtime PastPerfect user will help demystify the database and show you how to get the most out of the system. Recommended for PastPerfect 5.0 users.

11:45 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Exhibitor Time

12 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
Making the List: Nominating a Building to the State Register of Historic Places
Heather Lehman, Michigan History Center
What is the State Register of Historic Places? How does a property qualify? What are the benefits of a listing on the register? What is the research and nomination process? Learn the ins and outs of getting a property listed on the State Register of Historic Places. The speaker will also review how to get a Michigan Historical Marker for your property.

1:15 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Exhibitor Time

1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.
Bringing History to Life: Creating First-Person Interpretations
Barbara Schwaderer & Craig McGirr, Northwest Territory Alliance
The museum visitor of today expects an interactive, hands-on experience—and first-person interpretation delivers on that expectation. Learn from the historical interpreters at the Northwest Territory Alliance about how they bring history to life by providing authenticity, connection, and empathy for the people of the past.

2:45 P.M. - 3 P.M.
Exhibitor Time
If you enjoy “sniffing out” and exploring fascinating historical subjects, the Historical Society of Michigan’s History Hounds® lecture series offers weekly in-depth presentations, allowing attendees to curl up with a myriad of historical topics.

- History Hounds is FREE for members of HSM. (Nonmembers can enjoy a lecture for $7.)
- Participants can attend remotely from the comfort and safety of their homes.
How well do you know your state? Get to know other conference attendees as you play along in our interactive Michigan history trivia “happy hour.” The game will determine your mastery of useless knowledge of our Great Lakes State and earn you bragging rights among your kith and kin! Grab some paper and a pencil, and come join the fun!

Each year, the Historical Society of Michigan presents State History Awards to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation and understanding of Michigan history. Join us as we present 2020’s awards and recognize the achievement of an individual or organization in the collection, preservation, and/or promotion of state and local history.
Saturday, October 3

Day 2 offers seven time periods, where you can choose to attend one of two presentations. Each session will also be followed by an Exhibit Time period, just like on Day 1!

1. HSM Business Meeting

2. Exhibitor Time

Women Under the Dome: Groundbreakers at the Capitol

Valerie R. Marvin
Michigan State Capitol

Harriet Tenney made history when she became the first female state officer in 1869. Soon, there were dozens of women working in the Capitol in a variety of positions, including librarians, clerks, janitors, and legislators. Join us to “meet” several of those women and examine their work and enduring legacies in the Capitol.

Capitalists and Laborers: Building an Auto Industry in Lansing

David Christopher Siwik
Lansing Community College

Join us as we discover the story of Lansing’s growth. Increasing rates of automobile production created a need for physical infrastructure. Learn not only about the individuals who founded notable automobile companies in the city but also about the laborers and labor unions whose work actually produced the cars and roads.

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**Making Home: Latinos in West Michigan**

**Delia Fernandez-Jones**  
*Michigan State University*

As Latino labor migrants made their way to West Michigan during the 1920s to the 1970s, they strove to find their place in recreational and church settings while navigating local religious and racial hierarchies. Join us for this session to learn about their stories, as well as their activism for greater civil and human rights for Latinos.

**Exhibitor Time**

**Diving In: Wesley Bintz, Pool Designer**

**Tegan D’Arcangelis Baiocchi**  
*Architectural Historian*

Active in Lansing from the 1920s to the 1960s, engineer and swimming pool designer Wesley Bintz patented a distinctive above-ground swimming pool popular among municipalities and the Works Progress Administration. This fascinating session will dive into the history of Bintz and his Michigan pools, including the Moores Park Swimming Pool in Lansing.

**Exhibitor Time**

**Faded Glory: Saving Michigan’s Civil War Battle Flags**

**Matt VanAcker**  
*Michigan State Capitol Battle Flag Collection*

The Michigan Capitol Battle Flag collection includes 240 battle flags carried by Michigan soldiers in the American Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and World War I. Join this session to learn about flag terminology, the importance of flags in battle, some specific regimental histories, and current historical conservation efforts.

**Exhibitor Time**

**Indigenous Astronomy: Star Knowledge, Sky Stories, and Science of the Potawatomi**

**Blaire Topash-Caldwell**  
*Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians*

For the Anishinaabék, the Indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes region, the sky serves as an archive of traditional knowledge. Join this breakout session to discover the historical accounts of Anishinaabé star knowledge and the ways in which that knowledge interrelates with Indigenous storytelling and science today.
The Power of the Black Imaginary: Afrofuturism and Comics

Julian Chambliss
Michigan State University

Explore the legacy of comics in Afrofuturism in this thrilling session, which addresses how comic books offer different visions of freedom, community, and power. In particular, the speaker will focus on comics and creators that engage with the Midwest and are inspired by Detroit’s importance to the urban-industrial experience.

Conquering the Cough: Grand Rapids Women Beating Disease

Julie Hoogland, Greater Grand Rapids Women’s History Council & Sue Thoms, Spectrum Health

Whooping cough used to be a deadly killer—until innovative public health scientists took action. Learn the remarkable story of the women who, in the 1930s and 1940s, fought for vaccine development, pioneered field studies, and inspired creative collaboration in a story that, until recently, had been lost to time.

Fading to Black: Detroit’s Negro League History—Lost and Found

Gary Gillette
Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium

A must-see for baseball fans, this session explores the history of Black baseball from the Civil War until the 1960s, including the establishment of the Detroit Stars team in 1919 and the Negro National League in 1920. The speaker will also discuss the ongoing efforts to restore Historic Hamtramck Stadium to its former glory.

Yearning to Breathe Free: Refugee Newcomers in Michigan

Erika Brown-Binion
Refugee Development Center

Refugees are valuable members of many communities across Michigan and offer unique perspectives on global and local issues that our society faces. Come to this presentation to learn how the Lansing Refugee Development Center supports those newcomers and to understand the importance of refugees to the Great Lakes State.

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**Picturesque Memories: Snapshots of Old Lansing**

Craig Whitford, Historian & Jim MacLean, Researcher

Join us at this session for a fun-filled romp down memory lane as the speakers display and discuss their favorite historical images of Michigan's capital city. In particular, this session will highlight the homes and buildings of Lansing's days gone by—many of which are no longer standing.

**Shadows From the Walls of Death: Dr. Kedzie’s Wallpaper Book**

Rachel Clark
Michigan History Center

Back in Victorian times, many hidden killers existed in our homes—even in our wallpaper. Learn the thrilling and morbid story of arsenic’s luminous green appeal through the lens of Michigan’s Dr. Kedzie, a professor who published a book of wallpaper samples that included dangerous arsenic dyes.

**A Place for Her: 150 Years of Women at MSU**

Megan Badgley-Malone
Michigan State University Archives & Historical Collections

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the first women students at Michigan State University (MSU). Join us as the speaker uncovers the history of women at MSU, including their first enrollment in 1870, the first two graduates, notable students, the creation of the home economics program, and much more.

**Unpacking Urban Renewal: A Complex History**

Matthew Lawrence Daley
Grand Valley State University

From the 1950s to the 1980s, urban renewal led to the construction of projects as varied as “festival marketplaces” and expressways. Come discover how those projects reflected attitudes toward race, class, and crime and are linked to the growth of suburbs, historic preservation, and gentrification.
Conference Registration
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