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Dear MCHE Members & Friends,

In the midst of the lazy, hazy days of summer, MCHE continues to strive to provide information that we hope is beneficial to you. Several actions were taken at the June MCHE Board meeting that are summarized below. Also, we welcome the contributions of four MCHE Board members who have assumed reporter roles. Many of the items are now being provided by Dick Cooley (GVSU), David Hales (Wayne RESA), Nadine Hall (Greenhills School) and Jana Pisani (Ferris State). Please feel free to email future items to teachinghistoryinmi@gmail.com.

Best Wishes,

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Dr. Tammy Shreiner, MCHE Executive Director
Dr. Jim McConnell, MCHE Board

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1. MCHE & MCSS Adopt Joint Social Justice Statement

In our commitment to diversity and inclusion, The Michigan Council for the Social Studies, and the Michigan Council for History Education, condemn the racist practices and policies that have resulted in the use of violence against members of our society, particularly members of the Black community. We are appalled by the killings and brutality. As organizations committed to social justice and racial equality, we continue to stand with our Black students, families, and educators. We will work to change the narrative about race in this nation by using our voice to make positive changes in education and our communities. We will continue to help address and eliminate racism, prejudice, and bigotry in all forms through honest dialogue and education. Informed people have the tools to engage in substantive conversation, to advocate for important policy changes, and to take informed action to foster positive changes in our communities and for future generations.

2. Call for Articles for Fall 2020 MCSS Journal

The next issue of the MCSS Journal is planned for Fall with a deadline of August 31. Our original theme for the fall issue was going to be elections II, but with all that has happened I have added teaching during a pandemic. Perhaps some articles on social justice issues and history on the one a century ago? In addition, the Winter 2020 issue had contributions from many of you, making it one of the best issues ever. Contact me if you have any questions. Please send your article(s) to Bob Pettapiece at- pettapiece@wayne.edu

3. NCHE Seeks Presenter Proposals for National Conference, Salt Lake City, April 8-10, 2021

NCHE invites proposals from K-12 and University teachers, historians, public history and education professionals for our 2021 National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Are you interested in presenting a Breakout Session, Poster Session or Mini Session at the conference? Now is a great time to prepare and

apply. We hope to see you at the Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek. Details and proposal application at <https://www.nche.net>

4. MCHE Congratulates New Officers, Board Members

The annual MCHE officer/trustees election results were announced by the Nominating Committee at the June 6th zoom Board meeting. Our congratulations to President Elect David Hales, Wayne RESA; David Zwart, Treasurer and Grand Valley history professor, and eight Trustees: Petra Alsoofy, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), Melvindale; Jim Cameron, Michigan Department of Education, Lansing; Anne-Lise Halvorsen, Michigan State University, East Lansing; Brenda Mayes Theobold, Woodhaven -Brownstown Schools; Sean O'Neill, Grand Valley State University, Allendale; Jana Pisani, Ferris State University, Big Rapids; & Catherine Tuzcek, Detroit Schools. Their terms begin on July 1, 2020, and end on June 30, 2022. The term of President-elect is one year, beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 annually.

5. MI Supreme Court Learning Center: Sweet Trials from 1920's Detroit: Lessons & Resources Available

The Learning Center participated several years ago in the Great Michigan Read: *Arc of Justice*, and our resources have recently been updated. Resources include a Reader's Theater script (5 min; 10-20+ characters), featuring the participants' own words; related activities and links to in-depth resources from the Great Michigan Read (elementary-adult) and Michigan Legal Milestones. The Sweet trials highlight compelling figures, including Dr. Sweet, who studied medicine at Howard University; the "Great Defender" Clarence Darrow; and then-Judge Frank Murphy, who later became a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. <https://courts.michigan.gov/education/learning-center/Documents/VirtualResources-SweetTrials.pdf>
(From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

6. National World War II Memorial's Virtual Summer Teachers Conference- July 21 - 25, 2020 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. daily.

The theme is "World War II 75th Anniversary: The Lasting Significance and Impact of World War II on America and the World." The conference will feature a presentation by WWII historian and New York Times bestselling author Alex Kershaw (*The Bedford Boys*, *The Liberator*, *The First Wave*) as well as fellow educators, a virtual tour of WWII Memorial, and discussions with World War II veterans. Everyone who participates in the conference will have the opportunity to participate in our virtual Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, July 25th. Registration ends July 10th. No Cost. For more information and to register, go <https://www.wwiimemorialteachers.org> (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

7. Library of Congress Lessons, From MCHE educationextras.com

An apropos lesson plan for the times: "The Power of Peace". Lesson Plan This lesson plan highlights the history of peaceful protest, based on the First Amendment to the Constitution the right of citizens to 'peaceably assemble'. It is a high school grade level lesson, although it might be used in middle school since the lesson mentions the Boston Tea Party. The bullet points under students will be able to" list the following: Organize and enact a peaceful protest, articulately present views and opinions, identify the impact of a protest/demonstration and predict possible reactions to protests by non-protesters. Historical references are made to the Boston Tea Party, the Civil Rights movement, the Suffrage Movement, the March against the Birmingham bombing and *Tinker v. Des Moines*. Our thanks to Kathy Bennett from the Flint Southwest Academy for her

work on this multi-day lesson. Visit http://educationextras.com/loc%20pdfs/attachments_2009_12_16/Kathy%20Bennet.pdf (From Richard Cooley GVSU)

8. River Raisins National Battlefield Park Programs

Enjoy the outdoors while observing ‘safe social distancing’. The River Raisin Heritage Trail offers eight miles of trails for biking and hiking. Take advantage of the nice weather and get some exercise while learning about the history connected to the park and the area. <https://www.nps.gov/rira/planyourvisit/outdooractivities.htm>
(From Richard Cooley GVSU)

9. Colonial Williamsburg. Let’s Dance! https://resourcelibrary.history.org/sites/default/files/DanceOurDearestDiversion_0.pdf

This elementary lesson plan promotes some exercise and fun! Dancing was part of the cultural lives of all the people in Colonial America, whether in the Governor’s Palace or in any number of places. There were no social or economic barriers to dance. (From Richard Cooley GVSU)

10. PBS Offers Education Programs <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/the-civil-war-full-film/the-civil-war/>

The full film of Ken Burns’ “The Civil War is offered on PBS. An activity I used with my students was based on a letter that Sullivan Ballou wrote home to his wife before the First Battle of Bull Run, where Sullivan lost his life. For the sake of brevity and to translate some of the language of the time, Burns decided to slightly alter the original letter: <http://www.sullivanballou.com/sullivanballou/default.cfm?page=letful>. I had my students close their eyes and listen to the Burns’ letter and then read through the actual letter. Why were the changes made? Did the changes alter the meaning or purpose of the letter? What important research skill would the differences in the letters reveal about how historians or media companies report history? (From Richard Cooley GVSU)

11. Help Your Students Become Agents of Change

The Michigan Center for Civic Education is excited to announce a terrific opportunity for upper elementary through secondary teachers to become agents of change with their students by joining Project Citizen. This virtual institute will kick off July 20 followed by fall and spring seminars and supported mentorship throughout the year. Participants will be expected to implement Project Citizen with students during the coming academic year. Teachers who complete the year of the program are eligible for a stipend! For more information and to register, <https://www.miciviced.org/programs/project-citizen/> (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

12. National Council on Economic Ed Offers Free Summer Webinars on Economics and Personal Finance Education

Topics range from Government Intervention in the Economy to an examination of Business Cycles: Recessions vs Depressions. Grade levels are K-12 but most topics are identified 9-12. Visit: <https://www.econedlink.org/> (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

13. MCSS Summer Virtual Pd Opportunity: "Changing Practices for Changing Times" August 10-14, 9:00-12:15 p.m.

The Michigan Council for the Social Studies offers a unique, one-week, intensive workshop to jumpstart the 2020-21 academic year. The focus will be on implementing principles from The C3 Framework and blending disciplinary, digital, and critical literacy skills into classroom instruction. This course is appropriate for grades 5-12. Participants can earn 30 scech credits (pending approval) For more information and to register: <https://www.mcssmi.org/> (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

14. DIA Looking for Educators to Help Design Education Kits This Summer

Focus will be on areas of the collection that have the most relevant connections to state learning standards and cross-curricular opportunities and will be developed for elementary, middle school, and high school curricula. Museum kits will focus on the following areas of the collection: Native American, Ancient Middle East, Egypt, Africa, Greek and Roman, African American, American, and the Renaissance. Selected educators will be paid a \$500 stipend for development and completion of a kit by July 31st. If you are interested in helping develop these kits, please fill out the application at the following DIA link https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=f19uTwZSA0GF8_ECLJVJAA6CZMpd2PtEpe11DR0Rp_1UOE9UNDBLMzFBMUhNNjRBOE1IVVVZR0VUQy4u. (From David Hales, Wayne RESA)

15. Michigan Women Forward (<https://miwf.org/herstory/mi-womens-history-center/>), formerly Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame

This center honors distinguished women, both historical and contemporary, who have been associated with the U.S. state of Michigan. To honor these pioneers, MWF assumed responsibility for the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and Historical Center in 2018. The stories of women's contributions to Michigan's history inspire the women and girls of today and tomorrow. . (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

16. History News Network (HNN) (<https://historynewsnetwork.org/>)

The mission of this website is to help put current events into historical perspective. This site contains a lot of information in various forms, books, blogs, news stories, etc. Each week HNN features up to a dozen fresh op-eds by prominent historians. . (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

17. Other Michigan Museums:

** Arab American National Museum (<https://arabamericanmuseum.org/>) The Arab American National Museum (AANM) is the first and only museum of its kind in the United States devoted to recording the Arab American experience. AANM has one of the most extensive archives of Arab American historical documents, oral histories, and artifacts.

** Dr. Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (<https://www.thewright.org/>) is located in the Cultural Center of the city of Detroit, Michigan. Founded in 1965, the museum holds the world's largest permanent exhibit on African-American culture. Current Exhibits: Celebrating Black Womanhood (<https://www.thewright.org/exhibitions/queen-collection-cch-pounder>) January 28, 2020 - August 02, 2020, and In Memoriam (<https://www.thewright.org/memorial>): Covid-19 has devastated the African American community, this exhibit is in honor of those who lost their lives.

** The Detroit Historical Society (<https://detroithistorical.org/about-us/detroit-historical-society>) oversees two museums: the Detroit Historical and Dossin Great Lake. Has a great collection of online resources on the history of Detroit (<https://detroithistorical.org/about-us/online-resources>).

** Detroit Historical Museum (<https://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/exhibitions>) The Detroit Historical Museum is the only museum dedicated to telling the region's history. Signature Exhibitions are permanent installations that showcase more than 300 years of our city's rich history. A few upgraded exhibitions are Streets of Old Detroit, America's Motor City, and Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work, 1701-1901.Â

Dossin Great Lakes Museum (<https://detroithistorical.org/dossin-great-lakes-museum/plan-your-visit/general-information>) is dedicated to showcasing the story of the Great Lakes, with a special emphasis on Detroit's role in regional and national maritime history.

** Holocaust Memorial Center (<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>) The mission is to engage, educate, and empower by remembering the Holocaust. Currently, the museum only has core exhibits (<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/exhibitions/exhibits/>) available; the Eternal Flame and Memorial Wall, the Boxcar, and Museum of European Jewish Heritage as examples. . (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

18. Clements Library (<https://clements.umich.edu/>)

Founded in 1923, the library holds collections of print and manuscript materials on the history of North American and the Caribbean, with particular strengths in 18th and 19th-century American history.

Online Exhibits-Death in Early America. (<https://clements.umich.edu/exhibit/death-in-early-america/>) This exhibit explores American practices and traditions for coping with death, from the early years of European exploration and discovery to the early 20th century and the burgeoning modern funeral industry.

Clements Bookworm: (https://umich.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6-uBey5BRneGzLydB7kbqA)

Online event for History Lovers Panelists and featured guests discuss history topics in this weekly webinar. Recommended books, articles, and other resources are provided in each session as we vary between formats: Reader Panel, Author Conversation, Collectors Corner, and Fellow Spotlight.

When: Fridays, 10am - 11am EDT

Where: Register at myumich.com/gjgzR. You will receive your link to join the meeting via confirmation email as well as a reminder email one hour before the event begins. . (From Nadine Hall, Greenhill School, Ann Arbor)

19. Historical Society of Michigan

The Historical Society of Michigan publishes the Michigan History magazine, which features stories about the fascinating people, places, communities, and institutions of Michigan. The magazine is published six times a year and is offered as either an individual subscription or as an enhancement to HSM membership. To subscribe, visit <http://hsmichigan.org/>. <https://www.mountvernon.org/> (from Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

20. News from "Bridge" (The Center for Michigan)

**"Poll: Michigan Dems, GOP Disagree Whether Schools Will Be Safe for Kids" 9 June 2020, by Sophia Yoon.

**"Michigan Launches a WiFi Hotspot Map to Aid Those Lacking Internet Access" 10 June 2020, by Sophia Yoon.

**"Michigan Colleges Vow to Reopen in Fall. Experts Say Read the Fine Print" 10 June 2020, by Ron French.

Please visit <https://www.bridgemi.com/subscribe> to subscribe to this nonpartisan news source. <https://www.mountvernon.org/> (from Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

21. This Month in History: Historical Events in the Month of July, from the History Place

- **July 1, 1867—The Canadian Confederation was created.
- **July 4, 1776---The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.
- **July 9, 1868—The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified.
- **July 14, 1789—The Bastille prison, a symbol of monarchical repression, fell to revolutionaries in Paris, France.
- **July 16, 1862--African American journalist Ida B. Wells was born in Holly Springs, Missouri.
- **July 19, 1848—The Seneca Falls convention for women’s rights began in Seneca Falls, New York.
- **July 20, 1969—Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon.
- **July 24, 1783—Simón Bolívar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

For more important dates in history, see the History Place at <https://www.historyplace.com/https://www.mountvernon.org/> (from Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

22. George Washington’s Mt. Vernon is currently closed due to Covid-19

The site has been producing fascinating weekday livestream videos about a variety of topics which may be viewed on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube as well as the Mount Vernon website itself. See the Mount Vernon website at <https://www.mountvernon.org/> (from Jana Pisani, Ferris State)

23. Prestigious Awards offered by Historical Society

Make your nominations for the 2020 HSM State History Awards today! Deadline Friday, July 31. Awards are presented in 15 categories, including "Educator" and "Education Program." For details including application form, visit www.hsmichigan.org

24. Governor Whitmer Makes Appointments to Michigan Historical Commission

The Michigan Historical Commission was established in 1913 and advises the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on the museum, archival, and other programs of the Michigan Historical Center. These appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. The nominees include:

- ** Timothy J. Chester, of Grand Rapids, is the principal of Timothy J. Chester & Associates, LLC and the former director of the Grand Rapids Public Museum. He holds a Master of Arts in American Culture from the University of Michigan.
- ** Robin R. Terry, of Rochester Hills, is the chairwoman and CEO of the Motown Historical Museum. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications and Film from Eastern Michigan University.
- ** Larry J. Wagenaar, of Ada, is the executive director and CEO of the Historical Society of Michigan and serves as publisher of Michigan History magazine. He earned his Master of Arts in History and Library Sciences at Kent State University.

25. The Secret Plan for the U.S. to Invade Canada Before WWII

FYI...had you heard of this before?...as well as Canada’s plan to invade the U.S.? Visit <https://youtu.be/PDJsQ2tWFJs>

26. Motor Cities National Heritage Area Reports Opening of Three Key Attractions

The first was the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in the Milwaukee Junction area of Detroit. They are now open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at <https://www.fordpiquetteplant.org/>
Second, the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners resumed public hours in June. Get all the details on new exhibits, operating hours and visitor policies at <https://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org>
Finally, the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society in Eastpointe will be open ONLY on Saturdays beginning July 11 for the rest of July and August. Find more at <https://www.mimths.org>
NOTE: To subscribe to the "Motor Cities National Heritage Area newsletter, visit <https://www.motorcities.org>

27. "Churchill...Walking with Destiny"

This hefty book is an outstanding biography of famous guy. While the story of Churchill's leadership of Great Britain during the Second World War is well-known, his life is much richer than 'merely' his leadership in the early 1940s. However, the book by: Andrew Robert is over 50 hours work of listening for senior citizens with vision challenges. (Chernow' biography of Grant was a mere 40 hours.)

28. Check out Book TV & American History TV Weekend Programming

Every Friday, check out the programs for the weekend so you can set your recorder and watch later. C-Span 2 schedule is at <http://www.c-span.org/series/?bookTv> and C-Span 3 American History <http://www.c-span.org/history/>

29. Historical Society of Michigan Announces Virtual Annual Conference, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2-3

The 146th annual Michigan History Conference will not only include fascinating information about our state's past and the stories of its peoples but also make history itself. The Friday & Saturday, October 2 & 3, 2020, annual meeting will be the first-ever 100 percent virtual history conference to be organized and hosted by the Historical Society of Michigan Updates at www.hsmichigan.org

30. MCSS Also Plans Virtual Conference, Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2-3

Dave Johnson, MCSS President, has reported that, rather than gathering in the Cherry Capitol of Michigan... Traverse City, the Michigan Council for the Social Studies will hold their annual conference 'virtually.'" The UPDATE on both the Conference and the Social Studies Olympiad states "Concerning the Annual Conference on April 17 - 18, 2020 at Grand Traverse Resort, we have decided to reschedule until October 2 - 3, 2020 at Grand Traverse Resort. We will continue to work closely with stakeholders and monitor the development of COVID-19 recommendations from the CDC, WHO, and other groups of health professionals. We will provide updates on the conference and the Social Studies Olympiad through our website, MCSS Facebook group, and Twitter as we have them.' Check for new info at <https://www.mcssmi.org/>

31. The Henry Ford offers Innovation Learning Series: Be Empathetic

We are activating innovation learning in your home to inspire your creative genius and can-do spirit. Our experts will guide you through a daily series of lessons, activities and content built around Habits of an Innovator — Be Empathetic. Missed a session this past week? Visit thf.org to view archived videos. Read more at https://www.thehenryford.org/innovation-learning-virtual-series/?utm_campaign=edu_3rd_weekly_learning_home_update_june_2020&utm_source=ipost&utm_medium=email

32. PBS Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Women’s Vote with AMERICAN EXPERIENCE “The Vote.”

In the summer of 2020, PBS will launch a slate of multiplatform content to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote in the United States. As part of its strategy to present thematically connected programming each quarter, PBS will honor and commemorate those who fought for women’s suffrage in the U.S., the feminist movement throughout the 20th century, and the stories of modern women who continue to shatter the glass ceiling and transform modern history. Details at <https://www.pbs.org/about/blogs/news/pbs-celebrates-100th-anniversary-of-womens-vote-with-american-experience-the-vote-along-with-multiplatform-content-honoring-suffragists-feminist-leaders-and-modern-day-changemakers/>

33. What will schools look like in the Fall?

With so many different events impacting us, I find it a challenge to focus on anything. As a 'retired' educator I am concerned about both K-12 and higher education plans for the Fall. In discussing with Michigan Council for History Education Board, a friend shared an article on the draft plans for the Detroit Schools <https://detroit.chalkbeat.org/2020/6/5/21282182/draft-detroit-district-reopening-plan-coronavirus> The article includes a direct link to a 21-page report providing details. I skimmed the Table of Contents. Impressive document.

34. Traffic Fatalities v. COVID-19?

On comparing Traffic Fatalities with COVID-19 Deaths
You might find this 2 minute YouTube video of interest. Wendy Evans, noted art historian, shared her husband's research on auto fatalities and COVID-19.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHPnl8qS4_Q&feature=youtu.be

35. Road Scholar offers outstanding Virtual Learning Lectures

Annette and I have watched several great talks on the Road scholar Virtual Learning presentations. Founded in the 1970s, Road Scholar has offered amazing travel programs for seniors in both the United States and around the world. Now, with tourism nonexistent, they have several of their scholars offering lectures. We have zoomed in on Morocco, Wales and are now immersed in learning about the Medicis of Renaissance Florence on our tv's big screen. To see full program list, visit <https://www.roadscholar.org> Then, on the red menu bar at the top of the page, click "Virtual Learning", the last topic on the right side. Annette 'dsicovered' the programs are available on our tv under YouTube.

36. SOAR Surveys Seniors on COVID-19

In May, SOAR (the Society of Active Retirees) sent a survey to their members. With over 300 responses, the comments are thoughtful and measure attitudes of their members. To read the summary and possibly see the full results, visit <https://soarexplore.com> Then, scroll down to the "Covid 19 and Curriculum Member Survy."

37. Statement From Lonnie G. Bunch, Smithsonian Secretary

May 31, 2020 News Release

Smithsonian Institution Secretary: Lonnie G. Bunch issued a powerful statement on current events and the relevance of history. Read more at <https://www.si.edu/newsdesk/releases/statement-secretary-lonnie-g-bunc>

38. PBS Tim Skubick "Off the Record" interview with Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer

<https://www.pbs.org/video/june-12-2020-gov-gretchen-whitmer-full-episode-me8gom/>
28-minute program has about 10 minutes of Skubick with 3 reports on current issues followed by Whitmer interview.

39. Michigan Humanities Council Announces 2020 Grant Recipients

(Editor's Note: the best way to learn about MHC fund is to look at recent folks who were awarded funding.)
MHC is pleased to announce \$204,284 in grants to 16 Michigan organizations in support of public humanities programming. The 16 projects were selected from 48 eligible applications to Humanities Grants, which support projects exploring history, theater, reading, education, and community identity in Michigan. See all of the spring, 2020, grant recipients at <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/humanities-grant-award-recipients/> Submit your Humanities Grant draft proposal today! Fall 2020 Humanities Grant draft proposals are currently being accepted with a final application deadline of August 27. Visit <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/humanities-grants/> for additional information.

40. Programs at the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies Ethical, Effective Leaders for the 21st Century

Inspired by Ralph Hauenstein, we seek to provide a platform for emerging leaders in all three major sectors of public life – business, government, and nonprofit. We promote civic engagement that (1) honors the Founders' vision of a constitutional republic; (2) builds on existing democratic institutions that promote justice, freedom, opportunity, sustainable prosperity, and the rule of law; and (3) envisions the possibilities for creating better communities.

More info at <https://www.gvsu.edu/hc/>
