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Dear Friends of MCHE,

I encourage you to take advantage of the Joint NCHE/MCHE Membership at an amazing \$\$\$ savings when you register for the NCHE National Conference. Thanks to the efforts of MCHE President-elect Nick Orłowski, we are now able to offer a financial savings for history teachers in Michigan. Prompt action is requested, however, to complete the application form mentioned in Item #1 below.

On Wednesday, March 10, 2021, the people of Michigan will observe the tragic anniversary of Governor Whitmer's evening announcement that Michigan had two COVID-19 cases. Fortunately, she had already initiated planning for the emergency. On Feb. 28, 2020, she activated the Michigan Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). Her advance planning prepared her to announce that life in Michigan would change on Friday, March 13, 2021. To view a "Michigan Coronavirus Timeline" on the initial weeks of the pandemic, visit <https://www.clickondetroit.com/health/2020/03/24/michigan-coronavirus-timeline-key-dates-covid-19-case-tracking-state-orders/>

Annette and I had planned a "shopping day" on March 12 and decide to visit the Twelve Oaks Apple Store to acquire a new computer. The updated Apple was worth the trip and we even enjoyed a nice lunch at a local restaurant, not fully aware that COVID would dominate all of our lives forever. We are finally beginning to address issues related to a post-COVID world: distinguishing between vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals, who will sit in the back of the bus, what new rules will stadiums, parks planes, etc.?

As a retired history teacher, I can only say that I am thankful for the extreme effort and commitment of Michigan educators in facing the challenges they face. My thanks to Kailie Burk, (Rockford Schools), for joining the intrepid MCHE E Notes reporters (Rich Cooley, David Hales, Nadine Hall, Jana Pisani) for contributing several items to each issue of this MCHE E-Newsletter. Their efforts and editing by Annette permit us to maintain the breadth of history coverage even as my macular degeneration continues to pose "challenges."

Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

For more info, visit MCHE on Facebook and the website. at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>
Questions, comments, corrections can be emailed to teachinghistoryinmi@gmail.com

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1. MCHE Offers Joint Membership with National Council for History Education

Now is the time to join both NCHE & MCHE for only \$25, a 50% savings off the regular NCHE member charge of \$50 annually. See the attached form to join both groups or visit <https://forms.gle/YKV2HQWL2WTppZxdA> to complete and submit online form.

NCHGE Member Benefits include: "History Matters," monthly e-news with articles & re-

sources, "Time Travelers", National Museum Admissions Network" and discount Registration Fee for NCHE Conference, April 8-11. Details at <https://ncheteach.org>* Access to Member Only website section

MCHE Member Benefits include: Free SCEUS; Fee for non-members, Special Members Only Events Discounts on Museum/Historical Site Tours Email Alert on Key Information, Service on MDE/Key Statewide Education Committees. For more info, visit MCHE at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>

2. Earn 18 SCECH Credits when you "virtually" attend NCHE National Conference

3. Thurs.-Sun., April 8-11—Register Now!

With a theme of "Place and Time," the 2021 NCHE meeting offers an intriguing focus for the great keynote presentation, workshop sessions and tours over the four day program. If you are a MCHE/NCHE member (see #1 above), you qualify for a discount on the registration fee. However, you must join via MCHE and provide three weeks for processing at both state and NCHE levels. Join NOW to take advantage of this savings. Conference details at <https://ncheteach.org>

3. Hearst Foundation & MCHE Announce 2021 U.S. Senate Youth Program Recipients

Lynn DeSmet (USSYP Deputy Director) and Nicholas Orłowski (MCHE President Elect) announced two Michigan students, Ms. Naina Maria Somya Agrawal-Hardin and Mr. Kenneth Gu. as the 2021 honorees for the USSYP (United States Senate Youth Program). They will join Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Gary Peters in representing Michigan during the 59th annual USSYP Washington Week, to be held March 14-17, 2021. Naina Agrawal-Hardin of Ann Arbor and Kenneth Gu of Troy were selected from among the state's top student leaders to be part of the 104 national student delegation who will each also receive a \$10,000 college scholarship for undergraduate study. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 program will break ground as the first-ever fully virtual Washington Week. For more information on this outstanding program, please see the attached press release.

4. 62nd Annual HSM Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference

Virtual on Fri.-Sat., March 19-20. Register Now.

Keynotes...

*** The Heart of the Matter: A Conversation With Senator Carl Levin

*** The Roar of '84: An Interview With Dave Rozema

*** Crusader for Justice: Judge Damon J. Keith

*** Motor City Rising: The Revitalization of Detroit

*** A Revolutionary and "Solutionary": The Life of Ahmad Rahman

The full program features two days filled with 32 "breakout" sessions that address local and statewide history, on-demand videos and tours. Hear authors talk about their books and take part in workshops and learn more about the conference sponsors. All from the comfort and safety of your home! Learn more at www.hsmichigan.org or by calling (800) 692-1828 Program flyer attached.\\

5. Gilder Lehman and McConnell Award Deadlines Approaching

One of the most prestigious honors extended annually to history teachers is the Gilder Lehman National History Teacher of the Year. This award recognizes exceptional K–12 American history teachers across the country. The National winner, chosen from among state winners, receives a \$10,000 prize presented at an award ceremony in their honor in New York City. State winners receive a \$1,000 prize, an archive of classroom resources, and recognition at a ceremony in their state. While MCHE serves as the state coordinator, all nominations must be submitted via the Gilder Lehrman website at <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/national-history-teacher-year/eligibility> Deadline for 2021 nominations: March 31, 2021.

In addition, MCHE offers three history teacher awards named in honor of MCHE founders Annette and Jim McConnell. The three award categories are elementary (K-5/6), secondary (5/6-12), and pre-service. Nominations for this award are due by May 1, 2021. Click on "Contests & Awards" at <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org>

6. H.W. Brands discusses "The Zealot and the Emancipator" April 22, 2021 7:00 - 9:00 PM
The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, along with our partners at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and Library, are proud to bring back a close friend in Professor H.W. Brands. In his most recent book, "The Zealot and the Emancipator: John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, and the Struggle for American Freedom", Brands tells the story of two adversaries who had a different vision of what the future of the United States should look like. In what Kirkus has called "an outstanding dual biography," Brands brilliantly illustrates how two American giants shaped the war for freedom. To register and for details on this event and other Hauenstein Center programs and events, visit <https://www.gvsu.edu/hc/>

7. Library of Congress lessons.

This is a four day lesson for high school classes. Students use primary and secondary sources for researching and reporting about leisure time activities in the 20th Century. Students compare the differences between rural and national activities, as well as investigate and report on teenagers' lives in the early 20th Century. <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/recreation-yesterday-and-today/> (From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

8. River Raisin National Battlefield Park programs/events/

From the River

Baseball season might be delayed and Spring looks far away, but at least we can think about the end of snow and cold. This lesson plan fits both Black History Month for the past month of February and the coming of baseball season. Teachers can access this lesson plan and website through the River Raisin website portal. This is a middle school lesson plan but may be modi-

fied for high school since Jackie Robinson did not break into Major League Baseball until 1947. https://www.nps.gov/teachers/classrooms/twhp_11_jackie-robinson-ballpark.htm (From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

9. Colonial Williamsburg

This is a video from Colonial Williamsburg with a moderator and two historical re-enactors discussing games that were played during Colonial times. There are still photos of the games and discussions about “change over time”, an important part of historical thinking. <https://youtu.be/HrRdxWx-dKk>
(From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

10. PBS offers education programs Continuing the theme of games and especially baseball, this interactive lesson plan investigates “Baseball and Social Change”, focusing on Roberto Clemente. This lesson plan also focuses on literacy skills as students read informational text and learn and practice vocabulary words and explore content. Middle School lesson plan. <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/midlit11.soc.splclem/baseball-and-social-change-the-story-of-roberto-clemente/>
(From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

11. Welcome Back to the HenryFord,

Patricia Mooradian, President of the Henry Ford, invites visitors to return to visit the reopened Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. Advance registration is reunited with the facilities open four days/week and with standard COVID-19 precautions. Details at <https://www.thehenryford.org>. (You can subscribe to their free newsletter on this web page.)

12. MI Council on Economic Education

Teaching Economics in American History Virtual Pd-Saturday, April 24, 2021, 9am-2pm, Via Zoom. Teachers will receive \$100 stipend, 20 copies of the text, and five SCECH credits. Course is limited to the first 45 teachers that sign up. Questions: Contact- Derek D'Angelo, Derek D'Angelo <derek@michiganecon.org>
Register: <https://www.michiganecon.org/event-4173145>

13. MI Center for Civic Education

Michigan Mock Trial Volunteers Needed for the Regional and State Finals- Mock Trial transforms students into attorneys and witnesses creating appreciation for the law, life-long critical thinkers, and members of a civic community. Volunteers are needed to assess and encourage

developing young legal minds! Mock Trial is expanding to include courtroom illustration, journalism, and middle school events! Questions: Contact Ellen Zwarenstejn ezwarenstejn@miciviced.org To Volunteer Go To: www.miciviced.org/programs/mock-trial

14. MI Geographic Alliance

Geography education resources developed by staff and trained teacher consultants from the MGA to enhance student learning. Go to MGA to view and download the lesson plans, supplements, and supports for integrating geography into your curriculum and learning activities. Questions: Contact mga@cmich.edu

15. MI Supreme Court Learning Center

Teaching about state government? The MI Supreme Court Learning Center offers monthly 30-min virtual field trips about the state's judicial branch. [Calendar \(PDF\)](#) | [Request a Reservation](#). There's also a growing Careers in the Courts video library of brief interviews with judges and court professionals. Questions: Contact Rachael Drenovsky, drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov.

16. Greater Grand Rapids Women's History <https://www.ggrwhc.org/>

Solidarities: White Women and Women of Color's Activism to Secure the Vote March 1, Monday, 10:00am - 11:30am

Women & Their Work During the Great War March 24, Wednesday, 10:00am-11:00am
(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

17. History News Network (<http://historynewsnetwork.org/>)

Features articles for Historians: Democracy, Violence, the Legacy of the American Revolution, Misremember the Alamo and Hidden in Plain Sight: History Teaching Needs to Take Advantage of Art and Material Culture

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

18. Other Michigan Museums

The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (<https://www.thewright.org/>)
Reparations: A Conversation| March 18, Thursday - April 22| 6:00 - 7:30pm

Arab American National Museum (<https://arabamericanmuseum.org/>)

soft powers: A Solo Exhibition by Yasmine Nasser Diaz| March 28 - April 30| Main Floor

Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus (<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>)

A) Call To Spy - Discussion and Q & A March 1, Monday, 7:00pm

B) With Pen and Pistol: Heronies of the Holocaust March 15, Monday, 7:00pm
(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

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

A) Discover Series: Cartography, Session 1 “The Building Blocks for Creating an Encyclopedia” March 9, 4:00-5:00 pm

B) Discover Series: Cartography, Session 2 “The Minutiae behind Mapmaking” March 16, 4:00-5:00 pm

Discover Series: Cartography, Session 3 “Digitization and Cartography Research” March 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

20. Historical Society of Michigan

A) The Historical Society of Michigan will present a virtual “History Hounds” lecture on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, titled “Ladies of the Lights: Women Lighthouse Keepers,” given by Dianna Stampfler of Promote Michigan.

B) Also presented in the “History Hounds” lecture series this month will be “Attacking from Below: The Unsinkable Silversides,” by Peggy Maniates of the USS Silversides Submarine Museum.

For more information on both of the lectures, see <https://hsmichigan.org/programs/history-hounds-lecture-series/>

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

21. ESRI Michigan Story Map Contest for Middle School Students

Do you have students who are good with technology and social studies (especially maps)? Please encourage them to enter the ESRI Michigan Story Map contest. This is a collaboration between Wayne RESA and Eastern Michigan University. The link to the contest details is here: <https://map-michigan-contest-2021-nsfgrace.hub.arcgis.com/>

22. "This Month in History," from the History Place

A) March 1, 1961--President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

B) March 6, 1836--The Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Antonio López de Santa Anna.

C) March 12, 1999--Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic became full members of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

D) March 24, 1934--The Philippine Islands were granted independence from the United States by President Franklin Roosevelt.

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

23. George Washington's Mount Vernon

The George Washington's Mount Vernon website contains a link, "Online Activities for Kids," in its Education section. Activities include creating a tricorne hat, making ink out of berries, a Mount Vernon adventure map, videos about the Yorktown campaign and slavery at Mount Vernon, a virtual tour of the site, and the "Ask Mount Vernon" video series. To access this website, see <https://www.mountvernon.org/education/online-activities-for-kids-2/> (From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

24. Michigan History Center tackles High School History Standards

Michigan History Center's Michiganology, provides access to thousands of online primary sources specific to our State's history. Included in these resources is an article unique to Standard 7.2.3; Impact of World War II on American Life. This article by Steve Ostrander unveils the unique history of Michigan POW camps and how German prisoners were utilized to fill a significant labor gap in the agricultural sector during the War. The article is brief enough for a warm-up, yet sets the stage for further research and discussion by providing a list of specific camp locations.

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

25. Michigan Humanities Council celebrates Women's History Month through free, virtual event

Michigan Humanities Council presents The Great Michigan Read, featuring author, Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, who is credited with raising the alarm on the Flint Water Crisis. Just in time for Women's History Month, Dr. Hanna-Attisha will join Sonya Downey to discuss her book, "What the Eyes Don't See", as well as her advocacy for the children and families of Flint, Michigan. The free and virtual event will be held on March 21st, 7pm-8pm. This will be an informative event for teachers and students alike, who are interested in our State's history and current events. Access the event **here** or through Tecumseh District Library's Facebook Page.

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

26. MotorCities Heritage Area offers \$1,500 grant opportunity for your classroom

Through 2020-2021, the MotorCities Heritage National Heritage Area is accepting applications for \$1,500 grants which will be awarded to 10 education-specific projects. If you would like to plan a Project Based Learning activity or field trip for students, plan a PD session for your department, or kick-start a unique project. This may be the opportunity for you. Learn more here or by contacting the MotorCities Challenge Grant Program Coordinator: Brian Yopp at 313.259.3425 x 307 or byopp@motorcities.org.

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

27. Look out for The Henry Ford's InHub, coming in 2021

InHub is a developing project of The Henry Ford Museum and will be a place for educators like you. InHub will soon offer webinars, virtual resources, teacher resources and other Professional Development opportunities. The inHub community will utilize the vast, primary resources of The Henry Ford to teach innovation, invention, and entrepreneurship. Sign up or learn more here.

(from Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools)

28. MCHE Partnering with Gilder Lehrman to provide SCECH Credit

MCHE has partnered with Gilder Lehrman to offer SCECH credit for sessions to June 30, 2021. This includes Online Teacher Seminar work completed on or after August 3, 2020. To be eligible for SCECH credit from Gilder Lehrman sessions, please register through Gilder Lehrman and attend sessions in their entirety, including upcoming Book Breaks and Inside the Vault sessions. Gilder Lehrman will provide us with a list of attendees. Those who attend will receive an email from the MCHE Gmail account with Google Form links. You must complete the Google Form to obtain SCECH credit. Credits are available for Gilder Lehrman Institute programs offered between August 3, 2020, and June 30, 2021. For details on upcoming programs, visit <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/about> Any questions? Email teachinghistoryinmi@gmail.com

29. Civic Education Needs our Attention

Please continue to follow the news reports on key civic projects: the Michigan Independent Citizen Redistricting Commission (https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_91141--,00.html) and the voting reform initiatives proposed by Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson (<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-93094-550991--,00.html>). I did 'enjoy' watching recent meeting of the Redistricting Commission. What a challenging task they face, especially with the delayed rest from the 2020 Census.
