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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

Welcome to November! I love the fall leaves and crisp days. November is such a wonderful month to look at all we are thankful for each day. Wishing all of you a great Thanksgiving at the end of the month.

Sincerely,  
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Dr. Tamara Shreiner, Associate Editor  
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### 1. Using Primary Sources to Teach World War I

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](mailto:cshubert@38foundation.org) or 616.254.0409

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## **2. 20th Annual Lost Mariners Remembrance, Sun., Nov. 10, 6-8 p.m.**

This year's Lost Mariners Remembrance program is apropos to the season's high water, with a slightly different approach than in past years. The 2019 Lost Mariners Remembrance presentation by Detroit Historical Society senior curator Joel Stone will address unique incident from 1844. This program at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle State Park is offered in partnership with the Great Lakes Maritime Institute, and support from over twenty maritime organizations on both sides of the Detroit River. Details and tickets (order early) at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

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## **3. "History Comes Alive at Oakland University, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019. 7 pm**

A Nation of Settlers: American Colonization of the Old Northwest —: Race, indigeneity and the meaning of citizenship were impactful consequences during the expansion of the republic into the Old Northwest. Michael Witgen, Ph.D., director of Native American studies and an associate professor in the departments of history and American culture at the University of Michigan, will present a lecture that will focus on the settlement of Michigan. Full event schedule and details at

<https://oakland.edu/oumagazine/news/history/history-comes-alive-at-oakland-university>

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## **4. Equality and the American Experience**

Danielle Allen is the next guest for the upcoming Hauenstein Center forum.

Just 1,337 words, the Declaration of Independence marked the formal beginning of the United States, providing a promise of becoming the nation we continue to aspire to be. Americans across the political spectrum hold our self-evident truths – “all Men are created equal,” and “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” – close to the heart. But do we, as a nation, fully understand the language and context of the Declaration we so cherish? Political philosopher and Director of Harvard's Edmund J. Safra Center for Ethics, Danielle Allen, seeks to answer that very question.

### **DATE AND TIME**

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### **LOCATION**

DeVos Center » 122E - Loosemore Auditorium

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## **5. The Ford Foundation and Detroit Public TV welcome Fulcrum to Detroit**

Two-day conference to prepare us today for where work is going tomorrow. Join the conversation Nov. 13-14 at Wayne State University.

You know the world of work is changing rapidly. Headlines scream that robots and software are taking jobs. Technology is transforming how, where and when we work. The pace of change seems to be growing faster and faster.

But we can build a better future – together. At the inaugural Fulcrum Conference, people representing workers, employers, communities, schools, foundations, investors and startups will all come together to collaborate on solutions for a positive future of work.

Register today and save up to 75 percent off with the special code “DPTV” at [FulcrumConference.com](http://FulcrumConference.com). Fulcrum is sponsored by the Ford Foundation, with support from Google.org and other organizations. Detroit Public TV will livestream the kickoff of the event the morning of Nov. 13. It can be viewed at [dptv.org/fulcrum](http://dptv.org/fulcrum)

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## **6. The Paul Gagnon Prize**

The 2020 Paul Gagnon Prize will be presented to either a K-12 history teacher who exhibits exceptional historical scholarship or an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the promotion of history education.

For more details, go to: [www.nche.net/gagnonprize](http://www.nche.net/gagnonprize)

Application deadline is December 6, 2019

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## **7. Don't miss upcoming Michigan History Alliance meetings!**

The Michigan History Alliance is a regionalized program that helps member organizations preserve and promote history by fostering collaboration, sharing information and best practices, and providing training for their staff and volunteers.

Each regional alliance meets to bring together representatives from HSM member historical organizations in several counties. The Alliance meetings take place in the morning and consist of a networking session and a featured speaker. The speaker will offer insights on a topic of concern or opportunity, and the networking and collaboration portion allows for conversations among a region's historical organizations.

More information about dates for meetings and registration can be found

at <http://hsmichigan.org/programs/michigan-history-alliance/#form>

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## **8. Help Preserve Michigan Civil War Battlefield Flags**

In the State Capitol Rotunda is a display of Civil War Battlefield Flags from Michigan Regiments. The originals are preserved in the State Archives, a few blocks west of the Capitol. Schools/classes may 'adopt' a flag and raise funds for its preservation. Your students might find this a wonderful experience. For details, contact Matt VanAker, [mvanaker@michigan.gov](mailto:mvanaker@michigan.gov) or visit [Michigan State Capitol BattleFlags](http://Michigan State Capitol BattleFlags)

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## **9. Call for Proposals – Midwest History Conference**

Sixth Annual Midwestern History Conference Tuesday, May 12 – Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Grand Rapids, Michigan Proposal Submission Deadline: Friday, January 3, 2020 (non-negotiable) The Midwestern History Association and the Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University invite proposals for papers to be delivered at the Sixth Annual Midwestern History Conference, to be held May 12-13, 2020, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

This conference continues a vibrant discussion which has grown significantly over the last five years, at collaborative conferences designed to spark – and sustain – a revival of Midwestern studies in American historiography. Infused with the varieties of original research pursued by scholars from many different career paths and stages, this annual gathering strives to cultivate rigorous historical understanding of a complex, dynamic, and misunderstood region. Last year's Midwestern History Conference attracted more than 180 participants serving on 50 panels. Plenary speakers at the Midwestern History Conference in previous years have included winners of the Pulitzer, Bancroft, and Parkman Prizes, a National Book Award Finalist, and a past president of the Labor and Working Class History Association. We welcome papers relating to all aspects of the history of the American Midwest, in all its diversity. At this time, the Midwestern History Association is particularly interested in receiving submissions that use race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, Indigeneity, class, diaspora, and transnationalism as topics and categories of analysis for exploring Midwestern history.

Proposals for panel and roundtables, with a moderator and/or chair, should be a maximum of 1,000 words. Individual paper proposals are also welcome and should be a maximum of 300 words. All proposals must be accompanied by short vitas of the participants. All proposals must also contain contact information for every

presenter included in the proposal. In an effort to promote scholarly conversation and collaboration, the MHA and the Hauenstein Center urge applicants to limit their proposals to one panel or roundtable. Proposals should be sent to Jakob Bigard of Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center at [bigardja@gvsu.edu](mailto:bigardja@gvsu.edu).

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### **10. 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>

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### **11. 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](http://www.gemtheatrics.com) for more information about these shows and grant information.

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### **12. Resources, articles south by Bob Pettapiece for MCSS Journal**

Please send articles teachers resources, info on upcoming events and related items to Bob Pettapiece at [pettapiece@wayne.edu](mailto:pettapiece@wayne.edu) for the Winter issue of the MCSS Journal. Deadline is Bill of Rights Day, Sunday, December 15th With the Michigan Presidential Primary set for March Tuesday, March 10th, ELECTION 2020 is a possible theme, but any items are appreciated. (History, Civics, Geography, Economics, Social studies or general interest)

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### **13. Plan Now for Mayflower 400**

Next year, we will be commemorating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims and the writing of the Mayflower Compact. Learn more at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration>. Nathaniel Philbrick's book, "Mayflower," is a wonderful, well-researched read.

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### **14. Orchestra Hall celebrates 100**

2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the opening of Orchestra hall, home of the Detroit Symphony Rochester (DSO). Learn the intriguing story of gossip Gavrilovich at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration>. Be certain to watch the 9 min., 51 sec. video. Share this one with your friends, neighbors, and even your relatives.

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### **15. Set a date to visit the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center**

For more info, visit the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center at <https://courts.michigan.gov/education/learning-center/Pages/default.aspx>. You can watch a brief video, read the history of the Hall of Justice, and get resources on Michigan's courts.

For more info, contact Amy J. Feinauer Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, Program Assistant at 517.373.5553 or [feinauera@courts.mi.gov](mailto:feinauera@courts.mi.gov) Online Resources: [courts.mi.gov/learningcenter](http://courts.mi.gov/learningcenter)

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### **16. National History Day Award Winner**

Danielle Olzanich, Berkeley teacher & former MCHE Board member, wins National History Day Award. MCHE expresses CONGRATS to Danielle Olzanic, National History Day Educator of the Year, upon receiving this distinguished honor. To learn more about how you can have your students participate in the Michigan programs of National History Day, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) (Historical Society of Michigan)

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**17. From Isolationist to Internationalist: Senator Arthur Vandenberg**

“From Isolationist to Internationalist: Senator Arthur Vandenberg” will take place on Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg was a leading voice for isolationism during the 1930s, but his foreign policy views changed after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He then led the Republican Party into internationalism, supporting the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, and NATO. Vandenberg’s leading biographer explores the life of this great Michigan statesman.

Seating is limited! Reserve your spot now.  
Lectures start at 7 p.m. at 435 Westshire Dr., Lansing, Michigan.  
Participants can “attend” remotely too.

Learn more at <http://hsmichigan.org/programs/history-hounds-lecture-series/>  
HSM members attend for FREE! Non-members, \$7.

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**18. Education News from the National WWI Museum and Memorial**

Industry and technology changed rapidly to accommodate the demands of the first global war. Propaganda, poison gas and telecommunications, all evolved during the war. The October 2019 edition of Education News provides resources to explore just some of the developments that emerged from the conflict and explains how we still use these innovations today.

Discover and read about more at <http://wfly.co/Cx2p3>

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**19. Free Field Trip Offered to the DIA**

The Detroit Institute of Arts has some exciting opportunities around the current exhibition [Guests of Honor from the Musée du Louvre: Jean-Antoine Houdon’s Portraits of Americans in the Age of Enlightenment](#). The exhibition is currently open and runs through Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. “As Guests of Honor, the portraits will be displayed in the company of selected works that similarly depict Franklin, Washington, and Robert Fulton, another early American icon, as among the first to reach celebrity status as enlightened leaders of a new nation. Drawing from the DIA's own holdings and the important loans from the Louvre, the exhibition gives audiences a unique opportunity to explore and compare images of these very familiar personae through art in a wide variety of media.”

As always, field trips to the DIA (and this exhibition) are free of charge. **The DIA will also provide free bus transportation to/from the museum, or reimburse districts that provide their own transportation.** To reserve your class’ field trip to this exhibition just visit [dia.org/education/field-trips](http://dia.org/education/field-trips). Please note “Houdon” in the comment section. Once your application is processed, our Group Reservation Department will be in contact to arrange transportation needs.

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**20. New Innovative Curriculum from the Henry Ford**

Help students connect core subjects to real-world applications through an interdisciplinary, hands-on online curriculum that accelerates 21st-century skills development.

Leveraging the primary sources of The Henry Ford Archive of American Innovation, this four-course pack will give students an understanding of the habits and actions of innovators and what it takes to go from idea to action.

Learn more at <https://www.thehenryford.org/education/>

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

\*\* Michigan Schools are Now Average. That's Progress.

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-schools-are-now-average-thats-progress>

\*\* The Test: 'Read-or-flunk' law looms over Michigan third-graders

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/test-read-or-flunk-law-loom-over-michigan-third-graders> \*\*

Fewer Michigan college students want to be teachers. That's a problem.

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/fewer-michigan-college-students-want-be-teachers-thats-problem>

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## **22. Selected Items from the History News Network ([www.hnn.us](http://www.hnn.us))**

\*\* The First World War through a camera lens: from the soldier's snapshot to the memorial photograph

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173470>

\*\* The Internet at 50: The Night the Internet Was Born

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173413>

\*\* 1949: A Crucial Year for America, Russia, China and the World

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173402>

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