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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

Spring is finally here, at least in southern Michigan. The flowers are up and the grass is green. Many of you may be ending your semester or close to the end of your school year. I wish you a great ending to the 2018-2019 school year!

Sincerely,
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1. State Board of Education names new Michigan State Superintendent

Kalamazoo Superintendent Michael Rice, 56, was named to the leadership role overseeing Michigan's education system Tuesday.

The State Board of Education chose Rice as the new state superintendent Tuesday, May 7, after a second round of interviews in Lansing.

Here is the full article from MLIVE: <https://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/2019/05/kalamazoo-superintendent-chosen-as-next-state-superintendent.html>

2. Michigan Council for History Education creates Teacher Resource Guide honoring Federal Judge Damon J. Keith

Working closely with the Keith Center for Civil Rights(WSU Law School), a group of MCHE educators developed a series of lesson plans for teachers to use with their students. The lessons and related information is posted at the Keith Center website, <http://law.wayne.edu/keithcenter/> Click on "Resources for Teachers" in the left column.

Please see the attached document for more information about Judge Keith, the resource guide, and upcoming memorial service.

3. Fifth Annual Midwestern History Conference, May 30-31, 2019, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Hosted for the fifth consecutive year by the Hauenstein Center in partnership with the Midwestern History Association, "Finding the Lost Region" strives to cultivate rigorous historical understanding of the complex, dynamic, and misunderstood region now central to American politics.

Infused with a rich variety of original research, this gathering will assemble more than 180 historians dedicated to sparking – and sustaining – a revival of Midwestern studies in American scholarship. For more information and to register for this conference, click on the following link and look under the "Events" tab: <https://www.gvsu.edu/hc/>

4. Registration now open for 70th annual Upper Peninsula History Conference

Friday-Sunday , June 28-30, Escanaba

The Upper Peninsula History Conference pays particular attention to U.P. history topics and explores the heritage of the host area. The U.P. History Awards are also presented Conference brochure and registration details at www.hsmichigan.org

5. Hey, Michiganders, 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>

6. Saturday, September 21, to feature great MCHE event to teachers

Save the Date! Saturday, Sept. 21 is your opportunity to learn about the amazing resources inner State Capitol! Since 1847, Lansing has been the center of Michigan government and history. MCHE is now developing a full day program to provide you with the experience your students can have on a field trip while

also helping you see the key sites for ours. Details will be announced this summer in the MCHE E-Notes and on the MCHE website at <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org/>

7. Library of Congress offers Summer opportunity

Richard Satchwell, PhD. Director, Teaching with Primary Sources. Midwest Region, Illinois State University. asked me to share this info with you that you might be interested in. Teaching Women's Suffrage with Primary Sources at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. on, July 24-26, 2019, 9 am – 5 pm; This webinar is for K-12 educators who teach suffrage or collaboration with those who do, the workshop focuses on pedagogy. Details at <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/professionaldevelopment/webinar/>

8. Summer Classes for TPS (Teaching with Primary Sources) Level I & II

Register for the Midwest Center Teaching with Primary Sources, Illinois State University, 2019 summer online graduate courses at [https://illinoisstate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5mPSRCjLJaFK4Rv'](https://illinoisstate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5mPSRCjLJaFK4Rv)

9. Michigan Supreme Court Offers Student Learning Opportunity This Summer

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center in Lansing will hold “Exploring Careers in the Law,” July 15-19. High school students will argue and decide a search and seizure case as if before the Supreme Court. Applications are available at <http://courts.mi.gov/education/learning-center/Documents/MootCtApplication.pdf> or by contacting Rachael L. Drenovsky, 517-373-5027 or drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov.

10. 1812 Historical Marker dedication set for Sat., June 1, 4:00 p.m., in Detroit

A NEW Michigan Historical Marker on the War of 1812 is to be dedicated on Sat., Sat., June 1, 4:00 p.m, on Washington Blvd., in front of the Westin Book-Cadillac. While plans are still being finalized, the Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission (officially disbanded on Dec. 31, 2015), is still helping educate the public on the importance of this “Forgotten Conflict”. The new marker replaces a 1963 marker, “War of 1812 Dead”, with updated text on “War of 1812 Grave Site” and new text describing “The War of 1812 in Detroit.” Support has been provided by the Michigan Society of the United States Daughters of 1812. The Detroit Historical Society, Michigan Historical Commission, City of Detroit, District Six Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López, LaVanway Sign Co., Inc. and the Michigan Society of the War of 1812. To confirm details, email Jim McConnell, After May 20 at jam1776@sbcglobal.net
We will also try to post info on the MCHE website at <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org> NOTE: If you have not yet viewed the PBS program “Michigan at War: The Struggle for the Old Northwest, 1812-1815,” the 30 minute documentary produced by Christopher Cook is available at <https://mistreamnet.org/videos/1238/michigan-at-war-the-struggle-for-the-old-northwest-1812-1>

11. 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.

12. Michigan Geographic Alliance offers Elementary GeoInquiry

These are 15 minute mini-lessons that help teachers incorporate geographic technology into their instruction. Four new lessons are to be developed next year. Link to the Can't Miss The Mitten Geo-Inquiry: Can't Miss The Mitten Geo-Inquiry:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15Sso0yG9mvQLqsSB2ctG47Sx7Mus8AiC/view?usp=sharing>

13. 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.

14. Michigan Council for Economic Education (MCEE) offers learning opportunities

Executive Director Derek D'Angelo encourages teachers to participate in the opportunities offered by MCEE, including Smartpath, Economics Challenge (This year, Ann Arbor Huron won the upper division, Greenhills School won the lower division), Personal Finance Challenge (Chelsea High School repeated as champion)— NOTE The

Detroit Free Press wrote a great article about this program.; Summer Fin Lit Conference Is set for June 18-20; and a Summer FTE student Economics for Leaders Program at University of Michigan will run August 5-11. It is closed at this point. To learn about the variety of resources and activities of the MCEE, visit <https://michiganecon.org>

15. Arts & Humanities Touring Grants available from Michigan Humanities Council

The third and final round of funding is now open for the Arts and Humanities Touring Grant! Funding is available for arts and humanities programming taking place between June 1 - August 15, 2019. For more info or to view the directory of artists visit <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/touring-grants-2/> Questions? Contact Jen Rupp at jrupp@mihumanities.org or (517) 372-7770

16. Charles Lang Freer Home & Garden Tour offered on Sat., May 19, 1:30 & 3:30

Take a guided tour of the historic home and courtyard garden of Detroit industrialist and world-renowned art collector, Charles Lang Freer, founder of the Freer Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.! This rare opportunity to visit the entire house will include viewing C.L. Freer's master bedroom suite and guest bedrooms, normally occupied by the research programs and offices of the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute, Wayne State University. Tours will be offered at 1:30 and 3:30 PM Freer House members & students: \$10 General public: \$15 For best availability, register by Friday, May 3. For more info contact Andrew Smutek at (313) 664-2500 or asmutek@wayne.edu Details at <https://mpsi.wayne.edu/freer>

17. 2019 Michigan History Day State Champions Announced

A total of 148 students received top honors at the State Finals competition of Michigan History Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Bay City Central High School in Bay City, Michigan. Nearly 515 Michigan elementary, middle and high school students took part in this year's Michigan History Day State Finals competition, which is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan. The finalists in the junior and senior divisions will now move on to the National History Day competition this June in College Park, Maryland. Please check out the full announcement for a list of all winners at

<http://hsmichigan.org/2019/04/28/history-day-state-champions/>

18. Join us May 11 for a Gospel and Bluegrass concert extravaganza!

Head over to Cambridge Junction Historic State Park on Saturday., May 11 for a Gospel Bluegrass concert extravaganza on the lawn of Walker Tavern. Banjo Brown Eyes Margaret "Maggie" Bilby Memorial Concert, Saturday, May 11, 1-6 p.m., Cambridge Junction Historic State Park, 13220 M-50, Brooklyn, MI 49230 Free admission & parking but a Recreation Passport is required for vehicle entry. Questions? Call site historian Laurie Perkins at 517-241-0731. You'll need to order your free ticket at our Eventbrite site

<https://www.eventbrite.com>

19. "The Ballad of the Wall" (Parody of) The Battle of New Orleans

Parody of the Johnny Horton classic from...1959...The Battle of New Orleans. Is available at <https://youtu.be/YB11scadABg> (From "The Past in Person" Mike Deren)

20. Historical Society of Michigan offers tours, Conference, Programs, Publications & More

The Michiganders on the Road™ motor coach tour program was developed by HSM to allow Michiganders to experience the culture and heritage of all 50 states with a group of like-minded history enthusiasts

Upcoming tours include:

*** Hudson River Valley from July 12 to 20. 9-day, 8-night tour is a fantastic package deal with all dinners, breakfasts, accommodations, entrance fees, and transportation included for \$1,995 per person.

*** Also available at www.hsmichigan.org is a detailed calendar of historical events across the state, details on becoming a member of the historical Society of Michigan a form to subscribe to "Michigan History Magazine", the results of the 2019 Michigan History Day student educational activity, and much more.

For complete info, visit www.hsmichigan.org

21. Detroit Historical Society offers Program and Tours

(A) Black Historic Sites Bus Tour Detroit Historical Museum Saturday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$35 members, \$40 guests. The Tour will feature three new sites that will unveil the history of Black Baseball in Detroit, from historic Hamtramck Stadium to the former home of Turkey Stearnes and on to Comerica Park. Lunch is included in the ticket price. Details and tickets at www.detroithistorical.org For questions or to order tickets by phone, contact Casie Blovsky at 313.833.1801.

(B) Third Thursday Speaker Series: "Detroit In the Early 19th Century", Detroit Historical Museum, Thursday, May 16, 6 - 8 p.m. Growing by Leaps and Bounds: Detroit in the Early 19th Century By Scholars from Wayne State University Attendance is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. To register, contact Casie Blovsky at 313.833.1801 or casieb@detroithistorical.org

(C) Exploring the Deep: Investigation of Three New Great Lakes Shipwrecks Dossin Great Lakes Museum Friday, May 17, 3 - 4 p.m., Join us at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum for a free lecture, "Exploring the Deep: Investigations of three new Great Lakes shipwrecks with ROVs" by Tamara Thomsen and Caitlyn Zant, Maritime Archaeologists, Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office, Details and register at www.detroithistorical.org

(D) Behind the Scenes Tours

The schedule for Summer 2019 Behind the popular Behind the Scenes and Historic Houses of Worship Tours will be posted on June 1 under "Things To Do" at www.detroithistorical.org

(E) June 3rd Historic Houses of Worship Tour

The Mon., June 3rd, tour features four historic Monroe houses of worship. Details and registration at www.detroithistorical.org Click on "Things To Do".

22. Preservation Detroit offers great walking tours of Michigan's largest city this summer

The outstanding tours offered by Preservation Detroit shares the rich architectural and cultural history with residents and visitors to the Detroit region. Through the passion of their knowledgeable volunteer guides, you'll feel a renewed love and interest for Detroit. You'll see how adaptive reuse of historic architecture attracts people and jobs to our neighborhoods, while being more eco-friendly. Details at <https://preservationdetroit.org/>

23. Meecham's "The Soul of America" tells inspiring story of Presidential Leadership

"Historian and journalist Jon Meacham has written biographies of, among others, George H.W. Bush, Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson; that last book won the Pulitzer Prize in 2009. With "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels," Meacham addresses a decidedly loftier subject: the very essence of the nation. He does so by documenting the words and actions of presidents and other historical figures who helped shape the nation's culture and politics to make the United States into the country it is today." By Paul Alexander Special to Newsday To read the complete review, visit <https://www.newsday.com/entertainment/books/jon-meacham-soul-america-review-1.18284133>

24. Islam Across the Globe: From Southeast Asia, to the Middle East and the American Midwest

Please save the date of Friday, June 28th, 2019, for "Islam Across the Globe: From Southeast Asia, to the Middle East and the American Midwest," a Grade 6-12 teachers' workshop about Islam in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and the U.S. The workshop is organized by the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (CMENAS) and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) at the University of Michigan's International Institute. More information at <https://ii.umich.edu/cmenas/outreach/teacher-trainings/mena-sea-teacher-workshop.html>

25. Women’s Suffrage in Sheet Music: Now Online!

Richard Satchwell, PhD, Director, Teaching with Primary Sources

Midwest Region, Illinois State University, shared this info with MCHE:

<https://blogs.loc.gov/music/2019/03/womens-suffrage-in-sheet-music-now-online/>

Also, to check out more on the Midwest Center visit <https://teachingprimarysources.illinoisstate.edu/>

26. Can your students suggest Michigan Historical Markers for your community?

Several years ago, I heard about some teachers who encouraged their students to learn local history by having them look at the area’s State of Michigan Historical Markers. The students were then encouraged to see what local events might become the focus of new state historical markers. My ‘favorite’ is a group of Perry Middle School Teachers. With encouragement from recently deceased Michigan Historical Commission member Jerry Roe, they researched and drafted the text for a marker describing the history of their community. You can check out the marker at A Michigan history advocate has developed a searchable website that includes the text of every state marker.

Check it out at www.michmarkers.com A website created by a guy with interest in Michigan historical markers. His site The List is alpha by COUNTY and then by CITY. For example, a search for Allen Park.

Locates only one marker. View text of marker at <http://www.michmarkers.com/default?page=S0366>

What topics do your student think should have new markers for your area? What text would they write for these marks? The challenge is to fit the text into the limited space available on a marker.) Maybe your students can apply for a state marker and have it installed? Check out the “Old Perry Centre” Historical Marker at <http://www.michmarkers.com/default?page=L1398>

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

** Q&A: How Michigan social studies became a ‘pawn in partisan games’ <https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/qa-how-michigan-social-studies-became-pawn-partisan-games>

** “Michigan teachers: Standardized tests are useless and classes are too big”

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-teachers-standardized-tests-are-useless-and-classes-are-too-big>

** Rich-poor achievement gap won’t budge. Is investing in teachers an answer?

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/rich-poor-achievement-gap-wont-budge-investing-teachers-answer>

Please visit <http://thecenterformichigan.net/> to subscribe to this wonderful resource.

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

** Aram Goudsouzian: Study History, Then Make It

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/171834>

** 6 Presidents Who Never Lost an Election

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/171863>

** Why FDR Wouldn't Condemn Hitler

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/171833>

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