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1. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia, on the campus of Ferris State University, contains “the nation’s largest publicly accessible collection of artifacts of intolerance,” much of it collected by museum founder Dr. David Pilgrim. Included on the museum’s website is an essay by Dr. Pilgrim, called “The Garbage Man: Why I Collect Racist Objects”, which explains why he began collecting these objects in the first place, how the museum was born, and what its purpose was and continues to be. To read the essay and access the museum’s website, see

<https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/collect.htm>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

2. Bridge: The Center for Michigan

***Michigan GOP, Whitmer Push College Tuition Aid Plans. How Their Plans Differ,” by Isabel Lohman, May 6, 2022.

***”Michigan’s Teacher Shortage: What’s Causing It, How Serious Is It, and What Can Be Done?” by Tracie Mauriello and Lori Higgins, May 13, 2022.

To access these and other articles concerning Michigan, see <https://www.bridgemi.com/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

3. George Washington’s Mount Vernon

George Washington’s Mount Vernon provides educational update newsletters so that K-12 teachers may receive information about new educational materials they might use in the classroom as well as professional development opportunities for teachers. To sign up for the educational update newsletter via email, see

<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/for-teachers/sign-up-for-educational-updates/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

4. The Historical Society of Michigan <https://hsmichigan.org/>

The Historical Society of Michigan is the official state historical society for the state of Michigan. Among other things, the society publishes the *Michigan Historical Review* and the *Michigan History* magazine along with the quarterly *Chronicle* for members. The society also holds the History Hounds lecture series along with History Skills workshops, the Michigan History Conference, and Michigan History Day. To become a member of the Historical Society of Michigan, see

<https://hsmichigan.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/hsmichigan/membershipJoin.jsp>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

5. “This Month in History,” from the History Place

***June 11, 1994–The Soviet military occupation of East Germany ends after 49 years.

***June 12, 1963–Civil rights leader and NAACP field officer Medgar Evers was assassinated in Jackson, Mississippi, in his own driveway.

***June 26, 1945–The United Nations Charter was signed by fifty nations in San Francisco; it was fully ratified on October 24, 1945.

***June 30, 1971–The 26th Amendment to the Constitution was enacted, which granted American citizens aged 18 years or older the right to vote in all federal, state, and local elections.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

6. Michigan Oral History Association

The Michigan Oral History Association's website has a database of 1,785 oral history resources that pertain to the history of Michigan. You can browse through their resource classifications which include fisheries, the Great Depression, Holocaust survivors, religion, socialism, and the Vietnam War, among others. To access the database portal, see <https://www.database.michiganoha.org/index.php?P=Home>

For more information about the association, see <https://michiganoha.org/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

7. Clements Library/U of M

June 17 @ 10:00am - 11:00am, The Clements Bookworm: Teaching Black History with Richard Bell and LaTonya Teague. This roundtable conversation will address various approaches to Black history pedagogy. From curriculum design to syllabus and lesson plan creation, join the conversation to think more deeply about how to teach the triumphs and the heartbreaks of the past in ways that are both informed and intentional.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

8. Other Michigan Museums

Arab American National Museum

June 25 @ 8:00pm, Donia Jarrar + Friends wsg Huda Asfour. Join artist-in-residence in concert as she presents excerpts from her work, BUTCHER. The piece delves into genres of noise industrial and electronic all while maintaining Jarrar's signature incorporation of oral histories and field recordings.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

***June 18 & 19 - Juneteenth Jubilee Freedom Weekend, A Celebration of Freedom. Education, Economic Independence, Community and Engagement are the themes that define this year's celebration. The Museum partners with community-based organizations to present a movie screening, a treasure hunt, and a musical concert that spans the genres and generations of Black music from the 1800s until today.

***June 30 @ 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Late Nights @ The Wright. Unwind after work or get the weekend started early with a classy evening of poetry.

The Zekelman Holocaust Center

June 14 @ 7:00 pm, Understanding the Crisis in Yemen. The war in Yemen, now entering its 8th year, has broken the country and created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. What happened, what is happening now, and what can be done about it? Join a

discussion with Yemen expert Dr. Gregory Johnson, introduced by U.S. Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI) who is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

9. History News Network

Features articles for Historians; “Confronting the Erasure of Native Americans in Early American Town and Cities”, “The Anti-Abortion Movement’s Pre-Roe Roots” and “Recent Violence Shows the Need to Teach More Asian American History”.

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10. Library of Congress: “Pioneer Life in Sacramento: November 25, 1849” Story about Franklin A. Buck “who headed west to seek his fortune.” (Includes a recording of a Gold Rush song). https://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/reform/jb_reform_gold_3.html

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

11. River Raisin National Battlefield Park Story of the Battles of the River Raisin. <https://www.nps.gov/rira/learn/historyculture/index.htm>

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

12. Colonial Williamsburg “American Values Quiz” A simple quiz that helps students determine what “values” they agree with. https://resourcelibrary.history.org/sites/default/files/TIOAValuesQuiz_0.pdf

Unity, Diversity, Private Wealth, Common Wealth, Freedom, Equality, Law, Ethics

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13. PBS “Stereotypes vs. Statistics” (Grades 9-12) Examines preconceptions about Latinos and how they have come to the United States. Examines myths versus actual data. Lesson plan. <https://wgvu.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/f179d86a-9ded-461b-a396-13a567d74dcf/latino-americans-stereotypes-vs-statistics-grades-9-12/>

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

14. National Women's Hall of Fame Biography of Dolores Huerta, co-founded the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez in 1962.

<https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/dolores-huerta/>

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

15. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies Check out the Beyond Aporia podcast produced by the Hauenstein Center at Grand Valley State University. It provides a conversational platform on history and politics for our speakers at the Common Ground Initiative and digital Lunch and Learn programs, as well as other writers, professors, and intellectuals. You can listen to the podcast at: [Stream Beyond Aporia, A Common Ground Podcast music | Listen to songs, albums, playlists for free on SoundCloud](#)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

16. Michigan Center for Civic Education Join us this summer July 31-August 4 in Grand Rapids Michigan for professional learning and a kick-off for three well-established, research-driven, highly effective civic education programs. Choose Project Citizen We the People, or Mock Trial and gain the benefits of being in a collaborative civic education community! There is **no cost to participants**. Teachers who participate fully in any of the programs receive a stipend, travel expenses, and up to 42 professional development hours. All teachers from public and private middle and high schools are eligible. Sign up ASAP to reserve your spot! For questions or to sign up: [Project Citizen | Michigan Center for Civic Education | MCCE \(miciviced.org\)](#)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

17. Michigan Council on Economic Education SmartPath is an engaging, interactive, and easy-to-use way for elementary and middle school teachers (Grades 1-8) to embed relevant and fun economic and financial education in their classrooms, to boost students' financial literacy. And the best part is it is free and aligns to our MI Standards. To check it out, go to: [SmartPath - Fun & Free Financial & Economic Education \(smartpathlearning.com\)](#)

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18. Michigan Geographic Alliance Coming Soon! Geography education resources developed by staff and trained teacher consultants from the MGA to enhance student

learning. Right now the MGA site is being updated and in the new version you will be able to view and download the lesson plans, supplements, and supports for integrating geography into your curriculum and learning activities. Questions: Contact mga@cmich.edu

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

19. Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center Consider the Learning Center for your source of information on the Michigan Constitution and judicial system. Loaded with information and opportunities for both in person learning in Lansing and virtual learning, there is something for everyone to help appreciate our unique history. Did you know that 13 women have served on the Michigan Supreme Court? Today, women make up more than 40 percent of the state's judiciary. For Questions, Contact: Rachael Drenovsky DrenovskyR@courts.mi.gov

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

20. Michigan Council for the Social Studies

Save the date for the 2023 Michigan Council for the Social Studies annual conference. We'll be returning to an in-person venue in Traverse City, Michigan April 14-15 2023. More information coming soon, but watch the MCSS website for approximate costs this June.

(Dave Johnson, Wexford-Missaukee ISD)

21. What do you know about the War of 1812?

On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain. The action marked the start of the ONLY war in America history named after the year it started. (I thought that trivia item might get your attention.) The war officially lasted for about 33 months, ending with the formal exchanges of signed agreements between President James Madison and the British Ambassador to the United States in late February 1815. The exchange took place in the Octagon House, the temporary presidential residence following the British burning of the White House on August 24, 1814. Attached is a "War of 1812" Quiz for you to prepare for your appearance on "Jeopardy."

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

22. Zoom to “HistoryHounds” from the Historical Society of Michigan

HSM offers "History Hounds" weekly virtual programs on a wide variety of interesting Michigan history topics. "History Hounds" programs are free to all HSM members and to members of groups having an HSM organizational membership, such as dues-paying MCHE members. (To join MCHE, visit <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org> Details, with a google form, are posted at top of the Home. page. Non-members can register for \$7.00. You can enjoy the content from the comfort and safety of your home. For details and to register for “History Hounds”, visit www.hsmichigan.org

Upcoming Programs include:

- ** Colon: Magic Capital of the World, Wed., June 1, 7 p.m.
- ** Stories from Michigan's Immigrants, Martha Bloomfield, Tues., June 7, noon
- ** Ambitious Honor: George Armstrong Custer’s Life of Service and Lust for Fame, James E. Mueller, Wed., June 15, 7 p.m.
- ** Shanty Boys: The Lumbermen of the Upper Midwest, Tues., June 21, 12:00 p.m.,with Ryan Gale
- ** Building Walls: Immigration Restriction in American History, Bruce Sellers, Wed., June 29, 7 p.m.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

23. Celebrate Unique Holidays Each Month of the Year

A recent article in the Lansing State Journal featured information on unique holidays celebrated in diverse cultures and faiths. You can see the full article at

<https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/life/2022/01/01/advance-diversity-add-15-inclusive-holidays-your-2022-calendar/8922570002/>

Here is an June holiday to note:

June 20 | World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day to honor and celebrate the spirit and courage of refugees around the world who are forced to leave their homes, and sometimes countries, to escape conflict or persecution. It was designated a holiday by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001. The United Nations website has a number of activities to help you observe this day at home, including art contests and musical performances. You can also reach out to find an organization in or near your community that is dedicated to helping refugees. Visit UN.org for more information.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

24. What was Henry Ford doing in Brazil?

Mike Deren just shared a brief 13 minute video on “Inside Henry Ford's Failed Amazon City | Rise And Fall” He stated, “An interesting story. Henry Ford’s quest for rubber in the Amazon.” Check it out at https://youtu.be/b7nmmZWC8_E

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

25. Take a Virtual Tour of the Michigan History Museum with C Span

The Michigan History Center tells the story of the state’s growth from its indigenous peoples to the success of Detroit’s auto industry. Community Engagement director Tobi Voigt gave a tour of the museum and explained how the state’s natural resources helped build Michigan’s economic success. C-SPAN’s Local Content Vehicles (LCVs) made a stop in their “2019 LCV Cities Tour” in Lansing, Michigan, from June 20-26, 2019, to feature the history and literary life of the community. View 11 minute video at

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?464136-1/michigan-history-museum>

For info on class group tours the Museum, visit

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/museums/mhm/school-programs>

For info on individual Museum visits, go to <https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/museums/mhm>

To schedule class visits to both the State Capitol and the Michigan History museum, visit

<http://capitol.michigan.gov/tours>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

26. NCHE seeks National Conference Presenters

NCHE invites proposals from K-12 and University teachers, historians, public history and education professionals for our 2023 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. March 23-25, 2023. Details at <https://ncheteach.org/Call-for-Proposals>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

27. YouTube tells Story of the Griffon the first sailing ship on the Upper Great Lakes

You tube video of a lecture I (Joe Nussendorfer, Livonia historian)attended the other day on the sinking of Le Griffon, that sunk on its maiden voyage in Lake Michigan. This link to video:

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(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

28. Bill of Rights Institute Offers Supreme Court Lesson for June

In their last season, the Supreme Court has heard a variety of cases on issues ranging from abortion access to a high school coach praying on the football field to the limits of Second Amendment rights. The Supreme Court plays a significant role in our governing system by interpreting the constitutionality of laws. The Justices do not come to unanimous rulings and often disagree over the meaning and application of aspects of our governing document. The people, too, often disagree on various rulings, and it is important that they discuss and debate the court's interpretations. Use this eLesson to guide students as they explore some of the cases the Supreme Court has heard in their 2021-2022 session while forming their own opinions on them. Resource materials available at

https://billofrightsinstitute.org/e-lessons/supreme-court-round-up-2021-2022?utm_source=Salesforce%20Marketing%20Cloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=E-Lesson+5.26.22&utm_id=153117&sfmc_id=374913860

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