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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

December snuck up on me with Thanksgiving so late in November. I am now looking forward to all the festivities that December bring. Wishing you all a fantastic end to another year!

Sincerely,  
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### 1. 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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## **2. Center for South Asian Studies K-12 Teacher Fellowship Program**

The Center for South Asian Studies (CSAS) at the University of Michigan, thanks to funding from the Department of Education, has instituted the K-12 Teacher Fellowship Program, and 2020 will be its second year.

The fellowship's goal is to sponsor 1 teacher per year to develop South Asia curriculum modules for K-12 classrooms, which will be shared publicly on our website, and through platforms such as the National Council for the Social Studies.

The Teacher Fellow will be provided with access to the University of Michigan library, and mentoring from the South Asia librarian, and faculty experts.

The Teacher Fellow will be required to attend at least 4 lectures or events during the academic year, here in Ann Arbor, either in our Lecture Series or in a South Asia course, and to produce a curriculum module by the end of the academic year.

CSAS will then provide the Teacher Fellow a professional service fee (\$1000), and sponsor travel through the Global Exploration for Educators Organization to India and Nepal.

If you would like to know more, please contact [cbeghi@umich.edu](mailto:cbeghi@umich.edu).

[Apply here](#) by **December 15**.

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## **3. 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.

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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## **4. 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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## **5. Social Studies M-Step Call for Committee Members**

The Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability in the Michigan Department of Education is looking for educators to serve on the Social Studies M-Step committees. These committees include Context and Item Writing teams, as well as Bias and Sensitivity (BSC) and Content Advisory (CAC) for Context, Item, and Data Reviews for all content areas.

To ensure the database is current, we ask that you complete this survey.

This data collection should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

<https://www.cvent.com/d/pgq6sr>

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### **6. Give your family and friends a gift subscription of “Michigan History”**

Michigan History magazine provides history enthusiasts with exciting stories about Michigan’s past – its people, places, and events – and the impact our Great Lakes State has made on the nation and beyond. The magazine is published six times a year and offered either as an individual subscription or as an enhancement to the world HSM membership. To subscribe, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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### **7. Celebrate Family Fun on Noel Night in Detroit, Sat., Dec.7th**

The 47th annual Noel Night is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2019. The event offers over 110 participating venues, including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Michigan Science Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Detroit Historical Museum, Wayne State University and the College for Creative Studies, along with the area’s historic churches, galleries, unique shops, nonprofit organizations, other arts, cultural and educational institutions, restaurants, bars and breweries, to name just a few. Details and schedule at [Noel Night](#)

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### **8. Apply Now to Be Member of Michigan Redistricting Commission**

The process to select the 13-member Michigan commission responsible for redrawing the state’s voting district lines has officially begun. Michiganders who are registered voters can apply to be on the commission from now until the end of May 2020. History teachers would really be doing a public service if they apply to be considered. Details at [https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633\\_91141---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_91141---,00.html)

Application posted at

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Michigan\\_Independent\\_Citizens\\_Redistricting\\_Commission\\_booklet\\_669598\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Michigan_Independent_Citizens_Redistricting_Commission_booklet_669598_7.pdf)

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### **9. Save the Dates—Fri.-Sat., March 27-28, 2020**

Nearly 60 years ago as a new history teacher at Schafer High School in the Heintzen School District (Southgate), I attended the Local History Conference at the McGregor Center on the Wayne State University campus. Finding this program interesting and educational, I attended several more over the next 30 years. About 1990, I began helping Dr. Phil Mason organize the event. Now, 30 years later, I still consider this gathering to be very worthwhile. Now coordinated by the Historical Society of Michigan led by Executive Director Larry Wagenaar, the event has been held for the past few years at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. Details will be posted by mid-January at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org). Plan now to join us at this event.

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### **10. The First MotorCities Highway Signs Are A Reality!**

Thanksgiving weekend drivers in the Flint and Lansing areas are likely to notice something new along the highways -- those familiar brown National Park Service signs with a message welcoming them to the MotorCities National Heritage Area! The first five signs installed are the culmination of many years of work with the Michigan Department of Transportation and can be found in the following locations: Southbound I-75 before the Mt. Morris exit north of Flint; Eastbound I-69 near Lansing Road northeast of Lansing; Eastbound I-96 near the I-69 interchange northwest of Lansing; Eastbound I-96 near the US 127 interchange southeast of Lansing; Westbound I-96 near the US 127 interchange southeast of Lansing.

There are a total of 15 signs that make up the first phase of MotorCities highway sign rollout, so stay tuned for additional installations near Kalamazoo, Jackson, Ypsilanti and metro Detroit. (Info taken from MotorCities newsletter so you know to look for the new signs. To learn more about the MotorCities National Area or subscribe to this informative newsletter, visit [MotorCities National Heritage Area](#)

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### **11. Michigan Humanities moves to New Office in Okemos**

Michigan Humanities is moving to a new office. Beginning on December 16 they will be located at 2364 Woodlake Drive, Suite 100, Okemos, MI 48864. Their phone number, 517-372-7770, and staff email addresses will remain the same. During the move, email responses and follow up may be delayed the week of Dec. 9-13.

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**12. Historical Events in December (includes some fascinating trivia):**

- \*\* Dec. 7, 1941-Pearl Harbor bombed.
- \*\* Dec. 16, 1773-The Boston Tea Party.
- \*\* Dec. 18, 1620-Mayflower docks at Plymouth Harbor.
- \*\* Dec. 30, 1922-USSR established.

For info on events for every day of the month, google “Today in History”.

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**13. Time to Experience “Holiday Nights” at Greenfield Village**

December 5-8, 12-15, 17-23 and 26-28—Time: 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village, Fri.-Sun., <http://www.thehenryford.org/events/holidayNights.aspx>

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**14. Plan Now for Your Students to Enter “Michigan History Day”**

The Historical Society of Michigan is the local sponsor of National History day, offering students a wide variety of learning experiences. For full details on History day, visit [Michigan History Day® - Historical Society of Michigan](http://www.michiganhistoryday.org)

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**15. 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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**16. 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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**17. 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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**18. 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](https://courts.mi.gov/learningcenter)

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**19. HSM moves to Meijer Center for Michigan History**

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, the Meijer Center for Michigan History was officially unveiled with a ceremony, open house and lecture by Hank Meijer. A longtime supporter of HSM, The Meijer Foundation has been a committed ally in the Society’s educational efforts to share the history and heritage of all Michigan’s peoples.

Along with offices for HSM staff, meeting and storage spaces, and an expanded area for HSM's library of Michigan history books, the Meijer Center for Michigan History offers four education spaces—all with remote learning capabilities.

The Historical Society of Michigan, publisher of Michigan History and Chronicle magazines, is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations.

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## **20. Michigan History Day State Finals Move to Central Michigan University**

The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) announces that the 2020 Michigan History Day® State Finals will be held at Central Michigan University (CMU) on Saturday, April 25, 2020. For the past four years, the event was held at Bay City Central High School, but it will now move to the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) on the CMU campus, which is located in Mount Pleasant. The CMU campus can easily accommodate the more than 1,200 people expected to attend the contest, including students, teachers, family members and volunteer judges, all of whom travel from every region of Michigan to participate in the State Finals.

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## **21. 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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## **22. Innovate**

The Henry Ford's innovation-based curriculum has launched! **Innovate** helps students connect their subject matter to real-world applications through innovation understanding and skills development, unleashing every student's potential to develop groundbreaking ideas. **A free 10-day trial for the first lesson, Innovate 101: Inspire Our Future and the facilitator's guide is now available.**

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

\*\* Michigan expanded preschool funding. Reading scores show it works.

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-expanded-preschool-funding-reading-scores-show-it-works>

\*\* Why do Detroit kids miss so much school? Hint: Don't just blame the schools

<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/why-do-detroit-kids-miss-so-much-school-hint-dont-just-blame-schools>

\*\* Judge rejects GOP bid to delay Michigan redistricting commission

<https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-government/judge-rejects-gop-bid-delay-michigan-redistricting-commission>

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

\*\* The History of Black Incarceration Is Longer Than You May Think

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173701>

\*\* The 7 Wonders of the World – Digitally Reconstructed

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173590>

\*\* The Overlooked Aftermath of the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173550>

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