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1. Clements Library/U of M <https://clements.umich.edu/>

***April 8 and April 29@4:15pm - 5:15pm, Guided Tour of the Clements Library. Have you ever wondered what goes on in the stately Clement Library? Take a guided tour to learn about Clement's early American history collections and how they are used.

***April 15 @ 10:00am - 11:00am, “Legends and Hoaxes on the Early American Frontier,” Author Conversations with Gregory Dowd. Rumor -spread by colonists and Naive Americans alike-ran rampant in early America. Arguing that rumors are part of the objective reality left to us by the past-a kind of fragmentary archival record-Professor Dowd examines how uncertain news became powerful enough to cascade through the centuries.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

2. Other Michigan Museums

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

Arab American Heritage Month - Free Museum admission all month!

***April 9 @ 8:00pm, Sahra: An Evening of Performance in Detroit. Sahra, which is Arabic for “soiree” or “evening”. This event - held at a new performance and gallery space in Detroit - brings together three widely different performances.

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History <https://www.thewright.org/>

April 21 @ 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Remember the Time: Ancient Egypt in African-American Music. Artistic traditions have received relatively little attention from Egyptologists and scholars who study the reception of Egyptian antiquity. Led by Egyptologist Daniel Soliman, he will look at lyrics, album art, and music videos to determine how the artistic visions of ancient Egypt are used to express various philosophies across genres.

The Zekelman Holocaust Center <https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>

The Educator Resource page is designed to provide teachers with a variety of materials that can enhance and supplement their Holocaust and genocide instruction. The resources have been designed to engage students and foster critical and compassionate thinking so that they better understand the events of the Holocaust and see the victims as people, not just numbers.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

3. History News Network <https://historynewsnetwork.org/>

Feature articles for Historians: Erin Thompson's "*Smashing Statues*": *Tear 'Em All Down*, Itta Bena, *Miss. Works to Preserve Civil Rights History* and Historian Marci Shore's Recommended Books for Understanding Ukraine.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

4. Michigan Council on Economic Education -The Michigan Council on Economic Education is partnering with NGPF to offer 10 SCECH for every certification course you complete! Each certification course is 9 hours of instruction followed by a 1-hour test of your knowledge. Become a true content area expert with the credentials to show it! Registration is now open now for the cohort with sessions from April 18 - May 19. Courses Offered: Banking & Budgeting, Insurance, Paying for College, Psychology of Money. To register, go to: [NGPF Certification Courses](#) Questions: Contact Derek D'Angelo derek@michiganecon.org

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

5. 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)

6. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies- RUSSIA AND UKRAINE: HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHAT COMES NEXT? Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Location: Richard M. DeVos Center Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or virtual at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222394732> Description: As fighting continues and peace talks appear only rhetorically, how can we better understand the war? More importantly, what, if any, is our role – as individuals and a collective? To Register for this Free event, click on: [Russia and Ukraine - Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies - Grand Valley State University \(gvsu.edu\)](#)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

7. Michigan Council for Civic Education- The National Mock Trial 2022 is right around the corner! Judges and facilitators are encouraged to sign up. As of now, all events are virtual including a student reception and a volunteer, teacher, and donor reception. For more information, please <https://miciviced.org/programs/mock-trial/> and share [this](#) flyer. Questions: Contact Ellen Zwarenstejn, ezwarenstejn@miciviced.org

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

8. MCSS - The MCSS Spring Virtual Conference is only a few weeks away. Check out the keynote speaker list and get registered for the conference by visiting: <https://www.mcssmi.org/Conference-2022>

(David Johnson, MCSS)

9. The Historical Society of Michigan <https://hsmichigan.org/>
The Historical Society of Michigan publishes the *Michigan History* magazine. The magazine is published six times a year and may be purchased via an individual subscription or as an addition to HSM membership. Gift subscriptions may also be purchased. For more information about this and other publications of the Historical Society of Michigan, see <https://hsmichigan.org/publications/michiganhistory/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

10. “This Month in History,” from the History Place
<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/index.html>

***April 2, 1792–Congress created the first U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

***April 4, 1949–NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organizations) was created as a defensive military alliance by twelve nations, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, France, and Iceland.

***April 9, 1866–Congress passed the Civil Rights Bill which granted African Americans the rights and privileges of U.S. citizenship.

***April 15, 1912–The ship *Titanic*, with over 2,000 people aboard, sank off the coast of Newfoundland after hitting an iceberg.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

11. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia <https://www.ferris.edu/jimcrow/>

The website for the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia includes a page with links to a number of fascinating scholarly essays, including “New Racist Forms,” “Mammy: Her Life and Times,” “Toys as History: Ethnic Images and Cultural Change,” “Al Jolson: A Megastar Long Buried Under a Layer of Blackface,” and “Ethnic Images in Film Posters and Songsheet Covers,” along with many others.

<https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/links/essays/index.htm>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

12. “Bridge” (Center for Michigan) <https://www.bridgemi.com/center-michigan>

***Yue Stella Yu, “ 2022 Michigan Petition Drives Tracker: What to Know About Election Proposals,” March 1, 2022 (and will be continuously updated throughout the 2022 election season). This piece provides a great deal of information about the proposals, including where they stand, who supports them, and what both supporters and those in opposition have to say.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

13. George Washington’s Mount Vernon <https://www.mountvernon.org/>

Historian Joseph Ellis, whose scholarship has focused upon the lives of the Founding Fathers such as Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, will be discussing his newest book, *The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents 1773-1783* on April 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. To purchase tickets for his lecture virtually or in person, see <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/library-events-programs/>.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

14. Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center- Women on the Michigan Supreme Court

Since electing its first woman Justice in the 1970s, Michigan has consistently been ahead of its peers in the inclusion of women on its high court. In total, 13 women have served on the Michigan Supreme Court. Today, women make up more than 40 percent of the state's judiciary. For Additional Resources: [A History of Women in the Law in Michigan](#) (pdf) [Justice Mary S. Coleman: First Woman on the Michigan Supreme Court](#) (slide deck with reflection questions for students) Justices' Biographies, [Current](#) | [Historical](#) Questions, Contact: Rachael Drenovsky DrenovskyR@courts.mi.gov

(from David Hales, Wayne RESA)

15. Exploring Anishnabewaki and New France: Bringing Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Michigan to Your Students

Based at the Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center, Conservation Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653

This professional development workshop experience for educators is designed to bring the power of place-based learning to your students. Over three days, participants will explore Native American and European experiences in what would become the State of Michigan through the places themselves, in cooperation with place-based learning and content experts. This hands-on workshop's goal is for educators to bring resources from these places, including their own experiences, back to the classroom to help their students better understand the pre-colonial and colonial periods in North America.

<https://sites.google.com/uls.net/citl/workshops/pbh2022?authuser=0>

(Tammy Shreiner, GVSU)

16. MCHE offers students, educators the chance to help State legislature decide U.S. Capitol Statuary Hall questions

The Michigan Council for History Education has prepared two alternate lessons focused on one of the two Michigan statues in Statuary Hall in the United States capitol. Territorial Governor Lewis Cass might be replaced if the Michigan legislature adopts a resolution now being considered. Several years ago, the legislature voted to replace U.S. Senator Zachariah Chandler with former President Gerald Ford. MCHE seeks the views of you and your students.

Here is the link of the first page of the online lesson (click the buttons at the bottom of each page to move to the next one)

<https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org/general-8>

Scott Durham, Battle Creek Lakeview history teacher, developed a one-day and a two-day lesson offering a strategy for classroom use. In addition several primary documents offer full background on the topic. MCHE encourages you to enhance student participation in the political process through the use of these materials.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

17. How Happy are Americans compared with other nations?

Finland is once again world's happiest nation. But how does the U.S. rank? Learn about this unique study, share the info with your students by checking out the attached Freep article. Enjoy!

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

18. What do you know about the American Revolution?

As the United States approach hr semiqintcentennial of its birth on July 4, 1776, how much do you know about some of the key events that created the Nation? Attached is a "American Revolution: Quiz for you to prepare for your appearance on "Jeopardy."

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19.. Zoom to "HistoryHounds" from the Historical society of Michigan

"History Hounds" offer virtual programs on Michigan history stories
HSM offers "History Hounds" weekly virtual programs on a wide variety of interestingMichigan 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 Hone. 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:

** Wed., April 6, 7 pm, SS Badger: A National Historic Landmark by Shelby Soberalski

** tues, April 12, noon, The Old Rugged Cross: The Hymn and the Michigan Church by Eric Harmsen

** Wed., April 20, 7 pm, The Old Rugged Cross: The Hymn and the Michigan Church by Robert & Molly Schaffer

** Tues., April 26, noon, The Milwaukee Clipper: a National Historic Landmark by Ray Hill

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20. Celebrate Unique Holidays each Month of the Year

A recent araticle 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 April holiday to note: VAISAKHI SPRING HARVEST FESTIVAL, APRIL 14

Vaisakhi, also spelled Baisakhi, is a spring harvest festival that marks the start of the Punjabi New Year. It is celebrated among Sikhs, a people associated with the Indian religion Sikhism that originated in the Punjab region of South Asia. It is also a day to celebrate 1699 the year when Sikhism was born as a collective faith.

On this day, many enjoy parades and processions through the streets wearing specific articles of clothing and accessories that help identify who they are. Some visit temples, cook delicious dishes and meet with friends and relatives on this day. The exchanging of greeting cards and other activities to celebrate can be found at sikhcoalition.org

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