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Dear Friends of MCHE,

With the arrival of summer, now is the time to take a virtual trip to the upper Peninsula and learn about its fascinating history and culture. The Historical Society of Michigan offers many learning opportunities in their annual June Upper Peninsula Conference. Check out the attachment for complete details or visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

As a redistricting/reapportionment “fan”, I encourage you to check out the efforts of the FIRST Michigan Independent Citizen Commission charged with this massive responsibility this year. The MICRD has held several meetings across the state already, but you can still attend, either virtually or in person, at any of the upcoming hearings. I urge you to assign attendance a hearing for your students, age appropriate. For details, see the MICRD attachment.

An interesting legislative topic was raised in a recent Mitch Albom column. This might offer you an opportunity to be a civic activist. Check out Mitch’s column in the attachments.

Take advantage of the gradual re-opening of our many museums and historic sites. I just learned that Preservation Detroit will begin their summer tour program this month, with many great walking tours of Detroit. Check them out at <https://preservationdetroit.org>. Make this the summer you visit every official Michigan Historic Site, as listed at <https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,9075,7-361-85147---,00.html> The 12 sites in the Michigan History Center (DNR) system offer many special activities during the summer. Make your summer more enjoyable... visit Michigan’s historic sites and museums.

My continued thanks for the E Notes reporters and tech supporters who contribute most of the items in this and other issues.

Jim McConnell, MCHE E-Notes Editor

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#### 1. Nick Orłowski Assumed MCHE Presidency on July 1, 2021

Nick Orłowski serves as Director of Professional Learning for Grand Rapids Public Schools. In this role, Nick is responsible for assessing academic staff professional learning needs, developing professional development programs to address those needs and evaluating current and future programs to meet the needs of school-based staff. Prior to joining Grand Rapids Public Schools, Nick served as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for CS Partners. He has also taught courses at the University of Michigan and spent five years teaching middle school in Naples, FL. Nick earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Michigan. Nick also holds a Master's in educational policy and administration as well as a Doctorate in teaching and teacher education from the University of Michigan.

#### 2. NCHE Offers Summer PD Opportunity

The second annual NCHE Equity Summit is scheduled for August 3-4, 2021. This online summit will feature speakers and panels on the topic, “Recovery for Transformation”. Registration will open soon, \$25 for NCHE Members and \$50 for non-members. Details and register at <https://ncheteach.org/conversation-post/2021-NCHE-Equity-Summit-Recovery-for-Transformation> NOTE: See #4 below and MCHE/NCHE

### 3. Congrats to Newly Elected MCHE Officers, Board Members

According to Michele Anders, MCHE Elections Committee Chair, the results of the 2021 Election include: Catherine Tuzcek, Detroit Schools, as President Elect (7/1/21 to 6/30/22) and Scott Durham, Lakeview High School, Battle Creek, as Secretary (7/1/21 to 6/30/23), a two year term)

The seven educators elected to two year terms (7/1/20 to 6/30/23), on the executive Board are Kailie Burk, Rockford Schools, Richard Cooley, Grand Valley State University, Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Jim McConnell, retired Dearborn Schools, Adedagbo Ngozi, Detroit Schools, Vivian Pearson, Detroit Schools, and Wilson Warren, Western Michigan University. Serving on the Election Committee with Anderson were Jim McConnell and Catherine Tuzcek.

### 4. Save \$\$\$ with Joint NCHE/MCHE Membership

Join NCHE & MCHE for only \$25, a 50% savings off the regular NCHE member charge of \$50 annually. See the attached form to join both groups or visit <https://forms.gle/YKV2HQWL2WTppZxdA> to complete and submit online form.

NCHE Member Benefits include: "History Matters," monthly e-news with articles & resources, "Time Travelers", National Museum Admissions Network"; Access to Member Only website section and discount Registration Fee for NCHE Conference in St. Louis MO, March 17-19, 2022.

Details at <https://ncheteach.org/Registration>

MCHE Member Benefits include: Free SCECHs; Fee for non-members, Special Members Only Events; Discounts on Museum/Historical Site Tours Email Alert on Key Information, Service on MDE/Key Statewide Education Committees. For more info, visit MCHE at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org>

### 5. NCHE Seeks Conference Proposals Now for St. Louise Gathering, March 17-19, 2022

This might be your opportunity to make a presentation at a national conference. NCHE National Council for History Education urges you to consider submitting a presentation proposal for the 2022 gathering near the "Lewis and Clark" Arch in St. Louis. You can get details on proposal submission as well as registration and lodging details at the NCHE website, <https://ncheteach.org>

### 6. State Senate Studies 'Interesting' Bill on Social Studies Curriculum

Dave Johnson, President, Michigan Social Studies Supervisors Association (MSSSA), emailed MSSSA members about Senate Bill 460, recently introduced in the State Senate and referred to the Education Committee. Dave, an MCHE Board member, states, "Regardless on your personal beliefs on any of the specified examples the overall broad bill will be a massive headache for our schools. It takes one person to complain about something said in class as being anti-American (just helped a teacher in home base navigate their response to their Civil Rights unit) and the investigation and 5% reduction in funding to launch." Read the bill at <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2021-2022/billintroduced/Senate/pdf/2021-SIB-0460.pdf>

### 7. C SPAN Offers Great Resources for Educators

(A) Herbert Hoover's World War I-Era Food Relief Work

Visit <https://www.c-span.org/video/?509791-1/herbert-hoovers-world-war-era-food-relief-work>

(B) Grover Cleveland's 1884 Election

Visit <https://www.c-span.org/video/?508447-1/grover-clevelands-1884-election>

(C) Abraham Lincoln in 1864

Visit <https://www.c-span.org/video/?511506-1/abraham-lincoln-1864>

(D) World War II and Historical Memory

Visit <https://www.c-span.org/video/?510330-5/world-war-ii-historical-memory>

8. Preservation Detroit to offer Historic Detroit Walking Tours

Join PD for a walking tour! Learn about Detroit's vibrant history and experience the city from a new perspective. The PD award-winning tours share our rich architectural and cultural history with residents and visitors to the Detroit region. They are Detroit's longest-running non-profit tour organization. Check out the tours and the PD website for info on how Preservation Detroit is addressing COVID-19 concerns. Details at <https://preservationdetroit.org>.

9. Will Japan really host the "2020" Summer Olympics in 2021

Stay tuned for breaking news as the world (and NBC) holds its collective breath as the international debate continues over the fate of the Summer Games. The XXXII are scheduled to begin with the Opening Ceremony on Friday, July 23rd in Tokyo, Japan, and close on Saturday, August 8th. Details and updates at <https://olympics.com/en/>

10. Michigan Oral History Association (<https://michiganoha.org/>)

\*The Michigan Oral History Association provides links for a variety of oral history projects, including the National Park History Program, the Detroit 67 Oral History Project, and the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (organized by war).

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia at Ferris State University has virtual tours available which provide access to the museum's exhibits as well as comprehensive lesson plans for teachers. Contact the museum's educators for more information at <https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/onlinetours.htm> (From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

12. National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York (<https://www.womenofthehall.org/women-of-the-hall/voices-great-women/>)

Oral History: Voices of Great Women

With support from a Museums for America grant from the the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Women's Hall of Fame is working with living inductees to collect the stories and histories of women's lives – the good, the bad, and the revolutionary; the ups, downs, and turnabouts; words to live by on the long, unfinished road to equality, justice and liberation.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

13. History News Network (<http://historynewsnetwork.org/donations.html>)

Features articles for Historians: "Why Confederate Lies Live On", "The First Asian American Settlement Was Established by Filipino Fishermen" and "Why the New Deal Still Matters".

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

14. Other Michigan Museums

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

AANM invites educators from far and wide to attend one of our Educator Open House sessions. Here, educators in all fields will get a glimpse into the educational offerings of AANM and resources that can be used in their classroom.

Charles H Wright African American Museum (<https://www.thewright.org/> )

The How, and why of the Covid-19 Crisis

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began earlier this year, one thing has become abundantly clear: the coronavirus impacts the African American community at a disproportionate rate when compared with other populations. A new virtual series about the historical, political, and social factors intensifying the impact of this virus on America's Black population.

Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus (<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>)

A Violin Tribute to the Holocaust

Join acclaimed French violinist Arnaud Sussmann for a special Holocaust-inspired recital and a live Q&A on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00pm.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

15. Clements Library/UM (<https://clements.umich.edu/>)

The Clements Bookwork: Online Event for History Lovers

The history topic for this month's discussion is on Juneteenth, held on Friday, June 18, 2021 from 10:00am - 11:00am

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

16. Historical Society of Michigan (<https://hsmichigan.org/programs/history-hounds-lecture-series/>)

John Urschel, of the Civil War Roundtable of Southwest Michigan, will be presenting "A Battle Against All Odds: The 25th Michigan at Tebbs Bend" virtually on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Andrew Lapin of Detroit Jewish News will be giving a virtual presentation, "Father Charles Coughlin and American Fascism," on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

17. "Bridge" (The Center for Michigan) (<https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-school-superintendents-mostly-male-nearly-all-white>)

Ron French and Madeline Halpert, "Michigan school superintendents: mostly males, nearly all white." May 10, 2021

(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

18. "This Month in History," from "The History Place" (<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/june.htm>)

June 14, 1775--The first U.S. military service, the Continental Army, was created by the Second Continental Congress.

June 25, 1950--The Korean War began when North Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel, thereby beginning an invasion of South Korea.

June 28, 1914--Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was assassinated along with his wife; the events which followed led to the start of World War I.  
(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

19. George Washington's Mount Vernon (<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/for-teachers/digital-resources-for-your-classroom/>)

George Washington's Mount Vernon website provides digital collections of primary sources that may be used in the classroom, including material culture items, documents, and archaeological objects.  
(From Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

20. Michigan History Center Open to Public in July 2021

Beginning July 12, 2021 the Michigan History Center will, once again be open to the public. The Center's reopening will include access to the Michigan Archives as well as many museums across the state which are members of the Michigan History Museum System. Use your summer to get excited and refreshed on Michigan and United States history by visiting and supporting these important resources across our state! Details at <https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/0,9075,7-361-85147---,00.html>

(from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

21. MI Open Book offers free Textbooks, specific to Michigan's State Standards

The MI Open Book Project began in 2014 as a response to the frustrations many teachers feel with their textbooks; they are made for other states, they quickly fall out of date, and they are too expensive to update frequently. Utilizing a Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant, a group of Michigan Teachers began designing free textbooks for Michigan Teachers. Visit <http://textbooks.wmisd.org> to find a History textbook that is simply, easy, updated, and free to use in your classroom. (from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

22. Gilder Lehrman offers Hamilton Education Program

Inspired by Lin-Manuel Miranda's 2015, Tony-award winning Musical, Hamilton, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of History is providing educational resources to teachers, helping them combine fine art and history. This program aims to "help students see the relevance of the founding era"  
Details at <http://textbooks.wmisd.org> (from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

23. Jim Henson at the Henry Ford Museum

June 5th-September 6, 2021, The Henry Ford Museum will be hosting a dynamic exhibit on the life and impact of Jim Henson, best known for his work on Sesame Street, The Muppets, and Star Wars. The Exhibit will include artifacts such as actual puppets and film storyboards. Jim Henson's impact on culture and early childhood education may be relevant to the transformative era of the 1970's and domestic conflicts during this time (Standard 8.2.4). Learn more about the exhibit at <https://www.thehenryford.org> (from Kailie Burk , Rockford Schools)

24. Library of Congress lessons. <https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/conservation-movement-at-a-crossroads-the-hetch-hetchy-controversy/>

The Conservation Movement at a Crossroads: The Hetch Hetchy Controversy. This lesson plan provides historical context for the present debate concerning sustainability and climate change and use of natural resources. (from Dick Cooley, GVSU)

25. River Raisin's National Battlefield Park programs/events/ From the River

<https://www.nps.gov/rira/planyourvisit/index.htm>

There is a new film for viewing in the River Raisin's "state of the art" theater. The film is entitled "The Untold Legacy of the River Raisin". There is a fee for viewing the film. See the park's website for details. (From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

26. Colonial Williamsburg

<https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/visit/itineraries/diy-ers-makers/>

There is rekindled interest in DIYing and "Makers". This section of website explores the work of artisans and the historic trades. Whether you and your students are interested in finding solutions for problems at home or interested in building/making projects, this section provides some historical context for modern day problem-solving and "making". (From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

27. PBS offers Education Programs

<https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/ilpov18-soc-il-ilbias/who-me-biased-understanding-implicit-bias/>

"Who, Me? Biased?: Understanding Implicit Bias. This high school level lesson plan allows students to explore discrimination in society today. It examines how laws have not eliminated discrimination and inequity in our society. (From Dick Cooley, GVSU)

28. Have you read "The Left Behind" by Robert Wuthnow?

I just listened to a lecture on the current political crisis in America sponsored by the Society of Active retirees (SOAR, [www.soarexplore.com](http://www.soarexplore.com)). In his presentation "Reviving Hope After Trump," Ronald Aronson made several references to "The Left Behind: Decline and Rage in Rural America—How a fraying social fabric is fueling the outrage of rural Americans" by Robert Wuthnow; Princeton University Press, 2018; 200 pgs.; ISBN: 9780691177663. I have added this book to my 'Future reading list' and wondered if any of you had already read it. Any comments?