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1. Michigan Council for History Education

The Michigan Council for History Education will be holding its yearly elections beginning May 1st through May 25th. Up for re-election is David Zwart for the treasurer’s position and five returning board members, Michele Anderson, Anne-Lise Halvorson, David Johnson, Sean O’Neill, and Jana Pisani. Board member, Nadine Hall, is running for the MCHE president-elect position and Marsha Lewis, is new on the ballot to be elected for a two-year board position. There is still another two-year board position and one-year board position open for anyone wishing to join the MCHE board. Anyone interested in running for either board position can

contact Michele Anderson at hsteacherlady@charter.net. Current members of the MCHE can vote in this year's election. The MCHE 2022 ballot can be accessed by clicking on this link: [MCHE 2022 Election Ballot](#)

Below is information on the two candidates running for new positions.

Nadine Hall is the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Greenhills School, where she also teaches U.S. history and sociology, and served as chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences. Nadine holds a masters' degree in American Culture and Social Science, and undergraduate degrees in English and African American Studies. Nadine was a featured keynote speaker at the American Reading Forum conference presenting "Unlearning Racism, Sexism, and Homophobia: Increasing Equity Literacy in the Classroom and Beyond." She has served on the MCHE board of directors for four years.

Marsha Lewis has served in various positions within the Detroit Public Schools Community District since 1995. Ms. Lewis is a board member of the Michigan Council for Social Studies and Michigan Council for Civics Education. She is co-chair of the state bias review committee for social studies standards adoption and serves on various educational committees at the state, regional, and national levels. She views a collaborative school environment as the key to creating successful teachers and students. She believes partnerships with parents and community partners are essential to enriching the experience of students across the state. Her motto and teaching philosophy speak to her love the students and learning process.

(Contributed by Michele Anderson, Past President Michigan Council for History Education, University of Michigan School of Education Instructor, Ann Arbor)

2. Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies

Midwest History Conference 2022, May 19-20, 2022. All Day, Cost: Free. Location: Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium, GVSU's Richard M. DeVos Center, Grand Rapids, MI (Free Parking Available) Description: Hosted for the eighth year by the Hauenstein Center in collaboration with the Midwestern History Association, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum, this year's conference moves to sustain Midwestern studies by addressing the multitude of Midwestern life, from its role in the republic's early days to its renewed importance in presidential elections. To register: [RSVP for this event](#)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

3. Michigan Center for Civic Education

The Michigan Center for Civic Education (MCCE) is a non-partisan 501(C)3 nonprofit created to be a premier organization dedicated to preparing active and informed members of society through law-related and civic education in Michigan. MCCE provides youth with the knowledge and skills needed to become engaged members of a more vibrant and healthy civic society.

Check them out at: [Civic Education In Michigan | Civics Programs | Student Government \(miciviced.org\)](#)

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

4. Michigan Council on Economic Education

SmartPath is an engaging, interactive and easy-to-use way for elementary and middle school teachers to embed relevant and fun economic and financial education in their classrooms, to boost students' financial literacy. It is free and can be accessed at: [SmartPath](#) Questions: Contact Derek Dangelo derek@michiganecon.org

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

5. Michigan Council for the Social Studies

MCSS is pleased to announce a 4 episode webinar series on teaching the Civil Rights Movement. This series is free to everyone and will be led by Dr. J. Michael Butler from Flagler College in Florida. Dr. Butler was slated to deliver this same series to teachers in Osceola County Florida in conjunction with NCHE but the district canceled at the last minute fearing that his talk on the history of the civil rights movement was critical race theory. (It's not!) - MCSS was happy to scoop him up to provide this same series to all interested Michigan educators for free this spring. Learn more and register here:

<https://mcssmi.org/conferences/>

(Dave Johnson, Wexford-Missaukee ISD)

6. Michigan Geographic Alliance

The Michigan Geographic Alliance website, hosted by Central Michigan University, is currently unavailable and not accessible. We will notify you in future E-Notes when their comprehensive resources that promote geographic literacy and knowledge become available again. Questions: Contact Gabrielle Likavec <likavlg1@cmich.edu>

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

7. Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center

This unique learning environment combines a museum-style gallery with tours and educational resources about the judicial branch. Students can learn about the state's judicial branch of government through in-person guided tours at the Hall of Justice, virtual fieldtrips, and through robust civics resources online. Check them out at: [MI SC Learning Center](#) Questions: Contact Rachel Drenovsky, drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov

(David Hales, Wayne RESA)

8. Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia's website contains links to detailed information and illustrations about topics such as "Who Was Jim Crow," "Brute

Caricature,” “Battling Jim Crow Imagery,” and “New Racist Forms of the 21st Century,” among many others. To access these links, see <https://www.ferris.edu/htmls/news/jimcrow/explore-exhibits.htm>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

9. “Bridge”

***Isabel Lohman and Mike Wilkinson, “U-M, MSU Thrive While Michigan Regional Universities Scramble for Students,” April 4, 2022.

***Koby Levin, “One Way to Address Student Mental Health in Michigan? Bring the Clinic to School” April 6, 2022.

***Lori Higgins, “Too Few Metro Detroiters Are Earning Post High School Degrees, Report Says,” April 6, 2022.

<https://www.bridgemi.com/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

10. George Washington’s Mount Vernon

From June 3-June 5, Mount Vernon will hold its 2022 Symposium, live streamed/virtually, which will look at gardening, landscapes, and design in Washington’s time, including discussions of how he and his contemporaries profited through agriculture and how they utilized landscape design. To order your ticket, see

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/library-events-programs/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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

The Historical Society of Michigan will hold its 73rd Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference (virtual) on June 24 and 25, 2022. Keynotes include “Fact and Fiction: Gangsters in the U.P.,” “Reckoning with the Schools: U.P. Native Americans and the Boarding Schools,” and “Toward the Light: Death and Lighthouses.” To see the conference booklet with the full list of talks and register for the conference, see

<https://www.hsmichigan.org/learn/conferences/upper-peninsula-history-conference>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

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

***May 1, 1707—Great Britain was created through the union of Scotland and England.

***May 5, 1865—Decoration Day was first observed in the United States to decorate the graves of Civil War soldiers with flowers. The observance was moved in 1971 to the last Monday in May and became Memorial Day, a day in which Americans honor men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

***May 28, 1961–Amnesty International was founded, its purpose being to support human rights, free prisoners of conscience, and ending torture and the death penalty throughout the world.

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

13. Michigan Oral History Association

The Michigan Oral History Association is dedicated to collecting and promoting oral histories in Michigan. The association is currently creating a bibliographic index of all of the oral history databases in the state. If you know of an oral history database that is not already included in the MOHA, please contact them through the Repository Location Submission Project page. To find the databases that are already included on the site, click on Resources at the top of the home page. For more information, see <https://michiganoha.org/>

(Jana Pisani, Ferris State University)

14. Clements Library/U of M

May 20, @ 10:00am - 11:00am - The Clements Bookworm: “The Importance of Companion Animals to U.S. Civil War Soldiers,” Author Conversation with Marcy Sacks. Historian Sacks discusses her research examining the role of pets and other domesticated animals in helping the U.S. Civil War soldiers both endure the trauma of war and stay connected with their loved ones at home. Using soldiers’ letters and drawings, she argues that animals helped the men to both preserve and protect their humanity despite the horror that they were enduring.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

15. Other Michigan Museums

Arab American National Museum

May 8, @ 11:00am (Special Mother’s Day Edition) and May 21, @ 4:00pm (Warren Avenue)-Yalla Eat! Culinary Walking Tour. Join a curated food tour and sample bites and sweets from grocery stores, restaurants, spice shops and sweets places in Dearborn!

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

May 15, @ 3:00pm - 5:00pm - From Egypt to Now Makers Series. Artisans have been an important part of our society for centuries. Their creations adorn our homes, our landscapes and bodies. Come virtually and in person and explore the various styles of artistry that were important to Ancient Egypt.

The Zekelman Holocaust Center

May 1, @ 2:30pm - Yom Hashoah Commemoration. Join in person or online for the annual gathering of remembrance. The program will feature stirring readings, music and a candle-lighting ceremony.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

16. History News Network

Features articles for Historians: “Are museums ready to reckon with ill-gotten human remains?”, “New book offers first historians’ take on Trump presidency” and “Woody Holton still fighting the American Revolution”.

(From Nadine Hall, Greenhills School, Ann Arbor)

17. Library of Congress: Deciphering History: Introducing Students to Primary Source Analysis

<https://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2017/10/deciphering-history-introducing-students-to-primary-source-analysis/>

Blog discussing teaching with primary sources.

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

18. River Raisin National Battlefield Park “Water Wonderland of Michigan Art Gala And Exhibition.

<https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=F523257E-05DE-1FF4-C49F35A7DBC62F22>

Gala has a cost, but exhibition is free. 100 pieces original artwork, focusing on the waterways of Michigan.

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

19. Colonial Williamsburg “Boarding at an Indian School” Lesson plan involving students comparing and contrasting their lives with the lives of Native American students who lived at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.

<https://resourcelibrary.history.org/sites/default/files/BoardingatanIndianSchool.pdf>

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

20. PBS “Missing Narratives: Uncovering Untold Narratives”. Lesson plan.

https://static.pbslearningmedia.org/media/media_files/bf0881a7-f644-451b-aa5a-0ddb4f31bda2/5f8b47a9-e050-484f-a8d0-efbf82e21227.pdf

Students create their own “history book” about the Kiowa people, which is later combined into a group “history textbook”.

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

21. National Women's Hall of Fame Short biography of Rachel Carson.
<https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/rachel-carson/>

(From Richard Cooley, retired, GVSU)

22. Educators invited to join Lansing Field Trip, Tues., June 21st

If you live in SE Michigan and are interested in taking a field trip to Lansing, check this out. Jim McConnell, has organized a trip for the Livonia Democratic Club that is open to all interested individuals.

The bus leaves from the Lansing Civic Center to visit Michigan's historic State Capitol and to tour the Michigan History center in Lansing on Tuesday, June 21st. The day's activities include a morning visit to the Nation's best history museum and an afternoon tour of the recently-restored State Capitol. Tour highlights a walk through the great exhibits in the Michigan History Center that tells the stories of our past. The State Capitol tour includes visits to the Governor's office, the old Supreme Court chamber and the two chambers of the state legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The trip activity level will include: Walking up to one block and standing at exhibits. COVID-19 requirements will be observed, as applicable.

To register, make checks payable to Livonia Democratic Club in amount of \$73/person. Deadline June 7, 2022. Mail check and participant names, addresses, phone, email to Jim McConnell, 17761

Bell Creek Lane, Livonia, MI 48152. Seating is limited so don't wait! For more info, call Jim at 734-525-2962 or email jam1776@sbcglobal.net

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (retired))

23. Celebrate the Life of the Honorable Damon J. Keith while marking the 68th anniversary of the Historic Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, KS, Supreme Court Decision

Check out the attached Civil Rights Quiz to see how much you know about this civil rights movement in American history and then help your students learn about the life of one of Michigan's most famous crusaders for justice: The Honorable Damon J Keith, Judge, U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. For info on Judge Keith's life, visit <https://law.wayne.edu/keith-center/about/judge-keith> Judge Keith was born on the Fourth of July in 1922. He died in Detroit on April 28, 2019 (aged 96). July 4, 2022, will mark the 100th anniversary of his birth. To read a great biography of Judge Keith's life, read "Crusader for Justice: Federal Judge Damon J. Keith" compiled, written, and edited by Peter J. Hammer and Trevor W. Coleman Foreword by Mitch Albom Published: November 2013, 368 pages.

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn Schools-retired)

24. 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 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

** Wed., May 4, 7 pm, Just Wild about Harry Houdini in Detroit by Jeremy Dimmick

** Tues., May 10, Noon, Off Color: The Violent History of Detroit's Notorious Purple Gang

** Wed., May 18, 7 pm, All That Jazz: Detroit's Female Jazz Artists by

** Tues., May 24, Noon, Meet Webster Marble: The U.P.'s Greatest inventor and Entrepreneur

** Wed., June 1, 7 pm, Colon: Magic Capital of the World

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (retired))

25. 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 May holiday to note:

May 3 | Eid al-Fitr Breaking the Fast

The Islamic festival of Eid al-Fitr (pronounce Eid like the 'eed' in seed) marks the end of Ramadan, a holy month when the Prophet Muhammad received the teachings of the Quran. Muslims worldwide concentrate on their faith this month by fasting from dawn to sunset each day and making personal sacrifices. The holiday is a time of special receptions and family visits, filled with prayer and solemn contemplation. Gifts of food and other charitable items are given on this day too.

To celebrate, spend a bit of time learning about Islam and Ramadan. Say, "Happy Eid" or, "Blessed Eid" to those who celebrate and consider giving to those in need.

MuslimAid.org has resources to learn more.

May 16 | Vesak or Buddha Day

Vesak is the most important day of the year for most Buddhists. It commemorates the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha Siddhartha Gautama and begins on the first day of the full moon in May — also the start of the lunar month "Vesakha." The day is used to contemplate the teachings of Buddha, who was not a god but a man who achieved enlightenment through mindfulness and

To celebrate at home, think of something life-affirming to you and your family — take a walk together and observe nature, sing songs or meditate — anything that heightens your senses and gives you joy for being alive. Visit thebuddhistsociety.org for more ideas.

May 17 | International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia

This holiday was created in 2004 to raise awareness of violence, discrimination, abuse and repression of LGBTQ communities worldwide. The date of May 17 was selected to commemorate the day in 1990 when the World Health Organization declassified homosexuality as a mental disorder, and it is currently celebrated in more than 130 countries worldwide — including 37 where homosexuality is illegal.

To mark this date, you might do some research to learn about the contributions of LGBTQ people — both to human rights and society in general. Or find an LGBTQ organization or event near your hometown. Reach out to LGBTQ friends or relatives to let them know you support them. And visit May17.org for more

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (retired))

26. Recommend Viewing for Educators and Students

A few specific programs I recommend include:

(A) Check out History Channel

** The Secret history of the Civil War

** Abraham Lincoln

** 'The Food that Built America

(B) Check out C Span 3: American History

** Wartime Leadership of Licon and For

Great program

** How Important was the Battle of Gettysburg

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (retired))

27. BBC offers Ukrainians Crisis Timeline

Here is a timeline of events in the most dangerous conflict to grip Europe since the wars in the former Yugoslavia. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-26248275>

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (retired))

28. “Bridge” discusses Michigan Social studies

Check out the article “Michigan boosts social studies training to teach ‘full breadth of history”

https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/michigan-boosts-social-studies-training-teach-full-breadth-history?utm_source=Bridge+Michigan&utm_campaign=904037b021-Bridge+Newsletter+04%2F19%2F2022&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c64a28dd5a-904037b021-73829993

(From Jim McConnell, Dearborn schools (retired))
