

MCHE E-Notes

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Dear MCHE Members & Friends,

With the COVID-19 crisis continuing to affect our daily lives, MCHE has been working to compile potential resources and programs of benefit to history educators across the state. Both the MCHE website at <http://teachinghistoryinmi.org> and the MCHE Facebook page contain suggestions that we hope will be helpful to you and your students.

We seek your suggestions of information to include in the May issue of “MCHE E-Notes” that will be emailed at the end of April. Please send items to Michele Anderson, MCHE President, at hsteacherlady@charter.net.

Along with resources, we have included information regarding upcoming events that may be of value. We wish you all the wisdom and courage to address the severe challenges we all face, both personally and professionally.

Sincerely, Co-Editors Michele Anderson, MCHE President
Jim McConnell, MCHE Board Member.

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1. Online Teaching Resources

Scott Durham, MCHE webmaster, has posted a large collection of online teaching resources at <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org> Suggestions were compiled from recommendations made by several Michigan Social Studies Supervisors Association members. If you have other suggestions, please email to Scott Durham at Sdurham@lakeviewspartans.org

2. MCHE “McConnell” History Educator Award Nominations-due May 1st.

Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the three Annette & Jim McConnell History Educator honors presented each year by MCHE in honor of the organization’s founders. The three categories are Secondary (Middle/High School), Elementary (K-6), and Pre-Service. Details on the procedure to submit applications and other info is available at <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org>

3. United States Senate Youth Program

Two \$10,000 scholarships are given out annually to two students from each state who are interested in pursuing careers in public service. Winning students also receive an expense-paid week in Washington, D.C. experiencing the national government in action. Applications are due at the beginning of October. Please contact Nicholas Orłowski at nsorlo@umich.edu or visit <https://www.teachinghistoryinmi.org> for more information.

4. MCHE Facebook Page

Check out the MCHE Facebook page to discover the latest events and resources that are available for history educators. The sight is updated regularly by MCHE Director Tamara Shreiner, PhD.

Key Sources of COVID-19 Information

1. State of Michigan <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>
2. John Hopkins University <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
3. Center for Disease Control (U.S. CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/summary.html>
CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fsummary.html ‘
4. World Map (CDC). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html>

5. Take your students on a virtual field trip to a Michigan Museum

Check out the attachment to this issue of E-Notes. It provides a brief listing of online field trips to several major Michigan museums and tourist attractions. You might even find a few ideas for NEW actual field trips for the 2020/2021 school year, whenever it begins. Enjoy!

6. Presidential Trivia (3 Questions)

For answers, email Jim McConnell at jam17762sbcglobal.net

(A) In a discussion of who the Democrats might consider as their most electable candidate in 2020, an NPR analyst noted that the most recent three Democrats elected were fairly young and not extremely well-known when they launched their campaigns for the presidency. Name the 3 individuals.

(B) Who were the two United States Presidents who ran against each other in a congressional district election?

(C) Living Former U.S. Presidents Trivia

On a recent Mitch Album program (5-7 p.m., WJR 760 AM) Kenny Brown asked who was the most recent U.S. President to be serving WITHOUT at least one former living U.S. President? He said this happened within his lifetime, causing me to ponder who that president might have been.

That led me to wonder how many U.S. presidents served at least part of their terms without a living former U.S. president.

How many presidents have had that experience? Who were they?

7. 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

Application posted at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/Michigan_Independent_Citizens_Redistricting_Commission

8. Influenza Pandemic and World War I

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PART OF NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM SYMPOSIUM

Historian Nancy Bristow talked about the 1918 influenza pandemic and how it devastated American civilians and soldiers during the final year of World War I and beyond. She also explained why the epidemic is not memorialized like the war itself, despite causing a higher number of deaths. Ms. Bristow is the author of *American Pandemic: The Lost Worlds of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic*. The National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri hosted this talk as part of their annual symposium. My Comment: Presented last November months before our current crisis, Bristow offers a thorough discussion of the 1918 epidemic. Her comments about the impact of the event on individuals is depressing but undoubtedly accurate. The Q&A following her 40 minute talk also includes worthwhile insights. To view, click on <https://www.c-span.org/video/?465724-7/influenza-pandemic-world-war>

9. Subscribe to BRIDGE for Michigan News

UPDATE: Visit the Michigan coronavirus dashboard: cases, deaths and maps at https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-coronavirus-dashboard-cases-deaths-and-maps?utm_source=Bridge+Magazine&utm_campaign=e77fa5c2d5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_07_02_07_45_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c64a28dd5a-e77fa5c2d5-73829993

For the past several years, the Center for Michigan, Ann Arbor, has published an online newsletter, “Bridge” that feature informative articles on social, political, medical and economic topics. During

this COVID-10 crisis, “Bridge” has added some amazing data charts and interpretive maps. Both you and your students could benefit from this material. Get your FREE subscription (Donations appreciated.) at <https://thecenterformichigan.net/>

10. History News Networks

HNN features articles on “*Breaking News*,” “*Today’s Headlines*,” “*News from around the World*” and much more. For example, see this HNN article on the Electoral College at

<https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/173546> To subscribe, visit <https://historynewsnetwork.org/>

11. Midwest Center for Teaching with Primary Sources offers Webinar

Join Library of Congress education specialists on Wednesday, April 22 at 4:00 pm ET for a special webinar, entitled: Scientific Literacy, Citizenship, and History: Analyzing Primary Sources from the Library of Congress

Participants will receive a certificate for one hour of professional development. Register at https://locgov.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=locgov&service=6&rnd=0.7191757075627816&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Flocgov.webex.com%2Fec3300%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b0000002cc69a9364b108e6eff1664620af7f755f7bfbb54b49a672811ed2b5f81e09229%26siteurl%3Dlocgov%26confViewID%3D157170566008167951%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAJ4Rbzzuhb30UICYjMVlqzTKON-ZpPUjDAGOVuEj--yA2%26

Information about the virtual PD offered by the TPS Midwest Region can be found on our website. For more info contact Richard Satchwell, PhD, Director, Teaching with Primary Sources Midwest Region Illinois State University at resatch@ilstu.edu or visit <https://teachingprimarysources.illinoisstate.edu/>

12. “The Warren Pierce Show”

Check out the Warren Pierce Show on Sat./Sun., 7-10 a.m. on WDFN, 1130 am. Noted Detroit area radio personality has just begun broadcasting his fascinating commentary about Detroit, Michigan, National and World personalities and events on this historically sports-based network. With a depth of knowledge exceeded by no other Detroit radio personality, you will find much worth knowing by listening to his commentary and interviews. I especially like the historical trivia. He spent a recent Saturday discussing the origins of Leap Year and, more recently, focused on the life and Tiger career of Al Kaline. Join the Warren Pierce “Fan Club” and learn more about his great programming by visiting his Facebook Page.

“Founding Rivals” by Chris DeRose weaves amazing dual biography

For more than 30 years, I have been seeking the answer to the question of the role of Baptists in the election of James Madison to the First Congress in 1788. Madison defeated James Monroe in a congressional district ‘gerrymandered’ by Patrick Henry, who wanted Monroe to defeat Madison. Recently hearing that Chris DeRose, with Adam Verner, had written “Founding Rivals: Madison vs. Monroe, the Bill of Rights, and the Election That Saved a Nation,” I purchased an audio copy to listen to on a bus ride to/from Branson MO with Rybicki Tours,. The scholarship and writing of the book made the time spent on the bus worthwhile. “Founding Rivals” brilliantly tells the biographies of both Madison and Monroe while also interpreting the complicated political setting during the drafting

and ratification of the U.S. Constitution. Even some Lutherans helped Madison defeat Monroe. In the First Congress, Madison drafted proposals that became the Bill of Rights. This action laid the foundation of public acceptance of the new government and “Saved the Nation.” Truly a great read!

14. Historical Commemorations in 2020

- (A) 480 B.C.E. Death of Siddhārtha Gautama/Buddha (2,500th anniversary)
- (B) 1520—Pope Leo X excommunicates Martin Luther (500th anniversary)
- (C) 1620—November 21 [November 11, Old Style] (400th anniversary)
- (D) 1870—Michigan State Woman Suffrage Association formed; Legislature passes woman suffrage amendment, but bill vetoed by governor.
- (E) 1920—William Potts, a Detroit policeman and Nardin Park Methodist Church Sunday school teacher, invents an electric traffic light with red, yellow green colors. Installed at the intersection of Michigan and Woodward, the light is now on display in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.
- (F) 1920—League of Nations founded
- (G) 1920 (August 18)— Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment granted women the right to vote. (See National Archives at <https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured-documents/amendment-19>)
- (H) 1970 (April 10)—Beatles announce breakup. (Don’t worry, also in 1970 the Mary Tyler Moore Show began its seven year run on CBS.)
- (I) 1970 (April 22)—First Earth Day commemoration

SOURCES: Grun, Bernard, “The Timetables of History.” New York: Simon & Schuster, 1975, and Poremba, David Lee, Detroit in Its World Setting: A Three Hundred Year Chronology. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2001.

15. Visit a Michigan District Court to honor the Bill of Rights

Help your students learn about how the district court system functions across Michigan. For Constitution Day on September 17, 2019, the 18th District courtroom of the Hon. Mark A. McConnell as he discussed the Constitution, the structure of the 18th District Court, and heard several actual cases. The program was taped at Franklin Middle School in the Wayne-Westland School District. To view, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJI_b1sFKk&t=138s and move the program to about 58 minute, 30 seconds. The student Q&A at close of session is especially informative. Total length: about 50 minutes!

16. Why is Joe Biden running away with the Democratic presidential nomination?

By Morley Winograd, May 20, 2019

Using a 1974 congressional seat special election, Winograd (om <au 2-19) points out why Biden could emerge as the Democratic presidential nominee.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2019/05/20/why-is-joe-biden-running-away-with-the-democratic-presidential-nomination/>

17. Historical Event taken from a Letter to the Editor in The Day

(New London, CTT, newspaper, April 7, 2020)

In 1898, a couple of months short of his 40th birthday, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, a future president and leader of the famed Rough Riders of the U.S. Army Fifth Corps, saw his men who had

succeeded in battle in the Spanish-American War succumbing to malaria and yellow fever during the Cuban summer. Frustrated with the lack of response by his superiors to the pleas to evacuate and treat the men, Roosevelt wrote an alarming letter to his commanding officer. It found its way into the press and the story was widely circulated by newspapers. The military brass was not happy, and neither was President William McKinley. But the men of the Fifth Corps were hastily recalled to Long Island, N.Y. How ironic then, that the recent captain of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt finds himself removed from his position for acting, like the ship's namesake, in the greater interest of the sailors under his command. Removing Capt. Brett E. Crozier from his command, effectively ending what had been a stellar career, was excessive. But even entertaining the argument that it may have been appropriate; it was, at the very least, premature.

18. Two Major Conferences Pick the Same Date

When MCSS had to cancel their April conference at Traverse City, the ONLY possible date to reschedule was on Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2-3, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa, Acme MI. Details at <https://www.mcssmi.org> Unfortunately, the Historical Society of Michigan has their 46th annual conference set for Lansing on the same weekend, Fri.-Sun., Oct. 2-4. Details on the HSM gathering will be posted at www.hsmichigan.org

19. Update from the Michigan Humanities Council President

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of Michigan Humanities, we wish you good health and cheer. We are pleased that the launch of #MIHumanitiesAtHome on all facets of our social media is reaching more viewers than ever! Please take a moment to visit our Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram to see for yourself. It is a delightful way to tour beautiful exhibitions virtually, share great books, enjoy bedtime stories, and get the latest humanities news. The Michigan Humanities board and staff are working hard to continue operations, albeit virtually. We are continuing to plan the Detroit 2021 National Humanities Conference, and grant review is underway. Policies are being updated, and the Humanities at Home campaign is thriving. Details at www.michiganhumanities.org

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