

# Electronic News Update from the Michigan Council for History Education, October 1, 2008, Vol. VI, No. 2

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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

October is DECISION TIME! Not only do we need to make our decisions on the Presidency and the other candidates on the Nov. 4th ballot, but we also must decide now to ATTEND the Wed., Nov. 5th, MCHE Conference and to register for the Sat., Oct. 18th, "Historic Detroit" Tour sponsored by the Detroit Historical Society. Let me make a plea to motivate you to complete the MCHE Registration form available at [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org) and send it quickly. Our registrar, Belinda Bombrisk, at MSU gets overwhelmed as the Wed., Oct. 22nd, deadline approaches. Please 'avoid the rush' and register early.

Annette and I will be at the Historical Society of Michigan Annual Conference in Grand Rapids and plan to return on Sunday to hear the 2 p.m. program, "We Tell America's Story," the opening lecture in the series "A Journey of Hope: Michigan's Immigrant Experience" hosted by the Macomb Community College Lorenzo Cultural Center from Sept. 27 - Nov. 23. For details, see #

At the suggestion of several colleagues, I am attaching a pdf version of E Notes. Some of you get the email in poor 'translation' and I thought this might help. A few days after distribution, Peter Knupfer, MSU History Dept., has the entire issue posted at [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org), the MCHE website. As always, feel free to copy and use and/or items and to email new info to me at [jam1776@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jam1776@sbcglobal.net)

Best wishes,

Dr. Jim McConnell ([jam1776@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jam1776@sbcglobal.net))  
Editor, MCHE E Notes

P.S. I apologize for length. Did not edit enough details out. (I wrote some of the items and the words were too valuable to cut. However, I am pleased that more than 45 items of info are contained in the 26 topics.

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**1. MCHE 15th Annual Conference "INSPIRED BY HISTORY," Wed., Nov. 5th, Lansing (REGISTER BY WED., Oct. 22nd)**

The Michigan Council for History Education's 15th Annual Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 5th, at The Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., in downtown Lansing, a few blocks east of the State Capitol. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the program concludes at 3:30 pm "We will have strands for US History, World History, geography in history, and for elementary and middle school teachers. Exhibitors will feature new instructional resources and special programs." said Jim Cameron, MCHE Executive Director. "A focus will be on integrating the content expectations at each level." Dr. Craig Benjamin, the keynote speaker, is a world history professor at Grand Valley State University with a main academic area of study in Ancient Central Asia. He earned his BA and Ph.D. from Macquarie University. His topic is "The First World System? The Silk Roads and the Origins of Globalization" Questions? E-mail Jim Cameron at [cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us](mailto:cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us) **SAVE MONEY BY REGISTERING BEFORE WED., Oct. 22nd!** For details and printable registration form, visit [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org)

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**2. Can you predict the Electoral College Results? Win tickets to watch Michigan's Electors Vote!**

In cooperation with the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University, the Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) announces a special contest for educators to predict the results of the 2008 Presidential Election. The winning educator will receive ten tickets to observe the Electors vote on the State Capitol on Monday, December 15. The second place teacher will receive five tickets. "We believe this project offers Michigan educators a unique opportunity to help their students learn how the Electoral College actually functions," said Gleaves Whitney, Executive Director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. Jim Cameron, MCHE Executive Director, added "Teachers can work with their students to study the historical results of previous presidential elections, can research current predictions of state voting, and can then select which candidate they believe will win in each state." The contest is open to any Michigan educator. However, only ONE entry is permitted from each person. Student entries are NOT eligible. A random drawing will be used to select winners in the event of a tie. "Our thanks to Mark Brewer, Executive Director, Michigan Democratic Party, and to Saulius "Saul" Anuzis, Chairman, Michigan Republican Party, for their willingness to approve this unique contest," Jim Cameron stated. The completed entry form must be mailed no later than **Saturday, November 1st**, to: Dr. Jim McConnell, Electoral College Contest, 17761 Bell Creek Lane, Livonia MI 48152. For entry form & details, please visit [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org) For information on the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, please visit [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org)

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**3.. An interesting website:: [www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/](http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/)**

PolitiFact is a project of the St. Petersburg Times and Congressional Quarterly to help you find the truth in the presidential campaign. Every day, reporters and researchers from the Times and CQ will analyze the candidates' speeches, TV ads and interviews and determine whether the claims are accurate. A great place to look for information on campaign claims and rumors.

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**4. October Quiz: What is Will Carleton's birthday AND what is the name of his most famous poem?**

The September Quiz, Who wrote the Constitution?, brought many suggestions of James Madison, "Father of the constitution" (& the Bill of Rights) as well as a few other delegates to the constitutional convention, but no one was able to respond with the CORRECT answer: Jacob Shallus. ( See Arthur Plotnik, The Man Behind the quill: Jacob Shallus, calligrapher of the United states constitution. washington, D.C.: NARA, 1987. Now, for October, an easier question: When is Will carleton's birthday AND what is the name of his most famous poem? Email answer to jam1776@sbcglobal.net with the FIRST correct answer receiving a 'valuable' prize.

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**5. Upcoming Events at the Hauenstein Center, Grand Valley state university, Grand Rapids Campus**

*Sept. 26, 12:45 PM - (NOTE TIME CHANGE)Lincoln & Douglas: The Debates That Defined America by Allen Guelzo, S RSVP! Loosemore Auditorium, Grand Valley State's downtown Grand Rapids campus*

October 9, Presidential Candidates: Who's Going to Help Michigan More? L. William Seidman

October 12, Dan Rather

October 16, 7 p.m., A Declaration of Energy Independence: *The American Presidency and the Energy Crisis in the 21st Century*; Hear Jay Hakes discuss how freedom from foreign oil can improve national security, the economy, and our environment.

October 27, Decision 2008 Town Hall Hauenstein Center & Michigan Radio

November 7-14, 2008 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Tour Hosted by Richard Norton Smith

November 13-14, The Bush Legacy: The nation's first scholarly assessment of the George W. Bush presidency *More Details TBA at [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org)* A month before the next president of the United States is sworn into office, scholars from all over the country will gather in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for their first assessment of the George W. Bush presidency. During his two terms in office, President Bush has earned historic highs and lows in the Gallup poll's public approval ratings, ranging from 90- to 28-percent. Now, on November 13th and 14th, leading scholars will weigh in with their early assessment. Keynote address. J. Rufus Fears, David Ross Boyd Professor of Classics at the University of Oklahoma, is the author of four books and has also published more than 100 articles and reviews. *Seating at the conference is limited. More details TBA.*

For details and to RSVP, visit [www.allpresidents.org](http://www.allpresidents.org)

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**6. A Journey of Hope: Michigan's Immigrant Experience programs at Lorenzo cultural Center, Sept. 27-Nov. 23**

"We Tell America's Stories," Sunday, September 28, 2pm. Keith Famie, celebrity chef/author, former Survivor cast member, and executive producer/director of Visionalist Entertainment Productions, tells the stories behind his work on "Our Story Of," a series of productions focusing on the individual ethnic communities of metro Detroit. Reception with Keith Famie following presentation. Part of the **A Journey of Hope: Michigan's Immigrant Experience** program hosted by the Macomb Community College Lorenzo

Cultural Center running from September 27 - November 23, 2008. All events are free of charge and held in the Lorenzo Cultural Center, unless otherwise noted, next to the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, located at southwest corner of M-59/Hall Road and Garfield Road in Clinton Township. Preregistration required for all events, excluding exhibits. Call (586)445-7348 to register. For a full schedule of events and exhibits, see: [www.macombculturalcenter.com/index.htm](http://www.macombculturalcenter.com/index.htm)

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**7. Go Behind the Scenes with the Detroit Historical Society at the Michigan State Fairgrounds October 4th AND other upcoming tours (especially the sat., Oct. 18th "Historic Detroit" bus tour**

The Detroit Historical Society's "Behind the Scenes" series, sponsored by the **DTE Energy Foundation**, continues with a tour of the site that hosts one of the nation's oldest state fairs, the **Michigan State Fairgrounds**, on **Saturday, October 4** at **11 a.m.** The Michigan State Fair was officially first held in 1849. During the tour, guests will learn about the famous race horse Seabiscuit, whose career took off after racing at the fairgrounds, explore the Grant House, and see the War Veterans' Memorial. For more info, prices and to make reservations, visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) Tickets are not sold the day of the tour.

Stay tuned for these upcoming "Behind the Scenes" Saturday tours:

. **Collections Resource Center** on the grounds of Historic Fort Wayne -- **October 11** at **11 a.m.** - Our curator will guide guests through a vast collection of items spanning hundreds of years of our shared history and through the popular car storage area. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.

. **Historic Detroit Motorcoach Tour -- October 18** from **10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** - Guests will explore the New Center area, Historic Corktown, Midtown, the vibrant Cultural Center, and the birthplaces of Motown and the Model T. In addition, guests will walk the grounds where Cadillac founded Detroit, Campus Martius, the Woodward Plan, and much more. Tour, narrated by Dr. Jim McConnell, includes lunch at the Hard Rock Café. Tour cost is \$55 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$65 for guests.

. **John King Used & Rare Books -- October 25** at **10 a.m.** - This tour will guide you through thousands of volumes of books, including the art annex and rare books room -- a shrine for serious book collectors. The cost of this tour is \$20 for Detroit Historical Society members and \$30 for guests.

For more information or to reserve your spot for the Detroit Historical Society's Behind the Scenes Saturday tours or other 2008 events, call **(313) 833-1801**, or visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) and click on "Upcoming Events and Programs." from Bob Sadler, Director of Public & External Relations, Detroit Historical Society

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**8. Quiz on Christopher Columbus: Man & Myth" Now available**

Just in time for Columbus Day, MCHC offers a fascinating, trivia-filled quiz on the man who 'discovered' America. A great activity to use with your students and colleagues. For a copy of the quiz, and the answers, visit [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org) and click on "Quizzes"

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**9. Library of Congress "American Memory" website offers great Primary Sources**

This website continues to overwhelm me. I just visited [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov) and, in middle of Home Page, scrolled down to "popular Topics and Collections" where the first item was "Civil War." As we begin to prepare for the CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL (Don't you love that word?), you might want to think about finding some new, interesting resources. (And, I don't want you to become too concerned about the WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL yet.)

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**10. Gilder Lehrman Institute New Podcast: The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin by Gordon Wood**

Benjamin Franklin is one of America's best known Founding Fathers, yet he spent fewer years of his life in the country he helped to found than Washington or Jefferson. A self-made man who made a fortune as a printer, he became a cosmopolitan anglophile, scientist, and consummate eighteenth-century gentleman. After his death in 1790, Franklin became a standard bearer for the values of hard work and temperance. Gordon Wood is Alva O. Way University Professor and Professor of History at Brown University and the author of *The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin*. Visit [www.gilderlehrman.org/wp/?p=39](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/wp/?p=39) for details. (Use the "Select another lecture" menu to find Wood and other topics.

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**11. Michigan Harvest Celebration, Sat., Oct. 4, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing**

Enjoy games, crafts and activities of the past, as we celebrate Michigan harvest traditions. Join in a competition to take kernels off a corncob or to toss a bale of hay. Carve an old-fashioned apple-head doll, make a corn-husk doll and watch the woodcarver, quilter and blacksmith at work. Enjoy traditional music, storytelling, refreshments and more. Admission to this event is free of charge

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**12. A Drive Down Memory Lane: The Named State and Federal Highways of Michigan**

By LeRoy Barnett. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2004, 288 pages

"Between 1905 and 1930, Michigan built a network of highways on what were once Native American paths and military, wagon, plank, and farm-to-market roads. The age of mud was over; the age of concrete and asphalt was beginning.... In Michigan, we have a long-standing tradition of naming our highways. From the earliest days, most of our early roads shared a name with a prominent person, or a meaningful geographical feature.... Giving names to our highways is a way of connecting people with the land. By the 1920s, the state and federal governments had developed a national numbering standard to replace the common practice of naming highways. But naming highways is a popular tradition that continues to this day. The state Legislature has named sections of the interstates for a wide variety of individuals and organizations prominent in Michigan history. They range from former President Gerald Ford to auto pioneers Walter Chrysler, Edsel Ford, David Buick, and Louis Chevrolet and labor leader Walter P. Reuther.

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**13. Michigan Archaeology Day, Sat., Oct. 4th, 9 AM to 4: PM, Colonial Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City**

Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City is the site of the longest ongoing archaeological dig in the United States! Professional teams have excavated on site every year since 1959, unearthing over 1 million artifacts and providing critical data for the reconstruction of Fort Michilimackinac, originally erected beginning in 1715. As part of Archaeology Month in Michigan, Mackinac State Historic Parks will host Archaeology Day on the first Sunday in October. Take a special archaeology-focused tour at 10:30 a.m., and examine areas of the fort that have been excavated led by a member of our own archaeology crew. Members of the archaeology crew will be on hand all day to answer your questions. Included with regular admission to Colonial Michilimackinac.

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**14. Michigan Archaeology Day, Sat., Oct. 11, 11a.m.-3p.m., Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing**

Each year, the Michigan Historical Museum and the Office of the State Archaeologist team up to present one of the state's most anticipated archaeology events for the general public—Michigan Archaeology Day. Here is your chance to meet professional archaeologists, to learn of their research and adventures and to see one-day-only exhibits from their archaeological digs and underwater archaeological explorations. Add to this a cartload of fun family activities, and by the end of the day, everyone will "dig" history!FREE Admission. For more info please visit [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal) or call (517) 373-3559.

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**15. Mulling Over Michigan, Tues. Oct. 28, 3:30-8:30, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Fairlane Campus, Dearborn**

Mulling Over Michigan is an annual Statewide Michigan Studies Conference. Aimed at educators that teach Michigan History in the classroom, this conference will increase the quality and quantity of your Michigan state and local history teaching and promote its incorporation into the social studies curricula. Program and registration details at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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**16. Participants Sought for New MSU Research Study about Appreciating and Valuing History**

Hi Jim, I'm emailing to see if you would share this information about a new Michigan State University research study via the MCH E Notes or email list. This is a great opportunity for history and social studies educators to share their wisdom. Here's the information: Dr. Jere Brophy, a University Distinguished Professor in the Michigan State University College of Education, is conducting a survey of history educators called the "Helping Students to Appreciate and Value History" (HELPS) study. This study is designed to draw on the wisdom of practice? accumulated by teachers like yourself who have chosen to specialize in teaching history and who want to help students not only to enjoy learning about history but to appreciate its value and applicability to their lives outside school. Dr. Brophy hopes to collect and synthesize information from this survey about teaching approaches and learning activities that teachers report as effective for these purposes. He will compile a handbook on motivating students to learn history (articulating a set of basic principles and illustrating them with classroom examples). Participation in the study consists of completing a survey form, with the possibility of being contacted for a follow-up interview, but only if the participant agrees. All responses will be kept anonymous. A copy of the handbook will be sent to participants when it becomes available.

Please contact Denice Blair Leach (project research assistant) at [leachden@msu.edu](mailto:leachden@msu.edu) to receive copies of the survey materials or for more information. We are eager to hear about any aspects of your history teaching that you believe to be effective for getting students excited about

history. Denice Blair Leach PhD student, Educational Psychology & Educational Technology (EPET) 401 Erickson Hall, Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824 [leachden@msu.edu](mailto:leachden@msu.edu)

[www.historicplace.wordpress.com](http://www.historicplace.wordpress.com) 517-745-3415

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**17. Festival of the World, Fri., Nov. 21, 10 a.m-3p.m., & Sat., Nov. 22, 11a.m-10p.m, Wayne State University, General Lecture Building 5045 Anthony Wayne Dr, Detroit**

Festival of the world is a Global Learning and Cultural Awareness Program designed to help audiences of all ages to develop a better awareness and understanding of the ever-changing world around us. The purpose of FOW is to showcase the richness of the cultures of our Nation of Nations. Over a two day period audiences can experience this ethnic event by enjoying exhibits, music, dance, presentations, food, movies, crafts, cultural attire display and storytelling. FOW is a project of The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc, and Wayne State University in collaboration with youth organizations such as Children Helping Children and others who deal with the needs of children in our community. There is also an opportunity for students to showcase their own talents in music, dance or storytelling. Auditions will be held at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit Hall of Nations on Saturday, October 25th. For additional info, contact Nada Dalgamouni at the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit: (313) 871-8600 ext. 226 or [Festivaloftheworld2008@yahoo.com](mailto:Festivaloftheworld2008@yahoo.com) or visit [www.internationalchildrenhelpingchildren.org](http://www.internationalchildrenhelpingchildren.org)

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**18. The Peoples Conference: Ethnic & Racial Diversity in Michigan, Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 9-10, Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo**

A first-of-its-kind conference on racial and ethnic groups in Michigan conference is being offered in Kalamazoo in early Oct. Specifically, participants will learn about such racial and ethnic groups as African Americans, Latvians, Dutch, Asian Indians, Chaldeans, Mexican Americans, Latinos (other than Mexican Americans), Jews, Arabs, Hungarians, Cornish, and Scots. The conference will also include break-out

sessions in which conference participants will interact with experts on topics of particular interest to the various racial and ethnic groups. Details and registration form at [www.wmich.edu/walkerinstitute/Documents/PeoplesBrochLtrSize.pdf](http://www.wmich.edu/walkerinstitute/Documents/PeoplesBrochLtrSize.pdf)  
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**19 HAL Initiatives FYI**

For detailed information on four special initiatives of the Michigan Department of History, Art, and Libraries, visit [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) and scroll down watching the right side of the page to click on any one of these special activities: Michigan Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee; Idlewild, Michigan Transformation Initiative; War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission; and the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission  
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**20. Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction Encourages Voter Registration of 18 Year-Olds and Students to be Precinct Inspectors**

At its September 9, 2008 meeting, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution encouraging local school districts to promote voter registration of students who are 18 years old and/or those who will be age 18 by Election Day, November 4, 2008 to register to vote by the October 4, 2008 deadline. In addition, the resolution encourages local school districts to make information available that promotes opportunities for students to become precinct inspectors on Election Day.  
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**21. Apply to be in the 2009-12 MHC Touring Directory**

The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) is now accepting applications for the 2009-12 Arts & Humanities Touring Directory. Performing artists, storytellers, tradition bearers, traveling exhibitions, and visual artists are encouraged to apply. An application and guidelines are available at [www.michiganhumanities.org](http://www.michiganhumanities.org) and due November 15.  
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**22. MCACA Announces FY2009 Grant Recipients And Senate Passes Arts Tax Checkoff**

In mid-September, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) announced the grant recipients for Fiscal Year 2009. This year the council received 310 grant applications, up from 282 applications last year. The council awarded 290 totaling \$7,906,655 for projects in 53 counties. Below is a list of the grants awarded by program:

- Anchor Organizations: 59 organizations were funded at \$4,500,000
- Partnership Program: 10 partners were funded at \$585,655
- HAL Initiatives: 2 grants were funded at \$24,000
- Arts and Learning Program: 39 grants were funded at \$294,100
- Capital Improvement Program: 17 grants were funded at \$308,900
- Arts Projects Program: 103 grants were funded at \$918,000
- Regional Regranting Program: 38 grants were funded at \$782,600
- Local Arts Agencies & Services Program: 21 grants were funded at \$251,700

For a complete list of organizations and grants funded please go to [www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445\\_19272-100556--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19272-100556--,00.html)

**Senate Passes Arts & Culture Income Tax Checkoff Bills**

This morning the Senate passed Senate Bills 1353 and 1374, bills which will amend the Income Tax Act to add the "Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Fund" to the funds on the schedule of check-offs listed on a taxpayer's income tax return. All contributions to the MCACA Fund will be used solely to fund arts and cultural grants through council. This money will supplement money appropriated by the legislature through the General Fund. The bills will now go to the House for approval. We will follow up in the coming days with a request for you all to contact your State Representative to ask them for their support. As always, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to respond to this email <[mike@artservemichigan.org](mailto:mike@artservemichigan.org)> ArtServe Michigan

or call Mike Latvis at 248-379-5897.

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### 23. MDE Thank you from Ruth Isaia

Thanks so much to everyone for recruiting volunteers for the October MEAP item reviews. I now have enough folks for these October meetings. *We do still need new folks for our on-going committee lists who meet these criteria:*

*Bias Group:...* Teachers, Higher Ed, ISD, curriculum, parents, and community members from different backgrounds and urban/rural areas of the state, and/or experienced with ELL, SWD, and other student populations, particularly Hispanic and Arabic students.

*Content Advisory Groups for elementary, middle, and high school MEAP and mme:...*Current teachers from all grade levels with teaching experience and expertise in their social studies content area, well versed in the old benchmarks, and familiar with the new GLCEs/HSCEs.

*You may send me recommendations at any time, or feel free to forward this email and my contact info to people whom you would recommend.* Thanks again for all your support and help! *Best wishes to all as you start the new school years with the new GLCEs/HSCEs!*

Ruth "Isaia, Ruth" <IsaiaR@michigan.gov>

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### 24. GVSU seeks Assistant/Associate Professor in History/Social Studies Education

The Grand Valley State University History Department seeks a colleague for a tenure-track appointment in History/Social Studies Education. Position begins August 2009. Apply online at [www.gvsujobs.org](http://www.gvsujobs.org). In addition, mail a copy of graduate transcripts, and three letters of reference to Michelle Duram, History Department Coordinator, D-1-150 MAK Hall, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI 49401. If you have questions about the position, please contact Professor Sean O'Neill, Chair of the Search Committee, at (616) 331-3325. Screening will begin on November 3, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

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### 25. Michigan Jump\$tart Coalition 2008 Professional Development Conferences: "Taking Charge for Michigan's Children"

Personal financial education tools, resources, updates and ideas for teachers and educators. .5 SB-CEU's available Cost: \$35.00 Two locations: (1) Wed., Nov. 19th, Grand Valley State University Eberhard Center, 301 Fulton Street West Grand Rapids, MI 49504 OR (2) Tues. Dec. 2nd, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, 1600 East Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48207

7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Registration/exhibits from 7:45- 8:15 a.m.) \*Please allow 20 minutes to enter parking lot security at Detroit location. Registration To pay with a credit card, please register online at [www.mijumpstartcoalition.org](http://www.mijumpstartcoalition.org) If paying by check, please complete the registration form and mail as directed. You will receive a confirmation and location directions. Due to building security, all attendees must pre-register for the conference. Contact Kathryn Hall with registration questions at (800) 262-6285, ext. 470. Deadline to register is November 5th for Grand Rapids and November 18th for Detroit.

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### 26. Other Upcoming Events

#### 13th Annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival '08

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 9-12, Thunder Bay Recreational Center, Alpena, Activities for young and old including tours, entertainment, and vendors. Details at [www.lighthousefestival.org/](http://www.lighthousefestival.org/)

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#### Detroit Orientation Institute

Tuesdays, October 14, 21, 28, Wayne State University, Detroit. Three day intensive seminar studies key issues of Detroit Metropolitan Area, with featured speakers and field trips. For details, contact Ann Cuddohy Slawnik, DOI Director, 313-577-0171 or visit [www.doi.wayne.edu](http://www.doi.wayne.edu)

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#### 33rd Annual Great Lakes History Conference, '08

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 17-18; Grand Rapids, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, Info at [www.gvsu.edu/history/glhc.html](http://www.gvsu.edu/history/glhc.html)

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### **Historic Detroit Bus Tour**

Sat., Oct. 18, Detroit Historical Society; Drive by many famous Detroit sites, including the birthplaces of Motown and the Model T; Walk the grounds where Cadillac founded Detroit; learn about Campus Martius, the Woodward Plan, and much more. Narrated tour of Detroit's most noted locations led by Dr. Jim McDonello. Details at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) (Info on many other tours and special events also posted here.)

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### **Michigan Story Festival**

Fri.-Sat., October 24-25, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant; For more info, visit [www.michiganstoryfestival.org](http://www.michiganstoryfestival.org)

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### **Mulling Over Michigan**

Tues., Oct. 28, The University of Michigan-Dearborn, Info: [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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### **3rd annual Arab American History Conference**

Sat., November 1, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn; Contact: ((323) 466-9800, (818) 507-0333, fax: (818) 246-1936, [www.arabamericanhistory.org](http://www.arabamericanhistory.org)

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### **\*\*\*\*\*15th MCHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE \*\*\*\*\***

Wed., Nov. 5, Lansing Convention Center in Downtown Lansing. Special programs on MEAP, GLCEs, teaching history and info on historical resources along with other workshops for social studies teachers. Contact MCHE Executive Director Jim Cameron at [cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us](mailto:cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us) or visit [www.michiganhistoryed.org](http://www.michiganhistoryed.org)

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### **Oral History for Michiganians 2008 Conference**

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 7-8, Grandbau Education Center, Rogers City; Michigan Oral History Assn in partnership with the Michigan Dept of History, Arts and Libraries and the Huron Shore Humanities Council in Rogers City. See [www.michiganoha.org](http://www.michiganoha.org) for updates.

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### **2008 Veterans Tribute at the Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing**

Sun., Nov. 9, For more info, visit [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal)

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### **88th Annual Conference, National Council for the Social Studies**

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 14-16; Houston TX, Info at [www.ncss.org](http://www.ncss.org).

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### **America's Thanksgiving Parade**

Thurs., Nov. 27. Annual tradition brings floats, bands, horses & helium balloons down Woodward Avenue, with arrival of Santa Claus as the highlight. [www.theparade.org](http://www.theparade.org)

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