

Electronic News Update from the
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Dear Colleagues:

November brings several great opportunities for learning and professional development. Both the Joint Conference and the "After Tippecanoe" Symposium come early in the month and late registrations are still being accepted. For details, visit www.michiganhistoryed.org (Joint Conf.) or www.michigan.gov/war1812 for the War of 1822 program.

On this last week of October this issue also includes info on special events by the Hauenstein Center, www.allpresidents.org Grand Valley State University, in Grand Rapids, and Kevin Boyle programs on "Arc of Justice", the Great Michigan Read selection, presented by the Michigan Humanities Council, <http://michiganhumanities.org/>

Happy Halloween,

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

Attachments:

NOTE: The pdf attachment contains the same content as the message below. It is sent for those of you whose machines mess up the text of the E Notes. I hope this is helpful.

Check out the recent postings at www.michiganhistoryed.org. Be sure to follow developments in History Education in Michigan on MCHE's website: <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org>!

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1. Late Registration Still Accepted for Joint Conference; Nov. 4-6, Lansing
 In cooperation with four other social science groups, the Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) is pleased to offer its 18th Annual Conference, "Working Together" Joint Conference on the Social Studies at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing. Get the MCHE member discount. JOIN MCHE by visiting www.michiganhistoryed.org for registration and Program Info.

2. Late Registration Still available for for "After Tippecanoe" Symposium, Tues., Nov. 8th
 This event is the best opportunity for educators to obtain a clear understanding of the War of 1812 and its impact on Michigan. The program offers nine scholars describing the story of the Old Northwest in the War of 1812". Registration flyer and program details at www.michigan.gov/war1812

3. MCHE, Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission offers Essay Contest for Students
 Working with the Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, MCHE will be offering an essay contest for students in 3rd through 12th grade during the 2011-2012 school year. Student entries will be judged in three grade level groups: elementary, middle, and senior high. The theme is "Why is the War of 1812 important for Michigan?" Details are posted at www.michiganhistoryed.org or www.michigan.gov/war1812. We urge you to encourage your students to enter this unique contest.

4. Two Great Events in October at the Hauenstein Center
 (A) Friday, October 27th - "The Most Amazing American Founder: Benjamin Franklin"
 Join us for a night with historical character actor John Hamant as he portrays "The Most Amazing American Founder"
 (B) Sunday, October 30, 3 PM, Gerald R. Ford Muesum
 The Honorable James A. Baker, III, 61st U.S. Secretary of State- Reflections: The Ford Administration - Join The Honorable James A. Baker, III, 61st U.S. Secretary of State, Undersecretary of Commerce in the Ford administration, Secretary of Treasury for Ronald Reagan, as we mark the 30th Anniversary of the Gerald R. Ford Museum.
 Reservations required. Email: fond_events@nara.gov or call (616) 254-0384.

5. War of 1812 PBS Educational News

WNED created [lesson plans for The War of 1812](http://www.pbs.org/wned/war-of-1812/classroom/) <http://www.pbs.org/wned/war-of-1812/classroom/> to bring the history of the conflict to people of all ages in both the United States and Canada. Teachers should feel free to adapt and modify any lesson to the needs of their students, regardless of grade level.

6. Michigan Humanities Council invites you for a taste of the 1920s with 2011-2012 Great Michigan Read "Arc of Justice" author, Kevin Boyle.

Receptions are taking place in Grand Rapids, Lansing and Detroit. Tickets are available for \$35 and can be purchased online through Eventbrite or by contacting the Michigan Humanities Council at (517) 372-7770.

Grand Rapids, Monday, October 24, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Lansing, Tuesday, October 25, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Detroit, Thursday, October 27, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Receptions will be followed by the Great Michigan Read Author's Night. Author's Night is open to the public and locally hosted by the Grand Rapids Public Library, Capital Area District Library and Cooley Law School (Lansing), and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History (Detroit), in partnership with the Michigan Humanities Council. For more information, please visit the Great Michigan Read Website

7. Reading the Past: Literature and Literacy in History, Kansas City, MO, March 22-24, 2012

Time is Running Out! Register for the 2012 NCHE Conference "Early Bird". Rates will end on October 31! There are two ways to register for the 2012 Conference. Please go to: http://www.nche.net/conference/for_attendees/registration.html Please send the completed form to: National Council for History Education Attn: Conference Registration 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 510 College Park, MD 20740 Or fax the completed form to: (240) 523-0245

8. Educator News From: the Detroit Historical Society, Oct. 2011 Vol. I, Issue 2

Happy autumn! I hope you are all settled back into the new school year. We have been busy too, creating new school programs and getting the word out. If you would like a copy of our NEW school program brochure, just send me a note and we'll get one in the mail to you. As always, I enjoy hearing from you. If you have a question or a request, you can reach me by phone at 313-833-0481 or by email at tobiv@detroithistorical.org.

Best wishes, Tobi Voigt, Director of Education

(A) Introducing Building Detroit online game

Oregon Trail players rejoice - there's a new game in town. The Detroit Historical Society is launching Building Detroit, an Adobe Flash-animated online game that teaches economics and Detroit history. Designed for second through fifth-graders, the game will teach Detroit history and economics through role-playing scenarios. Based upon the Frontiers to Factories core exhibit located at the Detroit Historical Museum, Building Detroit is an educational game that reinforces skills like economics, geography, history and mathematics. Building Detroit is set to launch Oct. 25, 2011 and will be accessible through the Detroit Historical Society website at www.detroithistorical.org.

(B) School Program Spotlight: History Detectives

The Detroit Historical Society is pleased to debut a new museum program developed for middle and high school students. History Detectives is an engaging and inquiry-based experience set in the Detroit Historical Museum's most popular exhibit, Streets of Old Detroit. The exhibit includes recreated streets and storefronts from three periods in Detroit history: 1840s, 1870s, 1900s. Students will visit three storefronts in each time period, and learn how Detroit developed socially, economically, and politically over the 19th century. For more info, or to book your school or classroom, contact Ashley Powers at 313-833-1733 or ashleyp@detroithistorical.org.

9. One Day Library of Congress Teacher Institutes Focused on Exploring the Early Americas
Interested in learning strategies to teach about European Explorers in the Americas? Want to know more about the indigenous cultures of Mesoamerica (Maya, Inca, and Aztec)? Explore the cartographic knowledge of the world in the sixteenth century. You will be able to do all of this and more by using Library of Congress primary sources.

[Register at http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/EarlyAmericas/pages/teacher_institute_form.aspx](http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/EarlyAmericas/pages/teacher_institute_form.aspx) to attend the Library of Congress Exploring the Early Americas Teacher Institutes in Washington, D.C. Participants will leave with strategies and materials they can use in their schools. The institute uses the Library's exhibition [Exploring the Early Americas](#) as its foundation. Learn how to make this era in history come alive for student using images, manuscripts, letters, three-dimensional objects, and maps.

10. MotorCities "You Auto Know" Newsletter Story of the Week

"The Early Days of Police Patrol Vehicles" by: Robert Tate To read the story, visit <http://www.motorcities.org/Story/The+early+days+of+police+patrol+vehicles+br++By+Robert+Tate-223.html> To subscribe to the MotorCities Heritage Area free newsletter, email Lisa Ambriez <lambriez@motorcities.org>

11. Hauenstein Center sponsors Wheelhouse Talks

The wheelhouse is where we create community. It's where we generate and leverage expertise. It's a source of energy and innovation. It's a place to chart our course across uncharted territory. The wheelhouse is where leaders converge. For more info visit <http://wheelhousetalks.org/>

(A) 11/09 - Luisa Schumacher

Thriving YP and executive director of the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology. Serves on the Wealthy Theater Centennial Cabinet, Varnum Diversity Inclusion Council, Laugh Fest Cabinet, and Grand Rapids Boxing Foundation. November 9th, 2011, 12:30 - 1:30 PM Where: Kroc Community Center (Salvation Army) 2500 S. Division Avenue, Grand Rapids

(B) 11/30 - H. James Williams

Award-winning teacher, prodigious scholar, corporate boardman, and dean of Grand Valley's Seidman College of Business. Aims for local impact and the national map. Nov. 30th, 2011, 12:30 - 1:30 PM Where: Kroc Community Center (Salvation Army) 2500 S. Division Avenue, Grand Rapids

12, The National Council for History Education's Paul Gagnon Prize

The 2012 Paul Gagnon Prize will be presented to an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the promotion of history education. For more details, go to http://www.nche.net/what_we_do/paul_gagnon/ Application deadline is December 1, 2011. The NCHE Office will notify the winner by January 13, 2012.

13. Marine Corps Heritage Foundations accepting Award Submissions

Foundation to Recognize Innovative Work in Advancing and Preserving Marine Corps History, Traditions, and Culture [The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation](http://www.marineheritage.org/) is now accepting submissions for its annual awards program in historical scholarship, journalism, letters, and the arts. Awards will be presented at the Foundation's annual ceremony on April 21, 2012. Submissions deadline is December 31, 2011. For a detailed list of the awards as well as the submission requirements, please visit: <http://www.marineheritage.org/Awards.asp>. For more info, contact Susan Hodges, hodges@marineheritage.org.

14, Nominate a History teacher for Gilder-Lehrman National Award by Feb. 1, 2012

The National History Teacher of the Year Award presents \$10,000 to the best American history teacher. The national winner is chosen from outstanding American history teachers in each state, district, and U.S. territory. State winners receive \$1,000 and an archive of books and other resources for their school. The award is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, Preserve America, and HISTORY® channel. In 2012, the Gilder Lehrman Institute will honor a teacher of grades 7-12. Elementary School teachers, grades k-6 are honored every other year. To nominate a teacher and learn more about the award visit: http://www.gilderlehrman.org/education/htoy_overview.php

You may also contact the Gilder Lehrman National History Teacher of the Year coordinator at nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org or via phone at 646-366-9666 x28. Any questions about eligibility or procedures should be addressed to the state award coordinator: Gordon Andrews Email: andrewgo@gvsu.edu

15. Gilder Lehrman Applications open Nov. 11 for 2012 Summer Seminars in American History K-12 history, social studies and English teachers are invited to apply. Taught by renowned historians on college campuses in the US and the UK, these one-week seminars give educators the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of topics in American history, while gaining practical resources and strategies to take back to their classrooms. Apply early: seminar space is limited. APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2012. For a complete list of Gilder Lehrman's 2012 seminars, information about full and partial fellowships, graduate credit, and to apply online, visit: www.gilderlehrman.org/education/seminar_overview.php

16. Historic Mackinac on Tour

Hear the music, see the rifles and learn about soldier life all from your classroom. Two costumed interpreters bring the fur trade and Straits history to life with exciting demonstrations, hands on activities and a truck full of touchables. Students help in trading and bartering, carry a fur bale, get dressed in historic clothing and hear the sounds of the past! How do I get this program? This program is available from late January through mid April throughout the state of Michigan. For program details, visit <http://www.mackinacparks.com/kids-teachers/index.aspx?l=0,1,5,71,76,77> or call the Education Line (231-436-4219) or email [Katie Mallory](mailto:Katie.Mallory) (email Cederholm@michigan.gov). Programs are being scheduled right now! Availability is on a first come, first-served basis.

17. Learn About Primary Sources with the Library of Congress and PBS

Teachers and educators are buzzing about our collaboration with PBS TeacherLine and the new online course INST342: "Teaching with Primary Sources from the Library of Congress!" Teachers are telling us they, "love the ability to work with the Library of Congress website with guidance," and "the material is very thought provoking and can be easily connected to the classroom." This 45-hour online, graduate level course is open for enrollment now. Sign up by October 26, and use promo code "2011fall" to get \$10 off!

You can find more information at <http://www.pbs.org/teacherline/catalog/courses/inst342/>

18. Opportunities for Teachers from University of Michigan II Outreach Team, Oct.2011

(A) Educator Workshop: Anachronism in East Asian Film-Korea as seen in "The Way Home" Sun, Nov 20 2-5 pm Registration deadline: Nov 13

This series explores time as a category of thought and reflection through the films of Japan, China, and Korea. 0.3 SB-CEU will be offered. For more info, contact dmorsman@umich.edu

(B) New Teaching Resources on Russia

Visit the website of U-M's Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies for new resources developed by K-12 teachers who participated in CREES's 2010 Fulbright-Hays Groups Projects Abroad Curriculum Development Program in Russia. www.ii.umich.edu/crees/resources/teacheroutreach/workshops

(C) Japan Culture Kits

Teachers may borrow the following culture kits from U-M's Center for Japanese Studies: Customs and Traditions; Contemporary and Popular Culture; Food, Nature, and Society; and Folktales, Myths, and Cross-cultural Experiences. www.ii.umich.edu/cjs/resources/

(D) Other Events & Programs

(D-1) Calling All Social Studies Teachers: Register for the Euro Challenge 2012!

Since 2006, the Delegation of the European Union to the US has hosted the Euro Challenge for 9th and 10th grade students. It provides a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about the economics of the Euro area, and to help them build critical thinking, teamwork and leadership skills. It's also tremendous fun! To learn more about the Challenge and to help students and teachers prepare, free orientations are offered. For the next orientation at the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, contact Cindy Ivanac at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago at (312) 322-6137 or Cindy.M.Ivanac-Lillig@chi.frb.org.

(D-2) Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) Summer Teacher Professional Development Travel Programs - 15 different travel programs for the summer 2012. Includes

option to earn graduate and professional development credit. Participants who book before November 15, 2011 receive a 5% early booking discount.

www.geeo.org

(D-3) Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs International Essay Contest Students and teachers can enter by writing an essay addressing sustainability. Deadline: Dec 31

<http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/about/announcements/0057.html>

(D-3) New Asia Society Lessons - Twice Upon a Time: Multi-Cultural Cinderella

asiasociety.org/education/resources-schools/elementary-lesson-plans/twice-upon-time-multi-cultural-cinderella

19. Coming This January: "The War Room with Jennifer Granholm"

From: Jennifer Granholm <info@granholmnews.com>

We are excited to announce the newest addition to Current TV's primetime lineup: "The War Room with Jennifer Granholm," premiering in January and airing weeknights at 9/8c. This new program will be on the front lines of political analysis and election-year commentary, with the former Michigan governor leading the conversation. "The War Room" will cap a nightly roster of thought-provoking shows, beginning at 7/6c with Cenk Uygur's "The Young Turks" (launching in November), to be followed at 8/7c by "Countdown with Keith Olbermann."

20. Look! Great Stories from the Archives of Michigan, DNR

(A) Look!: Family Letters (Civil War)

A family's story can be told through the papers it leaves behind. This week, Bob Garrett looks at the Bush family's letters, with special attention to the Civil War. To read the article, click here:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/10/11/bush>

(B) Look!: How Did Bad Axe Get Its Name?

How did Bad Axe, Michigan get its name? State Archivist Mark Harvey has the answer! To read the article, click here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/10/18/uniquely-michigan>

21. Fascinating Info from the History News Network (www.hnn.us)

***What the Donner Party Ate in Final Days

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142349>

***Taj Mahal could collapse within five years

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142330>

***When Were the Dark Ages?

<http://hnn.us/articles/when-were-dark-ages>

***How Did the United States Defeat the Barbary Pirates?

<http://hnn.us/articles/how-did-united-states-defeat-barbary-pirates>

***What is the Difference Between Sunni and Shiite Muslims—and Why Does It Matter?

<http://hnn.us/articles/934.html>*****

***Did Jamestown's Settlers Drink Themselves to Death?

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142509>

***Found, the Viking war lord buried in his boat: 1,000-year-old tomb of Norse invader and weapons of war <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142552>

***Faces of the Civil War: Mary Chesnut's photographs back in family hands

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142551>