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Winners of the state-level MHD competition in the Junior and Senior categories move on to compete in National History Day in College Park, Maryland.

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Judges are needed for the 2019 Michigan History Day State Finals at Bay City Central High School on Saturday, April 27. A judge can be anyone who enjoys sharing his or her interest in history with a younger generation. If you would like to volunteer as a judge, please register online at hsmichigan.org/mhd/judges or call (517) 324-1828.

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Building Detroit: African-American Entrepreneurs
William F. Pickard, GAA Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management

Among those who helped develop Detroit from a small European-American port town to a roaring city as robust as anyplace else in the country were African-American entrepreneurs, who began businesses in Detroit and experienced their share of successes—and failures too. This keynote session explores some of their stories, detailing the individuals who helped build Detroit by first founding businesses that could weather the vastly varying social and economic climates of the City of the Straits.
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<td>The history of Faygo demonstrates a loyalty between a much-beloved Detroit product and Michigan consumers. Founded by a family of Jewish Russian Americans, the Faygo company weathered the booms and busts in Detroit during the twentieth century. Come reminisce in memories of Faygo, participate in a “pop” quiz, and enjoy nostalgic advertising history.</td>
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<td>In Mount Clemens’ infancy, two people, connected through abduction, impacted each other and future generations. Come hear the story of William Tucker, who was abducted by local Natives. He eventually gained his freedom, but he himself later owned enslaved African Americans, including Lisette Dennison.</td>
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<td>Throughout its history, Detroit experienced substantial segregation and discrimination. Come to this session to hear the speaker explain how segregated spaces existed inside Detroit during much of the twentieth century and how the city itself now functions as an almost entirely segregated space in the larger region of Southeastern Michigan.</td>
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<td>Michigan is home to more than 120 lighthouses, nearly three dozen of which are rumored to be haunted by former keepers, their families, or others who perished nearby. Come learn about the lives of those who had the romantic yet dangerous job of tending a beacon on the Great Lakes.</td>
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<td>Many Michigan residents recognize Hamtramck for its Polish roots and cultural history—but the city also has the distinction of being the first in America to have a Muslim-majority city council. This session will explore the rich ethnic history of Hamtramck, which has been called the most diverse city in Michigan.</td>
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<td>What is the National Register of Historic Places? How does a property qualify? What are the benefits of listing a property on the National Register? What is the research and nomination process? Learn the ins and outs of getting a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</td>
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From Basketball to City Hall:
The Dave Bing Story

Dave Bing, Former Detroit Piston and
Former Mayor of Detroit

Hall of Fame basketball player. Businessman. Mayor of Detroit. Dave Bing has been all three. After playing 12 seasons in the NBA—9 with the Detroit Pistons—he went on to found the successful Bing Steel company and later serve as mayor of Michigan’s Motor City. Come to hear Mayor Bing speak about his life as a point guard in the NBA, his experiences as a Michigan businessman, and how he served the people of Detroit.

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### The Milliken Years: Civility, Cooperation, and Progress

**Bill Rustem, State of Michigan—Office of Strategic Policy (Ret.)**

Republican Governor of Michigan William G. Milliken, who held office from 1969 to 1983, is often seen as a moderate who championed bipartisanship in state government. Come learn about the life and career of Governor Milliken as the speaker touches upon how divided government can work and how moderation in politics can succeed.

### A Final Farewell: African-American-Owned Funeral Homes

**Ken Coleman, Michigan Advance**

In 1919, James H. Cole Sr. founded the Cole Home for Funerals, which holds the distinction of being the oldest African-American-owned business of its kind in Michigan. This session covers a century of African-American-owned funeral homes, including what spurred their establishment and the economic and social impacts they have upon the state.

### Casting Lines: Fishing, Politics, and the Odawa

**Eric Hemenway, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**

Fishing has been an instrumental component in the culture of Michigan’s Odawa for many reasons that reach beyond basic subsistence. Join us in this session to learn more about how fishing helped shape several important federal court cases and other legal decisions for Michigan’s Odawa.

### Rooted in Activism: The Detroit Study Club

**Cynthia Jeffries Long and Roxane Whitter Thomas, The Detroit Study Club**

The Detroit Study Club, one of the nation’s oldest African-American women’s clubs, has offered 121 years of activism and involvement in the political, social, and cultural development of Southeastern Michigan. The speakers will discuss how the organization has contributed to the Detroit community through its professional endeavors, civic service, and cultural activities.

### Calling All Historians: Current Historical Research Roundtable

**Facilitated by Joel Stone, Detroit Historical Society**

Curious to learn what other local historians are digging into? Have you met a dead-end in your own work? Guided by a facilitator, this session will offer an opportunity for participants to discuss current research projects and allow scholars—both professional and avocational—to exchange ideas, resources, and potential opportunities.

### Mini Workshop—The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Portraying the Challenging Side of History

**Brian Egen, The Henry Ford**

Historical presenters try to depict all sides of history but sometimes run afoul of twenty-first-century sensibilities. This session addresses the understanding and misunderstanding of uncomfortable portrayals of the past and ways to cope with negative reactions, using the speaker’s experience presenting on sensitive topics at The Henry Ford museum as examples.
The Poisoned City: The Flint Water Crisis
Anna Clark, Author & Journalist
The Flint Water Crisis has revealed how long-simmering unresolved issues—including toxic lead in drinking water systems, segregation, and concentrated poverty—do not go away simply by ignoring them. This session will explore that crisis and how drinking water, infrastructure inequality, racism, and urban neglect have drastically transformed American cities.

¡Bienvenidos! From Bagley Avenue to Mexicantown
Maria Elena Rodriguez, Maria Elena and Company
The city of Detroit is a melting pot of different cultures and ethnicities, including a vibrant Latino community. In this session, the speaker will describe the city’s original Mexican colony, the growth of the Latino community, and the impact that the culture continues to have on Detroit and the surrounding metropolitan area.

Destroying Delray: A Vanishing Neighborhood
Karen Dybis, Author & Reporter
With the construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, the Delray neighborhood in Detroit will largely disappear. But that dismantling started nearly a century ago when factories, freeways, and wastewater treatment plants were brought to Delray’s waterfront. The speaker will explore the neighborhood’s history, its legends and traditions, and how its legacy can be preserved.

Ancient Trails, Ancient Trades: Michigan’s Copper
Luke Clyburn, Noble Odyssey Foundation
Long before Stonehenge and the pyramids were built, a thriving industry flourished near the Lake Superior shores. Native people removed copper from shallow pit mines in large quantities and traded it across the continent. This story, along with tales of ancient waterfalls and hunting grounds—all underwater—will be explored in this session.

New Books in Michigan History: A Discussion With the Authors
Bold Boys in Michigan History (WSU Press)
Patricia Majher, Majher Museum Marketing
Brandon Schroeder, Michigan Sea Grant
Once Upon a Time at the Opera House: Drama at Three Historic Michigan Theaters, 1882-1928 (MSU Press)
James Berton Harris, University of Illinois

Mini Workshop—The Fabrics of History: Early Historical Clothing on a Budget
Bea Reid, Pearl Leather
Reenactors take enormous pains to “get it right” with their clothing, but that can mean spending hundreds—or thousands—of dollars on one’s wardrobe. Silk, wool, and linen are necessary but expensive fabrics. Children’s clothing and commercial patterns can be baffling and frustrating. Learn about ways to develop that period-correct wardrobe.
Friday Reception

Join us for our Friday Reception, where you can network and mingle with old friends, new acquaintances, and other conference attendees.

There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

Plus, you will be serenaded by the melodious sounds of a hammered dulcimer played by Rochelle Bannon. Listen to both familiar and new tunes as you relax and discuss the day’s activities or new ideas with friends.

The Reception is free for all registered conference attendees, but tickets are required.

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Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul
Susan Whitall, Author & Journalist
Earline Franklin, Aretha Franklin’s Sister-in-Law
Cristal Franklin, Aretha Franklin’s Niece

While Aretha Franklin became a worldwide sensation, she never lost her love of Detroit. Her musical gifts were nurtured in a home environment that not only was creatively enriching but also exposed her to political and social ideas that influenced her during her entire life. Franklin had strong feelings about civil rights, gender equality, and fair pay for musicians. This keynote session will explore the life and legacy of Aretha Franklin, Michigan’s very own Queen of Soul.
Healing Detroit: African-American Hospitals
Anita Moncrease, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church

Detroit has been called the “Black Hospital Capital of America” for good reason—its African-American hospitals were once some of the country’s very best. Come to this session to learn about the founders of Detroit’s African-American hospitals, why Southeastern Michigan needed those hospitals in the first place, and why the hospitals ultimately closed.

Spiritual Encounters: The Jesuit Mission at Mackinac
James Boynton, Society of Jesus

Come learn the storied history of the Jesuit Mission in the Straits of Mackinac. In this session, the speaker will describe the historical and cultural background of the mission, the spiritual worldview of the Jesuits who came to Michigan, and an overview of what occurred at the mission in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The 24th Michigan of the Iron Brigade
Gary Rembisz, Engineering Society of Detroit (Ret.)

As part of the Union Army’s most famous outfit—the elite Iron Brigade—the 24th Michigan Infantry helped win the Battle of Gettysburg. In 1865, it served as the honor guard for Abraham Lincoln’s funeral train. Learn about this legendary regiment from an authentically costumed and equipped reenactor and living historian.

Battle Royale: Birthing an International Bridge
Hugh McNichol, Michigan Department of Transportation (Ret.)

Come explore the 20-year effort that culminated in the construction of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge between Detroit and Windsor. This session discusses the history of international border crossings between Michigan and Ontario and how the public and private sectors work with and compete against one another to provide cross-border transportation.

Same Time, Same Channel: Detroit’s Classic Kids Shows
Jim Kiska, University of Michigan and Ed Golick, detroitkidshow.com

Locally produced children’s TV shows are a thing of the past, but the genre was important in the early days of television. The speakers will discuss how Soupy Sales, Johnny Ginger, Captain Jolly, and others influenced the hearts and minds of Baby Boomers—with a special appearance by White Fang.

Mini Workshop—Keeping It Organized: Museum Cataloging 101
Sandy Schwan, Castle Museum of Saginaw County History

There it is—a donor’s cardboard box full of objects, letters, photographs, and dust. How do you sort everything, assign the correct numbers, and enter the proper information into the computer or the catalog card? This workshop decodes the jargon and shows you how to catalog your collections the right way.
Bargains and Bankruptcy: Saving the Motor City

Gerald E. Rosen, Chief Judge—U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (Ret.)

The history of Detroit’s regression and resurgence is a popular subject today, as the city’s rebirth has the rest of the country—and even much of the world—watching closely. Following a series of economic declines during the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, Detroit became the largest American city to file for bankruptcy in 2013. This keynote talk will address the causes of Detroit’s bankruptcy and how, today, the city is enjoying a period of renaissance.

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Felonious Females: The Most Notorious Women in Michigan History
Tobin Buhk, Author
Meet some of the most dangerous women in Michigan’s history, including a con artist who terrorized Detroit, a serial killer who used strychnine to lop off an entire branch of her family tree, and many others. Come learn about the felonious females who helped cover the pages of Michigan’s history with blood spatter.

Freedom to Farm: The Old Settlers of Isabella, Mecosta, and Montcalm Counties
Marsha Stewart, Old Settlers Reunion Website
In the 1860s, African-American families began moving to and settling in Isabella, Mecosta, and Montcalm Counties. They cleared trees, constructed farms, and built new lives that would endure for generations. Join us as the speaker leads a panel of experts and explores the “Old Settlers,” along with their livelihoods in rural Michigan.

The Bob-Lo Boats: Sailing to Adventure
William M. Worden, Marine Historical Society of Detroit
Many Southeastern Michiganders remember Bob-Lo Island, a thrilling amusement park situated on Bois Blanc Island in the Detroit River. Join us as the speaker explores the vessels that ferried travelers to and from the island, their early history and some unknown facts, and the status of the last two remaining Bob-Lo boats.

Coming to America: German Immigration Stories
Utz Schmidt, Author & Researcher and Greg Moss, Editor
During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, large groups of German immigrants made new homes in Michigan, especially in the Lower Peninsula’s Thumb region. Join us as we explore the stories of those who formed Colonie Saxonia, survived the devastating 1881 fire, earned the right to vote, and became successful Michigan farmers.

A Second Refrain: The Saga of Orchestra Hall
Paul Ganson, Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Detroit’s Orchestra Hall served as the home of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) for many years. Come learn how a movement of love and labor saved Orchestra Hall from demolition after the DSO moved to the Masonic Auditorium. Now, a rejuvenated Orchestra Hall is once again the home of the DSO.

Mini Workshop—Preserving the Memories: Gravestones and Monuments
David Carter, Carter’s Cemetery Preservation
Their creators meant for them to stand as eternal markers to commemorate people and events, but time and the environment erode gravestones and monuments. In this session, you will learn how to identify and evaluate the damage to these sentries of the past and how to restore and preserve them for the future.
Dancing With the Decades

Join us to watch performers demonstrate popular dances of several time periods in Michigan’s history. You will see Voyageur and French Peasant dancing, Civil War-Era dances, and swing dances from the Roaring Twenties and World War II Eras.

Light refreshments will be served, and there will be plenty of opportunities to chat with and take photos of the dancers. The Gala is free for all registered conference attendees, but tickets are required.

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Tobin Buhk, Author

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Alisa Crawford, Windmill Island Gardens, City of Holland

**Votes for Women: A Century of Suffrage**
Elizabeth Ann Homer, Author

**A Circle of Seasons:**
Exploring Ojibwa Culture
Gerry Gould (Okema Son-Non-Quet Gould), Nokomis Learning Center

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