



Historical Society of Michigan

News Release

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Registration is now open for the 57th Annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference

March 13-14, 2015 • Sterling Heights, Michigan

[Click here to download the flyer for more information and session descriptions.](#)

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Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference is held annually in the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb tri-county area and is open to anyone interested in state or regional history.

This conference keeps growing each year...Come see what all the excitement is about!

The largest of our three conferences, this year's conference offers...

- **Four keynotes**
- **Twenty-five "breakout" sessions that address local and statewide history**
- **Nearly 50 exhibitors/vendors for attendees to visit**
- **Friday Reception at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House**
- **Two days full of "meets and greets," refreshments, and optional meals**
- **Plus, a brand-new, must-see event! Our Saturday Gala!**

At A Glance...

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Here is a preview of our keynotes and our new Gala

At our **Opening Keynote**, Joel Stone of the Detroit Historical Society will speak about **"Belle Isle: People's Park Alive!"** Come to learn about Belle Isle's fascinating history and its reawakening.

The **Friday Luncheon Keynote** will be presented by Annmarie Erickson of the Detroit Institute of Arts. She will discuss **"DIA: Not For Sale."** From the bankruptcy filing to the grand bargain to the confirmation of the city's plan of adjustment, Ms. Erickson recounts the pivotal role the DIA played in dealing with the largest municipal bankruptcy in history.

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For more information on the Historical Society of Michigan, please visit www.hsmichigan.org or e-mail us at hsm@hsmichigan.org.

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Peter J. Hammer from the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights talks about **“Freedom? — The 13th Amendment 150 Years Later.”** This riveting presentation outlines the evolutionary transformation from slavery to Jim Crow segregation to the “spatial racism” that defines Southeast Michigan.

At the **Saturday Luncheon Keynote**, Lynn Anderson, Victoria Mobley & Elaine Vermeersch will discuss **“Fashion and the Automobile.”** This keynote will show how fashion at the dawn of the automobile was influenced by function, environment, lifestyle, and world events.

And don't miss our brand-new Saturday Gala event “Loosening the Laces: The History of Michigan Told Through Fashion.” Come to see Michigan's history come alive through the fashions of the eras. From the Great Lakes Plains Indians, French Voyageurs, and Colonials...to the Civil War, Victorian, and Edwardian Ages...to the decades of the 20th century, Michigan's long and diverse past will unfold like never before. **This is a great opportunity to “meet” our state's history in person.**

This e-mail is sent to our members and friends to keep you updated on historical activities and opportunities to learn more about our state's history. To opt-out, please respond to this e-mail with "remove" in the subject line.