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The Upper Peninsula History Conference
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9:00-10:00 a.m. Opening Keynote
Fact and Fiction: Gangsters in the U.P.
Robert Knapp, Author

The Upper Peninsula has historic ties to the gangsters of the Prohibition years. Learn how organized crime members vacationed far from their normal haunts in Chicago and Detroit. Sometimes they made the trip north to hunt, fish, and relax, while other times they found opportunities to further their own interests through gambling and bootlegging. Stories abound. What is true—and what is myth?
Reckoning With the Schools: U.P. Native Americans and the Boarding Schools
Charlee Brissette, Michigan State University Extension

Operating throughout the United States—with many located in Michigan and the Upper Peninsula—Indian Boarding Schools attempted to forcibly assimilate Native peoples. This session will explore the creation, operation, and legacies of such institutions.

Workshop: Archives 101
Sharon Carlson, Western Michigan University (Ret.)

Perfect for small organizations, this workshop will teach attendees about the proper storage and handling of archival materials, as well as ways to organize materials to make them accessible to researchers, students, and the general public.

Make your own history, be a part of Legacy Circle.

The Historical Society of Michigan recognizes people who have included our organization in their wills, living trusts, and other estate-planning vehicles. We are grateful for gifts of all sizes—even a small amount can make a difference. All who are interested in joining our Legacy Circle are welcome!

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Wolves play an important role in Isle Royale’s ecosystem, helping maintain predator-prey relationships on the island. When Isle Royale’s wolf population began to decline, researchers questioned the ethics of allowing humans to interfere with the natural processes at work. Their decision to strategically increase the number of wolves has helped to restore the wolf population and bring balance back to the island’s ecosystem.
Workshop: Grant Writing for Michigan Arts and Culture Council
Alex Flannery, Michigan Arts and Culture Council

Could your organization be eligible to receive a grant from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC)? Learn how to apply for MACC grants—designed to benefit arts and culture organizations throughout the state—during this workshop.

Tales of Rails: Marquette County Working Railroads
Jo Wittler & Betsy V. Rutz, Marquette Regional History Center

Railroads are an integral part of Marquette County—connecting the Upper Peninsula to the rest of the country. The presenters will discuss the history of these railroads—built to haul iron ore, timber, and other freight to and from the county.

Sewing Undergarments in the Upper Peninsula: The Gossard Girls
Phyllis Michael Wong, Author

For much of the twentieth century, women found employment sewing corsets and bras at the Gossard factories in Ishpeming and Gwinn. Learn about the lives of these “Gossard Girls,” whose hard work and political participation helped sustain their families and towns.

Workshop: Writing For HSM Magazines
Emily Allison, Historical Society of Michigan

Interested in writing for HSM’s publications but unsure where to start? This workshop will teach attendees tips and tricks for writing and submitting feature articles and special sections for Michigan History, Chronicle, and The Michigan Historical Review.
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3:30-4:30 p.m. Afternoon Keynote
Still Missing: The Loss of the *Inkermann and Cerisoles*
Bruce Lynn, Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum

On November 23, 1918, three French naval vessels departed the port of Fort William, Ontario, Canada, en route to the east coast and, ultimately, home to France. Of the three, only one minesweeper arrived at the Soo Locks—the other two are still somewhere in the depths of Lake Superior. Learn more about the mysterious loss of these French ships and the ongoing efforts to find them.
Losing one’s life while tending to a Great Lakes lighthouse was not an unusual occurrence. Keepers risked drowning and fatal injury while executing their duties. Less commonly, they became victims of death by murder, suicide, or other unnatural and tragic causes. In fact, more than a dozen Michigan lighthouse keepers met their maker at the hands of others—by fire, poisoning, bludgeoning, and other unknown means.
Fayette: The Living History
Troy Henderson, Michigan History Center

Once home to a pig-iron manufacturing community in the late nineteenth century, Fayette, Michigan, is now the site of Fayette Historic State Park, a living museum showcasing the historical town through preservation and interpretation.

Barn Again: Rural Structures of the Upper Peninsula
Jan Corey Arnett, Barn Believers

Helping illustrate Michigan’s pioneering past, historic barns can be found throughout the Upper Peninsula. Come learn about these unique structures that still dot the landscape—providing insight into the state’s regional, architectural, and agricultural history.

The Mythical Isle of Philippeaux
Robert Myers, Historical Society of Michigan

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, cartographers sought to map the upper Great Lakes region. However, there was one major problem with the isle they called “Philippeaux,” located southeast of Isle Royale: it didn’t actually exist.

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11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch Keynote

Beads, Rings, and Datable Things: Goose Lake Archaeology

James Paquette, Marquette Regional History Center

“How do you know how old it is?”: this is something archaeologists are often asked. To help answer this question, James Paquette will dig into the recent excavations at Goose Lake Outlet #3 in Marquette County, a protohistoric fur-trade site. Learn about the uncovered history of GLO#3 and the ongoing analyses of its cultural materials—which date to the 1630s and provide evidence of early French-Native trade networks.
Collaborative Cuisine: Native and European Foods
Russell M. Magnaghi, Northern Michigan University (Ret.)

Many modern U.P. food traditions are rooted in early Native-American and European influences in the area. That fusion of cultural ingredients and preparation methods has given the Upper Peninsula its unique culinary fingerprint.

Père René Ménard: Lake Superior’s First Jesuit
Dan Truckey, Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center

In the spring of 1661, Jesuit missionary Père René Ménard disappeared during the first sanctioned trade mission to the Lake Superior region from Montreal. Learn the theories on the disappearance of Ménard—a martyr to the cause of Catholicism and a symbol of European expansion.

Mapping Miners at Home and Work: U.P. Copper-Mining Communities
Lindsay Hiltunen, Michigan Technological University

This session will explore the perils that mine workers faced as they struggled to make a living in the Upper Peninsula. But there was also a bright spot borne of that dangerous work: the communities those men built.
Preserving the Enchanted Isle: Mackinac National Park
Keith R. Widder, Mackinac State Historic Parks (Ret.)

Before Mackinac Island became Michigan’s first state park in 1895, it was the United States’ second national park. Trace the park’s transition from federal to state jurisdiction with the formation of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

Hardships and Rewards: Women at the Sault Ste. Marie Missions
Karl Hele, Mount Allison University

From the 1820s to 1871—during the heyday of missions at Sault Ste. Marie—approximately 69 women served alongside 166 male counterparts. While their backgrounds and stories varied greatly, the female missionaries faced similar challenges in their religious and domestic roles.

Rocks that Made Michigan: U.P. Geology
Steven Kesler, University of Michigan

Geologic events formed Michigan and the Great Lakes region. Fossils are only a small part of a story that includes glaciers, reefs, mountains, and a giant meteor impact—as well as the early explorers who navigated Michigan’s terrain.
3:30-4:30 p.m. Closing Event
The Upper Peninsula History Awards Ceremony

Each year, HSM presents two awards at its Upper Peninsula History Conference. Named in honor of an Escanaba schoolteacher, the Charles Follo Award is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of U.P. history. Established in 2006, the Superior Award recognizes historical societies, museums, and other historical organizations that have preserved and advanced U.P. history.
### Conference Registration

**Friday and Saturday, June 24-25, 2022**

**Registration Deadlines:**
- Early-Bird Registration Ends: **May 8, 2022**
- Standard Registration Ends: **June 23, 2022**
- “Walk-In” Registration: **June 24-25, 2022**

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