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69th Annual

Upper Peninsula History Conference



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Friday, June 22

8 a.m.–4 p.m. Check-In and On-Site Registration
Breakers Resort • 927 North State Street • St. Ignace, MI 49781

To attend any Friday tour, session, or event, you must be a Regular Conference registrant.

9–11:30 a.m. ↗

Choose one from the two concurrent items below.

Friday A.M. Workshop • \$25

Exhibit Planning and Design 101

Michelle Briggs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Are your exhibits tired and uninspired? This workshop focuses on some quick fixes, strategies for planning major overhauls, and tips and techniques for exhibits that POP—even when you don't have a lot of money! Participants should come prepared to work individually or in teams on exhibit planning and interpretive writing exercises.



Community Room • St. Ignace Public Library
110 West Spruce Street • St. Ignace, MI 49781

Friday A.M. Tour • \$10

Guided Tour of Fort de Buade Museum

Learn about the rich history of St. Ignace in exhibits featuring Native-American history, the fur trade, logging, local schools, churches, recreation, transportation, and much more, all interpreted through a magnificent collection of artifacts spread between the museum's main building and a separate historic home. This is a self-drive tour.



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1–4 p.m. ↗

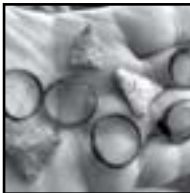
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Friday Session • Free

Can You Dig It? Archaeology for Everyone

Jim Paquette, Marquette Regional History Center

In the Great Lakes region, archaeological discoveries are in abundance, leading many non-professionals to express an interest in exploring Michigan's unique buried treasures.



Join the speaker as he discusses his process of ethical discovery, including revisiting some of his significant contributions to the state's archaeological record.

Fort de Buade Museum
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Tour 1 • \$15

Les Cheneaux Historical and Maritime Museums

Sit back and relax as you are driven along a scenic route to the city of Cedarville and the Les Cheneaux museums. The historical museum has plenty to explore, including the area's early era of settlement, while the maritime museum showcases a collection of vintage boats and maritime artifacts.



Tour 2 • \$15

Foodways and Gardens of the Fort

Agritourism meets the eighteenth century in this tour! Join us for a look at newly discovered information about the food culture of Fort Michilimackinac's French and English population in the 1700s. Participants will explore the gardens and foodways of the fort's residents and tour new exhibits at Michilimackinac.



Tour 3 • \$15

Gros Cap Church and Cemetery

A short trip to the west takes attendees to the Gros Cap village site. As part of that early settlement, the Sacred Heart Church and Gros Cap Cemetery are integral facets of the history of the Upper Peninsula. An additional stop, the Father Marquette National Memorial, is also explored.



Attendees will be bussed to the three locations above from the hotel. Seating is limited.

4-6 p.m. Explore the Museum of Ojibwa Culture ↗

Experience life when Native and French cultures first came together in the Straits area. The museum depicts the history and heritage of the Ojibwa people, explores the period of first contact with the French, and reveals the site's archaeology. Exhibits also share information on the French Jesuit Mission that used to be located on this spot.

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6 p.m. Picnic With Entertainment ↗

Join us for our traditional outdoor kickoff meal—a yummy picnic within the Museum of Ojibwa Culture's park area. Then, around 7 p.m., we will be serenaded by the harmonious sounds of February Sky. The duo's repertoire includes a combination of old and new folk songs and music.

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Saturday, June 23

8 a.m.–4 p.m. Check-In, On-Site Registration, and Exhibits
St. Ignace LaSalle High School · W443 Portage Street · St. Ignace, MI 49781

9-9:45 a.m. Opening Keynote ↗

Behind Every Great Fur Trade Is a Woman

Susan Sleeper-Smith, Michigan State University

Fort Michilimackinac was an important eighteenth-century fur trade post connected to a network of fur trading villages throughout the western Great Lakes. Focusing on the role Native-American women played in the processing of furs and the exchange process, this keynote examines that fur trading network and demonstrates how the fur trade brought prosperity to the region. By the mid-eighteenth century, many Native-American women who could work with trade cloth emerged as significant influencers in the male-dominated industry.



10-11 a.m. Concurrent Session 1 ↗

Through Ice and Water: Traversing the Straits Before the Bridge

J. Oliver Boynton, St. Ignace Post Office (Ret.) and James Boynton, Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus

Before the Mackinac Bridge was completed in 1957, traversing the Straits was a difficult process—especially during Michigan's harsh winters. This session explores how Commodore Lewis R. Boynton resolved that problem and offers a brief history of the railroad and car ferry fleets that ran between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.



Slavery at the Straits

Russell Magnaghi, Northern Michigan University

Both Native-American and African-American slavery existed in the Eastern Upper Peninsula during the French and English Colonial Eras and under John Askin throughout the fur trade. This session not only delves into slavery's gradual decline after 1796 but also examines its lingering prevalence in Michigan until the early nineteenth century.



Concurrent Session I continued ↗

Yooper Talk, Eh?

Kathryn Remlinger, Grand Valley State University

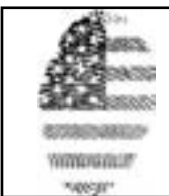
The Upper Peninsula's unique history and cross-section of several cultures enabled its residents to develop their own dialect over time, providing the area with its own identity through language. Join us as we unravel what it means to talk like a "Yooper" and identify with this one-of-a-kind region.



We Sought Joy Afar: A Finn Family in Russia

Bernie Arbic, Chippewa County Historical Society

Lawrence and Sylvia Hokkanen, a Finnish family from Sugar Island, immigrated to the Finnish-Russian border in 1934. They became Soviet citizens and joined other Americans eager to build a worker's paradise as a respite from the Great Depression. Instead of discovering peace in Communism, disappearances and murders brought them back to Michigan.



Mini Workshop—Suiting Up: Basic First-Person Interpretation

Robert Myers, Historical Society of Michigan

Portraying a character from the past can be a dynamic and effective means of engaging audiences with history. First-person interpretation requires research, authentic costuming, and acting instincts, yet it can be mastered by almost everyone. This workshop covers the steps needed to develop a quality interpretation, from rehearsals to the final performance.

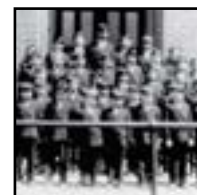
11-11:30 a.m. Refreshment Break and Exhibits

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Concurrent Session II ↗

Schools of No Choice: Indian Boarding Schools

Charlee Brissette, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Eric Hemenway, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

The speakers will focus on why Indian boarding schools were created and how they became schools of no choice for Native children, who were forced to attend and abandon their language, customs, and traditions. Although these schools are now gone, the aftershocks of their practices are still felt in Native communities.



Sentries of the Straits: The Soldiers of Fort Mackinac

Phil Porter, Mackinac State Historic Parks

This session tells the story of Fort Mackinac through the lives and activities of more than 4,500 British and U.S. soldiers who inhabited it between 1780 and 1895. The presentation includes images of portraits, maps, and photographs of the soldiers collected from libraries and museums across the United States and Great Britain.



Mackinac Through the Eras: A Geological History

Jeff Dykehouse, Mackinac State Historic Parks

Join us for a look at Michigan's geological history, with a focus on the Straits area. The formation of the bedrock will be covered, along with the effects of the Ice Age. The speaker will also discuss the rise and fall of our lakes from Lake Algonquin to the present-day Great Lakes.



Fish Tales: Family Stories From the Fishing Industry

Russell Rickley, Operating Engineer (Ret.)

Fishing is a popular pastime for many Michiganders and is often a source of family bonding and adventure. In this session, speaker Russell Rickley explores the folklore of his family's personal commercial-fishing history. Come to hear the tales of bad weather, great catches, industry woes, and the ones that got away.



Concurrent Session II continued ↗

Mini Workshop—Trending Now: How Social Media Can Help You

Mary Toshach, Historical Society of Michigan

The presenter will lead a discussion of tools and resources available for marketing your museum and products through social media. Strategies for increasing visitation, expanding programs, and other objectives will be discussed. Join this session to find out how to leverage additional exposure and resources for your institution or site.



12:30–2:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote ↗

The Mighty Mac: Connecting Michigan's Peninsulas

Kim Nowack, Mackinac Bridge Authority

From the earliest days of Michigan's history, crossing the Straits of Mackinac was filled with a series of unique difficulties—that is, until the Mackinac Bridge connected the Upper and Lower Peninsulas in 1957. But the “Mighty Mac,” the nation's longest suspension bridge and a spectacle to see from either peninsula's shores, comes with its own challenges. Join us for this keynote presentation as we explore the past, present, and future of the magnificent Mackinac Bridge.



2:30–3 p.m. Reports From U.P. Historical Organizations ↗

Following lunch, local historical groups will share their activities from the past year and new things going on in U.P. history!

3–4 p.m. Concurrent Session III ↗

Dire Straits: The Wrecks Beneath the Waves

Craig Wilson, Mackinac State Historic Parks

Join us for a history of shipwrecks in the Straits of Mackinac, including case studies on the causes of these tragic events. Attendees will learn about the efforts made to reduce vessel casualties through the construction of lifeboat stations and lighthouses, as well as the preservation of Michigan maritime culture and heritage.



Sharing the Faith: The Missions of Mackinac

James Boynton, Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus

While everyone knows the story of Father Marquette, the tale of the Jesuits and Native Americans involved during Michigan's settlement years is often overlooked. Join the presenter as he reveals the remarkable history of the Jesuit mission at the Straits and details its historical significance on a global scale.



Beyond Duck and Cover: Cold War Civil Defense

*Todd Chapman, Cloverland
Electric Cooperative*

In the 1950s, the Office of Civil Defense began a campaign to prepare citizens for nuclear war, with Sault Ste. Marie developing into a site of activity as an early warning system for any expected Soviet bombs. For 30 years, civil defense supplies were stockpiled in the city, and Michigan waited...



The Three Fires Confederacy

*Tony Grondin, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians*

Come to hear the stories from some of Michigan's oldest Native-American tribes—the Three Fires Confederacy. Learn about the three Anishinaabe fires of the confederacy, where their ceded territories are located, the ways in which they govern themselves, and the role each tribe plays in the larger confederacy.

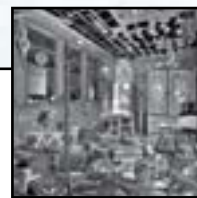


Concurrent Session III continued ↗

Mini Workshop—Taming the Chaos: Collections Management for Small Museums

Robert Myers, Historical Society of Michigan

Many small museums and historical societies struggle with basic curatorial issues related to their artifact, textile, archival, and other collections. Collections management on a limited budget poses many challenges. This workshop addresses a variety of storage, preservation, cataloging, and legal issues and is led by a professional curator with decades of experience.



Saturday 7 p.m. U.P. History Awards Banquet and Closing Keynote ↗

Lawless Mackinac

Jennifer McGraw, Michilimackinac Historical Society

Life in the seventeenth-century Great Lakes region was vastly different than anything seen today. This keynote presentation will explore the lawless aspects of life during that time in the St. Ignace and Mackinac area, including the use of alcohol in the fur trade, ongoing warfare, crime and punishment, gambling, prostitution, and death. The speaker will also address cultural and political differences that conflicted with Catholic missionary efforts, such as manner of dress, country marriage, and divorce.



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Sunday, June 24

9:30–10:45 a.m. Walking Tour—Lakeside Cemetery ↗

About a quarter-mile east of the foot of the Mackinac Bridge, Lakeside Cemetery sits on Lake Huron and is encircled by the splendor of the Upper Peninsula. Join us as we visit the final resting places of several of the area's most fascinating people and hear about their unique histories, such as Prentiss M. Brown, who served as a U.S. senator and chairman of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, and Forest "Evy" Evashevski, a Hall of Fame college football player and coach. Participants should gather at the cemetery's front gates on Graham Avenue. A map will be provided with your registration confirmation.



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Conference Hotel

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Conference Rate \$104

Request the U.P. History Conference rate or Historical Society of Michigan rate when you make your reservation. Rate is guaranteed until June 1, 2018. If rooms are still available after that date, rate may still be available.

Registration Discount for Residents of Mackinac County

HSM is offering a registration discount to residents of Mackinac County, the home of our host institutions, which is one of the benefits for hosting this annual conference.

The discount is \$30 off a Regular Conference Registration or \$20 off a Saturday-Only Registration.

Your primary residence must be in Mackinac County to qualify for the discount.

Conference Registration

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Registration Deadlines:

Early-Bird Registration Ends: May 20, 2018

Standard Registration: May 21 – June 10, 2018

Late Registration: June 11 – 18, 2018

Fill out one form for each attendee.

Please make additional copies of this form as needed.

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I would also like...

Friday morning (choose one)(requires Regular Conference registration)

- Friday A.M. Workshop†: Exhibits 101 \$25 \$ _____
- Friday A.M. Tour: Fort de Buade Museum \$10 \$ _____

Friday afternoon (choose one)(requires Regular Conference registration)

- Friday Session: Archaeology for Everyone Free \$ _____
- Tour 1: Les Cheneaux Museums \$15 \$ _____
- Tour 2: Foodways/Gardens of the Fort \$15 \$ _____
- Tour 3: Gros Cap Church/Cemetery \$15 \$ _____

Saturday Evening

- Awards Banquet and Closing Keynote \$25 \$ _____

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- Early-Bird Registration (by May 20) \$169 \$ _____
- Standard Registration (May 21 – Jun 10) \$189 \$ _____
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- Early-Bird Registration (by May 20) \$129 \$ _____
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Regular Conference Registration includes...

Access to Friday events and picnic, all Saturday sessions, Saturday Luncheon, and Sunday Walking Tour. This does NOT include the U.P. History Awards Banquet and Closing Keynote.

Saturday-Only Registration includes...

All Saturday sessions and Saturday Luncheon. This does NOT include the U.P. History Awards Banquet and Closing Keynote.

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†Friday A.M. Workshop...

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