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# Michigan History Conference

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# Friday, September 23

**8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Check-In and On-Site Registration**  
**Courtyard by Marriott Albion, 200 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224**

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.



## Gardner House Museum Open House

509 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224

This 1875 Second Empire-style Victorian mansion is now the home of the Albion Historical Society. Restored with period furnishings, this museum open house will take you through the past century-and-a-half, showcasing Albion and American history.



## Workshop: Caring for Family Collections

Sharon Carlson, Western Michigan University (Ret.)  
Ludington Center, 101 N Superior St, Albion, MI 49224

Are you the family archivist or do you have family collections? This workshop is designed for individuals or small historical societies that want help preserving and organizing archival materials. The speaker will cover the types of family papers you may encounter and how best to care for them.

**1:00-4:00 p.m. - Tours and Kick-Off Keynote (see next page).**

**Tours depart from Courtyard by Marriott Albion, 200 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224**



## Albion College Walking Tour

\$29

Learn about the institution's past and see the historic buildings still in operation. Tour stops include the college archives; Goodrich Chapel; the Observatory, built in 1883-1884; and more.



## Mail and Mansions: Touring Marshall

\$29

Visit the Governor's Mansion Museum—an 1839 Greek Revival residence—and the United States Postal Museum, the nation's second-largest collection of USPS memorabilia.



## Rural Calhoun County: Homer & Concord Tour

\$29

Explore Homer's Blair Farm, complete with a Victorian house and working sawmill, and see the relocated Albion Town Hall, as well as the Mann House and a series of churches in Concord.

# Friday, September 23

1:00-2:00 p.m. Kick-Off Keynote

## The Soul of the Heartland: Mason County's Danish Settlement

Dr. William M. Anderson, Historian and Author

In 1872, Danish and Swedish immigrants settled in Victory Township. At its peak, the community had schools, stores, and more. Explore the township's Danish residents and their robust community in this keynote.



**Ludington Center, 101 N Superior St, Albion, MI 49224**

Both the Kick-Off Keynote and the Harriet Quimby session will take place at the Ludington Center.

2:15-3:15 p.m.



## Harriet Quimby: Michigan's New Woman Aviator

Robert Myers, Historical Society of Michigan

Michigan-native Harriet Quimby gained fame as America's first woman pilot. A true Renaissance woman, she was also a drama critic for *Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*, a motion picture screenwriter for D.W. Griffith, and a stage actress. Discover the meteoric rise and sudden fall of this little-known American legend.

5:00 p.m. President's Reception

## The Ismon House

Enjoy refreshments while exploring the stately historical Ismon House during the President's Reception and presentation of select State History Awards.



**The Ismon House, 300 S. Clinton St., Albion, MI 49224**

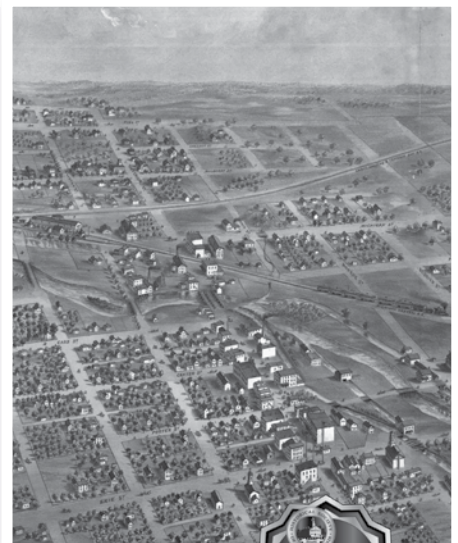
The State History Awards for publications and media will be presented at 5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. State History Awards Banquet and Keynote

## Creating Community: African Americans in Albion

Robert Wall, Educator (Ret.)

Follow a century of Albion's African-American history—from the pre-Civil War period through the Great Migration and into the Civil Rights Movement—to see how the town's fledgling African-American community grew into a dynamic and permanent portion of the population. This close look explains the unique significance of the recruiting efforts of the Albion Malleable Iron Company and the impact of other local industries.



**Baldwin Banquet Hall, Albion College, 203 S. Hannah St., Albion, MI 49224**

The State History Awards for all remaining categories will be presented after dinner.



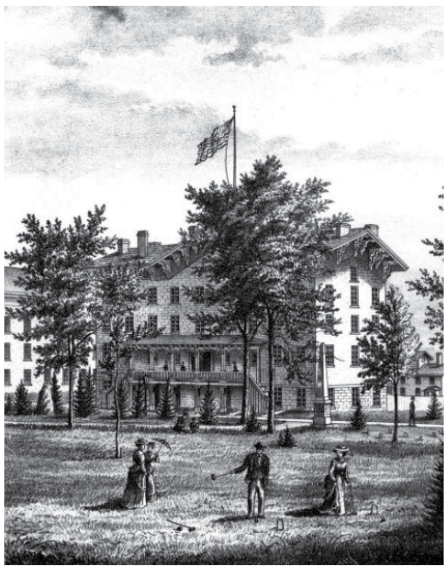
# Saturday, September 24

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Check-In and On-Site Registration

Albion College, Science Atrium, 900 W. Michigan Ave., Albion, MI 49224

## 8:30 a.m. • Historical Society of Michigan Annual Business Meeting

Come to hear about all the exciting projects that HSM has been working on and the new programs available for members! Refreshments will be available upon arrival.



## 9:00 a.m. Opening Keynote

### Albion College: Salacious Scandal and Momentous Milestones

Elizabeth Palmer, Albion College Archives & Special Collections

The history of Albion College dates to 1835, when Methodist settlers sought to create a school in the wilderness of the Michigan Territory. Ever since the first campus cornerstone was laid in 1841, the college has served as a home and a place of education for thousands of students. Learn about the school's humble beginnings, unique traditions, a possible scandal, and milestone events.

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## A People's History of Wild Rice

Lee Sprague - Wy Wii Wak Oh Me, Three Fires Mahnoomin Society

Anishinaabek found and harvested wild rice throughout the Great Lakes region—and they still live in places where the plant grows. Today, Anishinaabek Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) contributes to the ongoing restoration of the Kalamazoo River.



## A Sense of Place: Albion and the American Dream

Wesley Arden Dick, Albion College

Follow the path of Albion's community—from an industrial city to the posterchild for deindustrialization. Learn also about Albion's founding of a college, growth in diversity, and the “town and gown” collaborations and tensions that came with them.



## Anna Howard Shaw: Woman Suffrage and Beyond

Trisha Franzen, Albion College

Unique among suffragists, Anna Howard Shaw held social and political ideas that were shaped by her experience as a Michigan pioneer. This leader in the fight for woman suffrage also served as a physician and ordained Methodist minister.



## Here I Stand: The Musical History of African Americans in Battle Creek

Sonya Bernard-Hollins, Season Press LLC - Publishing Consultants

Motown is world-famous for its music history, but one small town between Detroit and Chicago produced musicians with heart and soul whose influences transcended community entertainment. Learn how this author used oral history to bring a community's musical history to life.



## Workshop: Everybody Has a Story— Doing Oral History

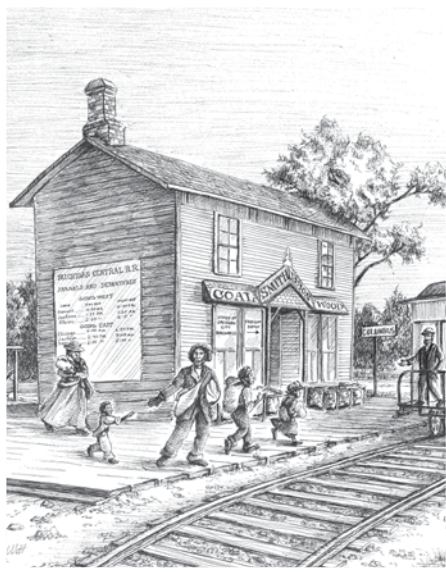
Jim Cameron, Michigan Oral History Association

Do you want to preserve the stories of someone you know? Learn how to conduct an oral history project—from setting up the interview to asking the right questions to creating a quality finished product.





# Saturday, September 24



11:45 a.m. Luncheon Keynote

## Jackson Junction: Michigan's Crossroads to Freedom

Linda Hass, Jackson County Michigan Historical Society

Discover the dramatic experiences of the freedom-seekers who arrived in Jackson and the local activists who assisted in the Underground Railroad during the mid-1800s. Hear how their stories have been promoted through successful collaborations, and learn about the state and national designations commemorating Jackson's vital role in the secret network. This keynote will also feature special guests, including descendants of freedom-seekers.



## NEW!

## Michigan History Conference T-Shirts

For the first time, the Historical Society of Michigan is offering event apparel for conference attendees. Join HSM in celebrating this historic conference with your exclusive event T-shirt! Order yours today on the registration form.

**Order your shirt today with your conference registration at [hsm.pub/mhc2022](https://hsm.pub/mhc2022)**

*\*Final design subject to change. Conference shirts will be given to attendees with their on-site registration materials during the event.*

2:00-3:00 p.m.

## My Father, The Pilot: A Tuskegee Airman's Story

Tonya Arnett, Retired

Join the presenter as she shares memories of her father, Tuskegee airman Richard Weatherford. Hear about his fight to fly, along with a history of the Tuskegee pilots and an overview of other airmen who lived in Albion.



## Building Albion: Local Historic Architecture

Jennifer Wood, Albion District Library

Explore the history of Albion through its built environment. This visual tour of architecturally significant buildings in the town will be presented in roughly chronological order, with information about their history, design, and significance.



## A Day for Moms: Mother's Day Origins

Jim Seidl, Albion Historical Society

In 1877, leaders of Albion's Anti-Temperance Movement sparked events that led to the creation of Mother's Day. Learn how Albion resident Juliet Calhoun Blakely was instrumental in the second Sunday in May being set aside for that celebration.



## Struggling to Survive: Michigan County Poor Farms

Adam Oster, Library of Michigan

Michigan poor farms were established to provide essential community services for the poor, elderly, and destitute. Learn about their origins, hear about individual facilities and inmates, and find out why most facilities were either shut down or repurposed.



## Workshop: Writing Museum Labels & Narratives

Tammy Barnes, Sindecuse Museum of Dentistry

Learn how to craft engaging labels and narratives that deliver key interpretive takeaways, meet audience needs, and optimize the use of artifacts and images in museums. Get savvy with QR codes for accessibility and supplementation.







## Tree-Stump Tombstones: Funerary Art in Southwest Michigan

Mark Jenness, Western Michigan University

Explore the different styles of tree-stump tombstones in Southwest Michigan during this historical, cultural, and artistic overview of rustic funerary art. See examples of these unique headstones from cemeteries in nine counties throughout the region.



## Captured: The Photography & Internment of Gwen Dew

Frank Passic, Albion Historian

When photojournalist and Albion-native Gwen Dew was taken captive in Hong Kong in 1941, she documented the details of her internment—later publishing a book on her experiences. Explore Dew's Albion beginnings, imprisonment, and photographs in this fascinating session.



## Ogichiddak: Anishnaabek in the Revolutionary War

Eric Hemenway, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

The American Revolutionary War had numerous tribal participants—including those from Michigan. This talk will examine some of the key people and reasons that the Odawa, along with other Michigan tribal nations, took up arms against the Americans.



## Black Teachers Matter: Albion Public Schools

Leslie Keller Dick, Akaiia Ridley; Albion College Library (Ret.), Eastern Michigan University

Following the closing of the segregated West Ward school, Albion recruited teachers from Historically Black Colleges and Universities to staff its classrooms. Explore the evolution of the public-school system and how it sought Black instructors to better represent the town and populace.



## Workshop: Using Digital Resources at the Library of Michigan

Adam Oster, Library of Michigan

This workshop will provide an overview of the history and role of the Library of Michigan. The presenter will also detail the family and local history databases available there—and offer strategies on how to navigate them.

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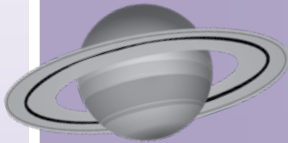
## 6:00 p.m. Closing Banquet and Keynote **Violet Violence: The Purple Gang**

Richard Lewin, Retired United Church of Christ Pastor

The Purple Gang, a notorious criminal mob of bootleggers, was known for terrorizing Detroit throughout the Prohibition Era. But the syndicate's operations extended even beyond the Motor City. Learn about the Purple Gang's presence in Albion, including the places it frequented and the string of robberies and violence that followed the gang everywhere it cast its shadow prior to the group's downfall in mid-century.



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## **Albion Observatory Evening Tour**

Following the Saturday evening banquet, the Albion College Observatory will be open for visitors to explore the historic building and view the night sky's wonders.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 9:30-11:00 a.m.** **Riverside Cemetery Walking Tour**

1301 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224

Visit the graves of Albion's distinguished citizens during a walk through Riverside Cemetery with an experienced guide.



## **COVID POLICY**

The Historical Society of Michigan will be monitoring COVID-19 and will communicate conference policies related to the virus as necessary in the weeks prior to the event.

## **Conference Hotel**

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200 S. Superior St., Albion, MI 49224

**Conference Rate: \$139/night**

*Request the Michigan History Conference/Historical Society of Michigan rate when you make your reservation. Rate is guaranteed until September 1, 2022. If rooms are still available after that date, rate may still be available.*

**Questions? Contact HSM at (800) 692-1828.**



# Conference Registration

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25, 2022

## Registration Deadlines:

Early-Bird Registration Ends: August 15, 2022

Standard Registration Ends: September 15, 2022

Late Registration Ends: September 20, 2022

Register online at [hsm.pub/mhc2022](http://hsm.pub/mhc2022)

### MEMBER REGISTRATION

#### Full Conference

- ☐ Early-Bird Registration \$179 \$\_\_\_\_\_
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#### Saturday-Only Conference

- ☐ Early-Bird Registration \$139 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Standard Registration \$149 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Walk-In Registration (no meals) \$159 \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### I would also like these paid add-ons...

- ☐ Saturday Evening Banquet \$39 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Friday Morning Workshop \$39 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Friday Afternoon Tour (Select One)
- ☐ Albion College Walking Tour \$29 \$\_\_\_\_\_
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### NONMEMBER REGISTRATION

#### Full Conference

- ☐ Early-Bird Registration \$219 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Standard Registration \$229 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Walk-In Registration (no meals) \$239 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Full conference registration includes the luncheon, President's Reception, and the Friday evening banquet. In addition to the paid add-ons above, there are also free add-ons for full conference attendees that do not require pre-registration: the Sunday Walking Tour, the Observatory Evening Tour, and the free Friday afternoon keynote. Learn more about those events within the booklet.

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