The Michigan Historic Preservation Network presents
THE 41st ANNUAL STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

CONNECTIONS
People, Pathways, and Preservation

MAY 11–15, 2021
VIRTUAL FROM MICHIGAN
A Celebration of the State Historic Preservation Tax Credit and Conference Welcome

Wednesday, May 12
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (invited)
Sen. Wayne Schmidt
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reservationists seek and draw connections—we often connect almost tangibly with a historic place, and we uncover the place’s story and significance. Through that process, we connect with our history and, often, we come to a new understanding of our own story. In researching and then restoring or rehabilitating a place, we make connections with one another—a community of people who appreciate historic places and who labor and advocate for their preservation.

As we come together in 2021, we are reflecting on the field of historic preservation and how we want to practice it. We’re considering how preservation has promoted economic development, we’re inventoring the tools we have, and we’re identifying improvements and innovations needed. We ask how the field of preservation can better represent people of color and be inclusive of all communities in the stories we tell.

We wrestle with other perennial issues of preservation—how can we more effectively share the value of historic places and place-based development? How do we better fund the work of preservation? How can we strengthen the connections between our work and that of other groups and interests? How can we support municipalities and local advocates seeking to preserve their historic places?

The 2021 MHPN Statewide Preservation Conference is the virtual place to hold these real conversations. The lineup of speakers and topics is diverse. We look forward to the inspiration, the discussions, and the reconnecting. Join us!

Denise McGeen  
MHPN President

Mark Rodman  
Executive Director

OUR APPRECIATION  
The 41st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference is underwritten through the generous support of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.
Join homeowners Robert and Mary Lubera, with art historian Deborah Lubera Kawsky, for a virtual tour and discussion of the preservation and restoration of the McLucas House (1950, Grosse Pointe Farms), the sole-surviving private residence designed by midcentury legend Alexander Girard.

Described as a total work of art and a modernist gem, the home features an open-air atrium, glass window walls, and boldly colored glazed bricks.

Wednesday, May 12
6:00 p.m. –7:00 p.m.

Moderated by Amy Arnold, Preservation Planner, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS & FRIDAY PLENARY

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
“Looking Back So We Can Move Forward—Connecting Communities to Their History”
Thursday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.

Kamla Lewis, Director of Neighborhood Revitalization in Shaker Heights, Ohio, reflects on the role history played in one African American community’s efforts to redefine itself and chart a path forward in the wake of the housing crisis. She shares the lessons learned for community development and preservation professionals as they seek to revitalize neighborhoods and some creative approaches for making history accessible and alive to all.

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FRIDAY PLENARY
“Oh, You’re with Them: From Us vs. Them to Co-creation”
Friday, May 14, 2:45 p.m.

Engaging communities that have a history of disinvestment can be challenging as an outsider, even with the best intentions. Previous experiences have generated distrust, and “what you need” is not the same as “what we need.” Join our panel of successful community planners and discover how they help bridge the divide, actively engage a community, and accomplish meaningful, citizen-driven results.

Moderator and Panelist Lauren Hood, Panelist Amber N. Mitchell, and Panelist Dawn DiPrince

Sponsored by Plante Moran
Pre-conference Workshops
Communication Skills or Preservation Essentials—included with your registration or as stand-alone training.
Tuesday, May 11, 3:00 p.m.–6:45 p.m. (See pages 10–11.)

Welcome to the 41st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
Wednesday, May 12, 12:00 p.m.–1:15 p.m. (See page 12.)

Midcentury Modern Virtual House Tour
Presented by Robert Lubera, Mary Lubera, and Deborah Lubera Kawsky.
Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. (See page 4.)

Special State Rehabilitation Tax Credit Session
Now that the State Rehabilitation Tax Credit is back, attend this session to learn about the program.
Thursday, May 13, 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. (See page 18.)

Virtual Vendors’ Showcase and Special Vendor Sessions
Visit the Virtual Vendors’ Showcase at www.mhpn.org/conference anytime to see the resources, products, and services offered by a wide variety of preservation specialists. On Thursday morning during our Special Vendor Sessions, connect with various vendors and hear about their work.
Thursday, May 13, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (See page 18.)

Annual Keynote Address
“Looking Back So We Can Move Forward—Connecting Communities to Their History”
Presented by Kamla Lewis, Director of Neighborhood Revitalization, Shaker Heights, Ohio
Thursday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. (See page 5.)

The 30th Annual MHPN Awards
Join us to celebrate those honored for exceptional preservation work this past year.
Thursday, May 13, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. (See page 22.)

The Friday Plenary
“Oh, You’re with Them: From Us vs. Them to Co-creation”
Panelists Lauren Hood, Amber N. Mitchell, and Dawn DiPrince discuss community-centered programming through meaningful engagement and collaboration.
Friday, May 14, 2:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m. (See page 5.)

CAMP
The Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) is the signature training offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to partner with the NAPC and MHPN to bring CAMP training to Michigan’s Historic District Commissions!
Saturday, May 15, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (See page 26.)

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
The MHPN recognizes that continuing education strengthens the value of services our professional conference attendees offer their clients and communities. To that end, we partner each year with the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Institute of Architects-Michigan, and the MSU Michigan Citizen Planner Program to offer continuing education credits. Find the number of credits listed with each session, and please note that Michigan Citizen Planners can earn 31 credits.
Visit www.mhpn.org/conference.
TRACK OVERVIEW AND WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The conference presents three tracks throughout Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

TRACK ONE: THEME
CONNECTIONS: PEOPLE, PATHWAYS, AND PRESERVATION
For individuals, people in business and manufacturing, preservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespeople, elected and appointed officials, and government staff—anyone who needs effective tools to advocate for preservation projects and who wants their preservation practice to be more inclusive.

Sponsored by BlackBerry Window & Door Systems, Kalamazoo

TRACK TWO: INFORMATION
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE PRESERVATION WORK
For those who must know more about the laws, policies, and designations; the programs of assistance, tax incentives, and economic benefits; and the best practices and educational programs that provide support for preservation efforts.

Sponsored by TCF Bank, Grand Rapids

TRACK THREE: APPLIED SKILLS
TRAINING WITH THE HISTORIC RESOURCE COUNCIL
For individual property owners, professionals doing hands-on work with historic buildings, and community officials who need to know more about traditional trades and current building and development practices—the essential tools for effective preservation.

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$10,000 or more
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Bay View Handworks, Michigan
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Warner Norcross + Judd LLP, Michigan
Wolverine Building Group, Grand Rapids

$1,000 - $2,499
AIA Michigan, Detroit
Peter Basso Associates/Illuminart, Troy
Sandra S. Clark, Michigan History Center, Lansing
Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc., Dexter
Eastern Michigan University - Historic Preservation Program, Ypsilanti
Melinda A. Hill, Rochester
Integrity Building Group, Detroit
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Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs, Waterford
Plante Moran, Auburn Hills
Quinn Evans, Ann Arbor
Rentrop & Morrison PC, Bloomfield Hills
Park Smith, AIA, Flint

$500 - $999
Architecture + design Inc., Battle Creek
Building Arts & Conservation, Saline
Cornerstone Architects, Inc., Grand Rapids and Traverse City
Docomomo_US/Michigan
EverGreene Architectural Arts, Brooklyn, NY
H2A Architects Inc., Davison
Michigan Modern Project of the State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing
Preservation Ladies & Gents, Michigan/U.S
The Saarinen (Michigan) Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians, Michigan
SmithGroup, Detroit
Pam and Jon VanderPloeg, Grand Rapids
WTA Architects, Saginaw
$250 - $499
Adair Restoration LLC, Ann Arbor
Artisan Renovations LLC, Dryden
Butcher & Butcher Construction Company, Inc., Rochester Hills
Cusack’s Masonry Restoration, Inc., Hubbardston
Farr Associates Architecture, Chicago
HopkinsBurns Design Studio, Ann Arbor
Rod Kreger and Betsy LaVier, Satellite Beach, FL
Martha MacFarlane-Faes, Lansing
Neumann/Smith Architecture, Mike Kirk AIA, Detroit
Pam and Terry O’Connor Endowment Fund, Kalamazoo
Past Perfect, Inc., Grand Rapids
Reagan Family Dentistry, Lowell
Rueter Associates Architects, Ann Arbor
Sanders & Czapski Associates, PLLC, Marquette
Testing Engineers & Consultants, Inc., Troy
Dave Tillman, Dearborn
Vertical Access LLC / Alta Access LLC, Ithaca, NY
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., Bingham Farms

Up To $249
Devan Anderson, Detroit
Patricia Austin, Ann Arbor
Nancy E.V. Bryk, Ann Arbor
Sally Bund, Ann Arbor
Kathy Duquette, Ann Arbor
Jan Enns, Laguna Woods, CA
Nancy M. Finegood, Eaton Rapids
Richard Gage Design Studio, Hazel Park
Ina Hanel-Gerdenich, Ann Arbor
Janet L. Kreger, Ann Arbor
Barbara Krueger, Hartland
Carol Mull, Ann Arbor
Pamela Hall O’Connor, Kalamazoo
Marnie Paulus, Teton Village, WY
Elaine Robinson, Jackson
Matthew Schulte, Warwick, RI
Grace Shackman, Ann Arbor
Marianne Stefan, DDS, PC, Huntington Woods
Charlotte Whitney Stevens, Olivet
Jill Thacher, Ann Arbor
Irene Tyler, Ann Arbor
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Susan Wineberg, Ann Arbor

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Programming
The 2021 Conference Program is supported by Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities

2021 Donors: Our Special Thanks
The Michigan Historic Preservation Network takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to those who made donations to the Forty-First Annual Statewide Preservation Conference. Many donors have been supporting the MHPN for years; others are new. We thank you all!

If there are any omissions or errors, we sincerely apologize and will make corrections on the conference website and when we list our donors in the 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports.
3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Communication 101: Persuasion for Preservationists**

Historic preservationists are passionate about the power of preservation and place, and often need to communicate the importance of preservation to others. In this session, learn how to be a more persuasive and effective verbal communicator so that your message influences the attitudes and behavior of decision makers and policy makers.

**Gwen Wittenbaum**, PhD, Associate Professor, Michigan State University, East Lansing

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4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

**Advocacy 101: Talking with Your Legislator**

Public Policy is best achieved through constituent contact with elected officials. Legislators work with hundreds of issues each year. How do you get both attention for your cause and the action you hope to achieve? Examine the basics of developing a relationship with your elected officials and how to attain success.

**Melissa McKinley**, Principal, Kelley-Cawthorne, Lansing

**Larry Wagenaar**, Vice President, Cultural Advocacy Network of Michigan; Executive Director/CEO, Historical Society of Michigan, Lansing

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5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m.

**New Strategies to Reach New Audiences: Three Case Studies**

The pandemic challenged many organizations, pushing programs and outreach online and causing visitors to access programming remotely. For some organizations, this work complemented past efforts, while others navigated virtual-only outreach for the first time. Learn from three organizations working to serve their communities virtually while diversifying their storytelling methods.

**Ron Alpern**, Project Coordinator, Southwest Detroit Auto Heritage Guide, Midlothian, VA

**Jill Eastcott**, Collections Assistant, Michigan History Center, Lansing

**Don La Barre**, Head of Special Collections, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library

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PRE-CONFERENCE

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Best Practices for Community Preservation: Survey and National Register Nominations

Survey is the foundation of historic preservation and provides communities with information needed to make the best preservation decisions. The National Register provides federal recognition, certain preservation incentives, and raises awareness. Staff from the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office discuss how these programs work together and how to achieve the best results for your project and community.

Katie Kolokithas, Survey Coordinator, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing

Todd Walsh, National Register Coordinator, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing

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4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

Best Practices for Community Preservation: Local Historic Districts and CLGs

Local historic district designation is the key to protecting historic resources. Discussion includes: the local historic district process; what local designation means for a community; the relationship between local districts, survey, and the National Register; and the Certified Local Government program. The goal is to help your community create a strong and successful preservation program.

Amy Arnold, Preservation Planner, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing

Alan Higgins, Certified Local Government Coordinator, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing

Katie Kolokithas, Survey Coordinator, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing

Todd Walsh, National Register Coordinator, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing

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5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m.

House History Resources

Explore a number of useful local, state, federal, and academic resources for historic home and property research as well as inspiration for beginners.

Heidi Butler, Local History Specialist, Capital Area District Libraries, Lansing

David Votta, Director, Charlotte Community Library, Charlotte

Nicole Pickeral, Archivist/Library Aide, Leanna Hicks Public Library, Inkster

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Welcome, Introduction, and Annual Meeting: The 41st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

Welcome to the 2021 Conference
Denise McGeen, President, MHPN
Celebration of State Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Governor Gretchen Whitmer (Invited)
Senator Wayne Schmidt
Representative Ben Frederick

Welcome from the 2021 Conference Planning Group
Mark Rodman, Executive Director, MHPN

Introduction of the 2021 Scholarship Recipients
Nathan Nietering, Scholarship Coordinator,
2021 Conference Planning Group

Annual Meeting and Elections

Announcement of the 2022 Host Community

Sponsored by EverGreene Architectural Arts
1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Building Community Around a Forgotten Ballpark

Learn how almost-forgotten Negro League Baseball history persuaded an ethnically changing city to opt for preservation of a historic baseball venue—even though soccer and cricket are by far the most popular sports in the city today.

Gary Gillette, Cofounder and chair of the board of directors, Friends of Historic Hamtramck Stadium, Hamtramck

Sponsored by SmithGroup

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Main Waiting Room Restoration at Michigan Central Station

One of the first endeavors in the restoration of Michigan Central Station was to analyze and determine repair strategies for the exterior and structure of the Main Waiting Room. Learn how a team of architects, structural engineers, and material conservationists worked together to capture the integrity and ensure the future longevity of this once-neglected space.

Angela Wyrembelski, Associate, Quinn Evans Architects, Detroit

Margaret Cowie, PE, Senior Engineer, Silman, Washington, DC

Derek Trelstad, Associate, Silman, Ann Arbor

Sponsored by Pam and Jon VanderPloeg

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Two Municipal Preservation Case Studies: Wyandotte’s Central Fire Station and Lansing’s Moores Park Pool

Wyandotte’s Central Fire Station and Lansing’s Moores Park Pool are both community landmarks that needed critical investment and have enjoyed renewed community support. Understand how the City of Wyandotte decided to rehabilitate their building for modern use, and learn about Lansing’s structural assessment and plans for its historic gem.

**Erin L. Andrus**, AIA, Senior Associate, WTA Architects, Saginaw

**Tegan Baiocchi**, Architectural Historian, Arcadis US, Fort Wayne, IN

**Veronica Gracia-Wing**, Writer & Content Strategist, Michigan State University, East Lansing

**Dale Schrader**, President, Preservation Lansing

**Thomas Roberts**, AIA, Principal-In-Charge, Thomas Roberts Architects, Wyandotte

**Sponsored by** Bay View Handworks

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Community Voices Amplified: A People’s History of Detroit’s Eight Mile/Wyoming Neighborhood

Discover strategies to create a community-led survey, and discuss common obstacles and limitations and the importance of narratives being redefined and curated by people who have lived experiences within these communities. Learn about the project to survey, document, and amplify the voices of Detroit’s Eight Mile/Wyoming community, one of the earliest Black neighborhoods in the city.

**Megha Bamola**, Project Associate, Detroit City Council Historic Designation Advisory Board

**Janese Chapman**, Director, Detroit City Council Historic Designation Advisory Board

**Jennifer Reinhardt**, Lead Preservation Planner, Detroit City Council Historic Designation Advisory Board

**Dwight Smith**, President, 8 Mile Old Timers’ Club, Detroit

**Sponsored by** Sandra S. Clark, Michigan History Center

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4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

What is a TCP?: The Identification, Evaluation, and Nomination of Traditional Cultural Properties/Places

Traditional Cultural Property/Place (TCP) studies are increasingly integrated into planning and land management projects required under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and other laws and regulations, including in Michigan. Using collaborative, community-engaged case studies, the presentation highlights the TCP identification, evaluation, and nomination process for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Mario Battaglia, M.A., Ethnographer, Algonquin Consultants, Inc., Portland, OR
Lakota Pochedley, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Gun Lake Tribe, Shelbyville

Sponsored by H2A Architects Inc.

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Midcentury Modern Virtual House Tour

Virtually tour the iconic McLucas House (Grosse Pointe Farms, 1950, designed by Alexander Girard) and discuss its preservation and restoration. (See page 4.)

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DAY TWO

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

**Special Session: State Rehabilitation Tax Credit**

With the passage of Michigan’s Senate Bill 54 in late 2020, join this special session to learn more about the program and how it will work.

*Mark Rodman, Executive Director, MHPN, Lansing*

*Robbert McKay, Historical Architect, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing*

*Sponsored by Neumann/Smith Architecture, Mike Kirk AIA*

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11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Historic Preservation on a Remote Wilderness Island in Lake Michigan**

Learn about restoration of the Katie Shepard Hotel on North Manitou Island in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. This project by Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear, conducted 10 days annually on the remote island over 11 years, has involved dozens of volunteers and a unique partnership with the National Park Service.

*Stacie Longwell Sadowski, Special Projects Coordinator, Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear, Battle Creek*

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**Michigan Archaeology in the National Register of Historic Places**

The State Archaeological Site File includes nearly 25,000 sites spanning approximately 14,000 years of state history. Given this wealth of archaeological resources, why are so few sites nominated to the National Register of Historic Places? Learn about Michigan archaeology’s representation in the NRHP, the impacts of underrepresentation, common barriers to nomination, and paths for progress.

*Stacy Tchorzynski, Senior Archaeologist, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, Lansing*

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Project Site Safety Tidbits

Safety on project sites should be the top concern, but do we always put safety first? If we do, are we donning our PPE correctly and mitigating potential hazards? Review basic PPE, what it is and why it is used, and discuss potential hazards in working with existing buildings.

Derek Hibner, Associate III, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., Bingham Farms
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Keynote Address, “Looking Back So We Can Move Forward—Connecting Communities to Their History”

Kamla Lewis reflects on the role history played in one African American community’s efforts to redefine itself and chart a path forward in the wake of the housing crisis. She shares the lessons learned for community development and preservation professionals as they seek to revitalize neighborhoods and some creative approaches for making history accessible and alive to all.

Kamla Lewis, Director of Neighborhood Revitalization, Shaker Heights, OH

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After-school Special: Introduction to the Detroit Historic Vacant School Building Disposition Strategy

After a year-long study, key members of the project team share a summary of the recently completed comprehensive analysis and reuse study of 63 vacant school buildings owned by the City of Detroit and Detroit Public Schools Community District. The project’s unique goals, methods, procedures, and technology will also be discussed.

Andrew Wald, Director, Detroit Office, Interboro Partners

Jennifer Ross, Deputy Director of the Historic District Commission staff, City of Detroit, Planning and Development Department, Historic Preservation Division

Maggie Haight, Director, BJH Advisors, New York, NY

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The Power of Preservation in the U.P.

Learn how a cross-discipline collaboration of professionals, focused on historic preservation, economic development, natural resource conservation, and heritage tourism, are taking a synergistic approach to rebranding Michigan’s Upper Peninsula as a 21st-century, world-class place to live, work, study, and get outdoors.

Jessica Flores, Owner/Principal, Preservation Forward, East Lansing

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Win-Win-Win! Benefits of Co-Locating Nonprofits in Historic Buildings

Since 1990, many nonprofit organizations have co-located in historically preserved buildings and thus attained less expensive office space and better staff morale. The 2019 book *Shared Space and the New Nonprofit Workplace* documents key examples and the many benefits gained by nonprofits, historic preservationists, and communities in Michigan and beyond.

Diane Kaplan Vinokur, Associate Professor Emerita, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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Let’s Talk Integrity

The National Park Service requires a property have “integrity” for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. What is integrity and how is it determined? What challenges do current interpretations of integrity present with nominating properties associated with underrepresented populations? How might this interpretation change to alleviate these challenges?

Sherry A. Frear, RLA, Chief, National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks, National Park Service, Washington, DC

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The 30th Annual MHPN Awards

Join us to celebrate those honored for exceptional preservation work this past year! Enjoy videos of awardees, their projects, and historic places.

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**Historic and Technical Considerations for Infill and Connected Buildings**

Drawing from experience on the Shinola Hotel and other projects that include connecting multiple structures, the presenters will discuss exterior design considerations for infill buildings constructed adjacent to historic buildings. They will also share technical expertise regarding navigating common challenges that arise when connecting multiple buildings on the interior.

**Amanda Kight,** Project Architect, Kraemer Design Group, Detroit

**Brian Rebain,** Principal, Kraemer Design Group, Detroit

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**Recreating Historic Storefronts: Connecting People and Places One Storefront at a Time**

One of the most significant features of a building when defining a sense of place is the storefront. As owners and tenants change over time, important historic materials are often lost. Case studies from Detroit explore the methods and challenges of recreating lost storefronts, and how storefront renovations can have a significant impact on connections between buildings, people, and history.

**Laura Mitchell,** Project Architect / Team Lead, Kraemer Design Group, Detroit

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**Tuskegee Aircraft Archaeological Sites in Michigan**

Aircraft wreck sites are an often forgotten source of archaeological information. Over 1,000 aircraft were lost in the Great Lakes, and many provide opportunities to study our unique aviation heritage.

**Wayne R. Lusardi,** State Maritime Archaeologist, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Alpena

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**State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Capital Improvement Grant Program**

The MCACA Capital Improvement program is a competitive grant for nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and municipalities. The program funds facility expansion or renovation, equipment upgrades, increased accessibility, and the integration of energy-efficient technologies. Hear from the program manager and from recent grant awardees.

**Jeff Garrett,** MCACA Program Manager, State of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Lansing

*Representatives*, Athens Area Historical Society, Croswell Opera House, and Van Buren District Library

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**Heritage Mines and the Energy Transition**

Community-led design and industrial heritage preservation can serve as a pathway to energy transition, providing Michigan’s post-mining communities with an opportunity to convert liabilities into assets. Work at Michigan Technological University demonstrates how abandoned mines could be profitably converted into storage facilities for electrical energy.

**Timothy J. Scarlett,** Associate Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology, Michigan Technological University, Houghton

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2:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**The Friday Plenary, “Oh, You’re with Them: From Us vs. Them to Co-creation”**

Engaging communities that have a history of disinvestment can be challenging as an outsider, even with the best intentions. Previous experiences have generated distrust, and “what you need” is not the same as “what we need.” Join our panel of successful community planners and discover how they help bridge the divide, actively engage a community, and accomplish meaningful, citizen-driven results.

**Moderator and Panelist Lauren A. Hood,** AfroUrbanist and planning practitioner working at the intersection of Black aspiration and city change, Detroit

**Panelist Amber N. Mitchell,** Director of Programs at STEM NOLA, and former Assistant Director of Public Engagement at The National WWII Museum in New Orleans

**Panelist Dawn DiPrince,** Chief Operating Officer for History Colorado and former director of El Pueblo History Museum

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The People and the Plan: Engaging the Community in Preservation Planning

Producing a relevant, meaningful, and achievable community preservation plan requires input from the community. Explore plans and outreach efforts from across the country and learn innovative techniques for engagement. This interactive session uses web-based audience response software to capture participant input and provides ideas for holding the attention of your community.

**Abigail Christman**, Senior City Planner in Landmark Preservation, Community Planning and Development, City and County of Denver, CO

**Traci Stoffel**, Main Street Specialist, State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs

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Revisiting the Early Dwellings of Lodi Township

Eastern Michigan University graduate students surveyed Lodi Township using archival and field research techniques to fill gaps in the digital archive. The students will discuss their process, findings, and the effect of change. Their work raises awareness about the location and significance of these early farms and may contribute to their preservation.

**Dan Bonenberger**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Historic Preservation, Eastern Michigan University

**Annie Gaston**, Graduate Student, Eastern Michigan University

**Timothy Sabo**, Graduate Student, Eastern Michigan University

**Haylee Wills**, Graduate Student, Eastern Michigan University

**Alexander Whydell**, Graduate Student, Eastern Michigan University

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