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From the Executive Director...

Dear Members and Friends,

March is Women's History Month and we hope you will celebrate with us! **Our History is Our Strength** is the theme for Women's History Month 2011 and offers a special challenge for each of us to

reflect on the important roles that women play in our lives and the impact women have had on the course of history.

We work to honor the roles women play in history everyday! We create exhibits to educate, programs to inform, and events to entertain and engage. During March, six of our exhibits will be displayed around the state, a reception will take place on March 10 celebrating women's history and honoring our 2010 inductees, the Michigan Women's Studies Association will sponsor a Conference in Grand Rapids, we will take "our show on the road" to Troy and Muskegon, and we will host many first-time visitors in Lansing.

We seize every opportunity to raise our state-wide visibility. Our goal is to make women's history valued and relevant to the citizens of our state. Last year I traveled more than 2,500 miles to speak to groups about the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame and we nearly doubled our attendance. But our focus is always on how much more we need to accomplish!

We hope you will participate this year and renew your commitment. This Spring we will ask for your support through membership— become a member this year! Buy a raffle ticket and come to the Center for the reception on March 10. Enrich your knowledge by attending our conference on March 26. Have fun and play golf with us and/or join us for the Picnic dinner on June 27. There are so many ways to get involved and give your support. We hope you will be there for us!

Please contact me at 517-484-1880 ext. 200 or ssoifer@michiganwomen.org if you would like to take a more active role.

Sandy Soifer

Executive Director, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mar 26: MWSA 2011 Conference, Eberhard Center, GVSU, Grand Rapids (Pages 6-7)

Apr 9, 1 pm: Annual MWSA Meeting at the Center

May 1, 2-4 pm: Art exhibit opening reception for "Fragmented Views" by Pamela Stoddard (Page 5)

Through Apr 27: Photography exhibit, "The World Through the Lens of Merze Tate" by Sonya Bernard-Hollins (Page 5)

Through Feb 2012: "Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote," history exhibit (Page 5)

HOLIDAY HOURS

We will be closed April 23-24 and April 29

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Members and Friends:

With spring coming and March being Women's History Month, there are so many exciting things happening here at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame! Get your calendars ready to add all of the important dates, so you don't miss anything.

The exhibits, both at the Center and traveling, are drawing lots of attention this March. Below you can see where the Center's traveling exhibits will be in your area—a wonderful way to celebrate women's history.

March also heralds the deadline for the **2011 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame nominations, due March 21**. Everyone knows a woman who belongs in the Hall of Fame and there is no better way to celebrate this year's Women's History month theme, "our history is our strength." Nomination forms are available online or by contacting the Center, 517-484-1880 ext. 203.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

Shirley Zeller

President, Michigan Women's Studies Association



Women's History on the Move

Catch an exhibit from the Michigan Women's Historical Center near you!

A Century of Women, **Delta Township District Library, Lansing**, March 6-26.

Faster, Higher, Stronger: Michigan Women in Olympic History, **Haworth, Inc., Holland**, March 21-31.

A Few Good Women: Women in the Military During WWII, **North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma**, April 1-May 27.

Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service, **Grand Rapids Public Library**, March 1-31.

Michigan Women A to Z, **Henry Ford Community College, Eshleman Library, Dearborn**, March 3-31.

Resourceful Women: 30 Who Worked to Preserve Michigan's Water, Woods, and Wildlife, **University Center, Gaylord**, March 7-31.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RECEPTION

Our History Is Our Strength: March is Women's History Month

The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame is hosting a reception to celebrate **Women's History Month on Thursday, March 10, 5-8 p.m.** The program includes entertainment, new exhibits, refreshments, and free admission. This event is co-sponsored by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Greater Lansing Area Club and Zonta of the Michigan Capitol Area.

At 6 p.m. a **new exhibit of the 2010 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inductees' will be unveiled**, including the inductees' official plaques and artifact displays illustrating some of their achievements.

Sonya Bernard-Hollins, curator of "The World Through the Lens of Merze Tate," will be present to share the new exhibit with visitors in the Belen Gallery. In addition, Civil War reenactors Bernadette Butgereit and Bruce Butgereit will be present to share the story of Annie Etheridge, a Civil War nurse and 2010 Hall of Fame historical inductee.

At 7 p.m. Sandy Soifer, Executive Director, will announce a grant from the Zonta Club of the Michigan Capitol Area Foundation that is providing a copy of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame documentary DVD *We Can Do It! A Celebration of Michigan Women* to half of the high schools in Michigan. Following the announcements, the prize winners for the 2nd Annual Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Raffle will be drawn.



Entrance
Procession from
the 2010 Hall
of Fame
Induction
Ceremony.



There Is Still Time to Purchase Tickets for the 2nd Annual MWHOF Raffle

Online: www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org

Call: 517-484-1880 ext. 203

Email: info@michiganwomen.org

In person: at the Center or at the March 10 reception.

Don't miss your chance to win these fabulous prizes:

Grand Prize: \$2,000 Cash or one of these **AMAZING TRIPS.**

- **America's Cup Stars & Stripes Sailing Experience in San Diego;** 4 Nights at Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Resort and Round-Trip Airfare (2) on American Airlines
- **Three Nights at Las Vegas Renaissance Hotel;** Luxury Boutique Hotel, VIP seats for a Cirque du Soleil Show, and Daily Breakfast included
- **Hyatt Regency in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona;** 3 Nights at the 5-Star Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch and Round-Trip Airfare (2) American Airlines

SECOND PRIZE: Two tickets for a matinee performance of the musical *Jersey Boys*, October 1, 2011, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, East Lansing

THIRD PRIZE: Two tickets MSU vs. Minnesota football game, November 5, 2011, Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Raffle Drawing will take place at the Women's History Month reception on Thursday, March 10 at 7 pm. Raffle participants need not be present to win.

2011 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION DUE



March is Women's History Month and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame (HOF) seeks nominations for the 2011 class of inductees. The HOF recognizes the accomplishments and contributions Michigan women have made to improve their communities, the state, the nation, and global society.

Any individual or group can submit a nomination form. The nominee may be living or deceased. However, all candidates for admission to the HOF must have been born in Michigan OR achieved prominence within the state OR been a resident of the state for an extended period after achieving prominence elsewhere. Women's organizations may also be nominated to the HOF.

Nomination forms are **due March 21** and are available: at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org; by calling 517-484-1880 ext. 203; or by emailing a request to info@michiganwomen.org.

Rosie the Riveter Icon Dies

Geraldine Doyle only worked at the Ann Arbor metal pressing plant factory for a short period of time; however, her 17-year-old face became an icon representing women working in the plants during WWII— nicknamed "Rosies," after a popular 1940s song, "Rosie the Riveter."



Geraldine Doyle

Since the poster's commission by the U.S. War Production Coordinating Committee during WWII, the "We Can Do It!" image and slogan has been used by organizations, such as unions and women's groups. It has been printed on everything from t-shirts to lunch boxes (which we sell in our gift shop). Doyle passed away on December 26, 2010 at age 86, but her image will live on as a symbol for women's potential and capability.



1st Annual Golf Outing

Monday, June 27, 2011 • Lansing Country Club

Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 22, 5pm at the Center

All people interested in serving on the Golf Outing Committee should attend!

Please RSVP at 517-484-1880 ext. 203 or info@michiganwomen.org

After experiencing some difficulty with duplicate keys, the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame has refurbished and re-keyed all of our locks. Staff and volunteers have received new keys. Please contact Sandy Soifer if you feel you will need access to the building in the future and you have not received a new key.



EXHIBITS AT THE HISTORICAL CENTER

A Life Captured On Film

“The World Through the Lens of Merze Tate,” a new photography exhibit is currently on display in the Belen Gallery. The exhibit features the photography of the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame honoree and represents her lifetime of global travel. The exhibit will be on display through Wednesday, April 27, 2011.



Merze Tate (1905-1996),
Hall of Fame inductee

Tate traveled the world as an academic, Fulbright Scholar, and representative of the U.S. State Department. “While other African Americans were struggling for Civil Rights and living in the Jim Crow standards of the United States, Tate traveled the world where her knowledge as an educator and expertise in disarmament had her meeting with heads of countries. She spoke five languages and even purchased a spot on the first trip to outer space.

Tate truly was a woman ahead of her time,” says exhibit creator and Tate biographer Sonya Bernard-Hollins.



New Exhibit on 2010 Hall of Fame Inductees

At the Women’s History Month reception on March 10, 5-8 pm, an exhibit will debut featuring artifacts representing the accomplishments of the 2010 Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame inductees. This display of items belonging to the inductees will enhance the new installation of plaques in the gallery. The exhibit includes a handwritten sermon, prestigious professional awards, historic photographs and letters, ephemera from the Women’s Rights Movement, as well as publications created by inductees.

2010 Hall of Fame Inductee photos

Top row, left to right: Mary Aikey, Laura Carter Callow, Augusta Jane Chapin, Sandra Laser Draggoo, and Annie Etheridge.

Bottom row, left to right: Sherrill Freeborough, Dorean Marguerite Hurley Koenig, Terry McMillan, Edith Munger, and Cynthia J. Pasky.



“Fragmented Views” Comes to the Belen Gallery



“Walking on Eggshells”
by Pamela Stoddard

Artist Pamela Stoddard will open a new art exhibit on Sunday, May 1, 2-4 pm in the Belen Gallery. The exhibit, “Fragmented Views,” explores fragments of life: phases, uncertainties, predicaments, aspirations, and outlooks; using mixed media collage. The exhibit runs through Sunday, July 31, 2011.



HISTORY EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote

Discover key events in the women’s suffrage movement in Michigan and meet over 20 female patriots that demanded “Votes for Women.”

MWSA 2011 WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE

LEADING THE WAY: FEMINISM, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL CHANGE

The 2011 Michigan Women's Studies Association will be held on **Saturday, March 26, 2011** at the Eberhard Center at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Grand Rapids. The conference is **co-sponsored by GVSU's Women and Gender Studies Program and Women's Center.**

Susan Douglas, professor and chair of the Communication's Studies program at Michigan University and author of *Enlightened Sexism: The Seductive Message That Feminism's Work Is Done* (2010), will be the conference keynote speaker.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/wgs for conference details, hotel information, and online registration or mail in the registration form on the opposite page. Be sure to **register before March 11 to secure the discounted registration rate!**

PROGRAM

Session I: 9:00 - 10:45 AM

PANEL: Politics and Possibilities

A Description of How Women Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Provosts of Christian Universities in One Midwestern State Make Meaning of Their Experience, Tamara Dindoffer, Spring Arbor University

Before the Ballot: Evaluating Programs that Encourage Women to Run for Office, Emily Rucker, Central Michigan University

Applying Feminist Education to Create a Sustainable World: The SMART Society Project in Detroit, Michigan and Oakland, California, Rainelle Burton & Torry Dickson, Western Institute for Social Research

PANEL: Bodies of Evidence

African American Women and the Beauty "Double Consciousness," Janae' Griggs, Eastern Michigan University

Race, Body, and Sexuality in Music Videos, Erika VanDyke, Grand Valley State University

Sexualized Violence in Science Fiction and Fantasy Television, Lena Drake, Grand Valley State University

Of CSIs, Forensic Scientists & Profilers: The Women in TV's Lab Coats, Colleen Coughlin, Davenport University

PANEL: Transnational Feminism and Activism

Islamic Feminism: Creating Change in Muslim Majority Countries, Eric J. Hunting

Re-Reading Sandoval and Spivak Together: Decolonizing Feminist Theory and Social Change, Azfar Hussain, Grand Valley State University

Youths, daily life and political action in the Region of Catatumbo, Andrea Marcela Cely Forero, Universidad de los Andes

From Mohanty to Multivariate: Toward a New Decolonizing Ontology of Countries, Corey Cooper, Grand Valley State University

PANEL: Is the Personal Still Political? First-Person Politics in the 21st Century US Women's Life Narrative

"You Are What You Eat": Food-Centered Life Narrative and Intimate Publics, Emily Lind, University of Michigan

A Portion of This Paper will Help Fight Breast Cancer: Women's Cancer Narratives and Twenty-First Century Survivor Subjectivity, Emily Waples, University of Michigan

"Tomorrow's Great Meeting Place": Contemporary Women's Civil Rights Memoir, Elizabeth Rodrigues, University of Michigan

Manufacturing Prenatal Fear: A Historical Analysis of Medical Texts & Pregnancy Self-Help Books, Melissa Ames, Eastern Illinois University

WORKSHOP: Community Organizing and Non-Profit Work, Danielle Vilella, Planned Parenthood of West & Northern Michigan, NOW GR; Sara Stachon Durham, Planned Parenthood of West & Northern Michigan

PANEL: Locating the Feminist Classroom

Intersectionality: A Pedagogical Approach, Skylar Bre'z, Western Michigan University

Climbing Out the Window of the Ivory Tower: Survivor Pedagogy in a Feminist Classroom, Andrea Harris, Wright State University

Teaching Women's Studies to First Year Students, Deanna H. Mihaly, Eastern Michigan University

Collaborating in the Classroom: A Dialogue about Professor/Student Co-Teaching, Susan K. Freeman, Western Michigan University, and Courtney J. Mellberg, Western Michigan University

WORKSHOP: She may wear Prada, but she doesn't have to be the Devil, June Werdlow Rogers, Ph.D., Author

NETWORKING BREAK 10:45 - 11:15 AM

Session II: 11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

PANEL: Demonstrating Activism

Environmental Activism Leads to Legislation - Promoting the Role of Women Environmentalists in Environmental Law, Daryl Barton, Eastern Michigan University

Engendering Publics: Women's Demonstrations in the Contemporary US, Elizabeth Currans, Eastern Michigan University

The Influence of Non-Profit Organizations on the Pro-Choice Movement in West Michigan, Rachel DeWitt, Grand Valley State University

PANEL: Dimensions of Inequality

Desperate Women; Limited Choices: The Intersection between Poverty, the Underground Economy and Feminism, Carla Groh, University of Detroit Mercy

The Oral History of a Formerly Homeless Woman, Andrea Rossi, Oakland University

Autobiographical Activism: Teaching Political Women in Exile and Prison, Andi Michaels, Northeastern Illinois University

PANEL: Navigating Gender

Breaking Binaries of Sex Categorization: Implications for Sexuality and Gender, Rachel McCready-Flora, Eastern Michigan University

Quantifying the Meaning of "Passing" to Male to Female Transsexuals, Stephanie M. Dykes, Ph.D., Independent Scholar

The Conquest of Anarcha-Feminism: An Examination of the Viability of Gender Equality in an Anarchistic Ideology, Michelle Campbell, Central Michigan University

WORKSHOP: Eyes Wide Open: Sexual Assault Peer Educators, Layne Crawford, Grand Valley State University; Betsie McInnis, Grand Valley State University

WORKSHOP: Women's Studies Students as College Teachers: Reflections on a 35-Year Feminist Pedagogical Experiment, Jane Hassinger, University of Michigan; Sara Fitzgerald, University of Michigan; Megan Sims-Fujita, University of Michigan; Danielle Flavon, University of Michigan

WORKSHOP: How to Share the Forgotten Voices on our Archives, Sonya Bernard-Hollins, Editor, Community Voices

POSTER SESSION:

Leading the Way: Using Feminist Pedagogy to Transform Library Instruction, Sharon Ladenson, Michigan State University

"I Can Hear You": How Listening to MSU Law Students' Voices Can Improve the Legal Profession, Abigail Rury, Michigan State University College of Law

LUNCHEON & KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 12:45 PM

Session III: 3:00 – 4:30 PM

PANEL: History From the Inside

Elly Peterson: The Education of Republican Feminist, Sara J. Fitzgerald, University of Michigan

Martha!, Beverly Fish, Wayne State University

A Tale of Two Histories: Women's Activism, Feminist Agency and the Conflicting Auto/Biographies of the Flint Institute of Arts, Marcia M. Farah, Wayne State University

PANEL: Going Postal?: Leading the Way Past Post-Feminism

Feminist Pedagogy in a Post-feminist Classroom, Christina Gerken, Indiana University South Bend

Mothers of "Sons": Deconstructing the Female Characters in "Sons of Anarchy", Julia Mason, Grand Valley State University

The Series Side of "Glee": An Examination of Anti-Post-feminist Media, Maria DeRose, Western Illinois University

PANEL: Educating for Feminist Praxis: Working in the Disciplines

Gender Education for Educators: Ukrainian Practices, Tetiana Grytsenko, Eastern Michigan University

Gender Socialization and Perception Among Art Students, Lura Smith, Wayne State University

Prevalence and Impact of Sexual Harassment in Legal Profession, Aaron Bartell, Michigan State College of Law

WORKSHOP: Women's Rights Issues and the Michigan Capitol Scene, Mary Pollock, Legislative Vice President, Michigan National Organization for Women and Capitol Correspondent for *Michigan Women's Forum*

WORKSHOP: Drink and Drugs across the Disciplines: A Conversation on Addiction and Gender, Michelle L. McClellan, University of Michigan, Department of History; Beth Glover Reed, University of Michigan; Kyla Marie Day, University of Michigan; Amy R. Krentzman, University of Michigan

Michigan Women's Studies Association Conference, March 26, 2011

Leading the Way: Feminism, Education, and Social Change

Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Registration Form

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buy a Raffle Ticket today!
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Conference Registration Continued

Registration Fee (Non-refundable and includes lunch)

Before March 11: \$60/MWSA Member \$70/Non-MWSA Member* \$50/Student*

After March 11: \$70/MWSA Member \$80/Non-MWSA Member* \$60/Student*

*All Student & Non-MWSA Members will receive a one-year complimentary MWSA Membership with registration.

Luncheon speaker: Susan J. Douglas, author of *Enlightened Sexism: The Seductive Message that Feminism's Work Is Done* and Chair of Communications Studies, University of Michigan.

Vegetarian meals will be available. For other dietary needs, please specify: _____

On site registration will not include meals, but food will be available elsewhere.

Want to encourage the next generation? Sponsor a student or two! \$50 Other \$ _____

Total check/money order enclosed: \$ _____

Make payable *Grand Valley State University* with MWSA in the note section

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