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## RECORD NUMBERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND 60TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN IN PERSPECTIVE: THE LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE MARCH 23-24

Sterling Heights, Mich.—With unprecedented preregistration numbers, well-known Michigan headliners leading all four keynotes, people already buzzing about breakout session topics, meal keynotes heading toward capacity and approximately 50 exhibitor tables, the **Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference** is already shaping up to be a record-breaking event. Now in its **60th year**, the Michigan in Perspective conference, **hosted by the Historical Society of Michigan**, will take place at the **Wyndham Garden in Sterling Heights, Michigan, on March 23 and 24, 2018**. The largest of the Society’s three conferences, the Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference offers a diverse view of Michigan’s past and is open to anyone interested in state or regional history.

The upcoming conference offers **keynote sessions from author Hendrik Meijer of Meijer Inc.** speaking on Senator Arthur Vandenberg;

**WXYZ/WMYD-TV 7/20 Detroit’s Chuck Stokes**

sharing about his past interviews and media preservation; **commentator and columnist Jack**

**Lessenberry and Judge Avern Cohn** talking about the judge’s life and career; and **author Ilyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X**, on her father’s ties to Michigan.

Attendees also have the opportunity to choose from **25 breakout sessions that address local and statewide history**, including “From POW to Punster: The Story of Sonny Eliot,” “Invading Russia:



Michigan's Polar Bears," "It Happened Here Too: Slavery in Detroit," "The Salty Mitten: Mining for White Gold" and "The Odyssey of Waukazoo's Band: A Fight to Stay Home." In addition, participants can attend the **Friday Reception** featuring the musical ensemble "Michigan Strings" and the **Saturday Gala** that will focus on the history of Macomb County, which is celebrating its bicentennial year. **The full lineup can be found in the conference's brochure.**

Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference is held annually in the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb tri-county area. **This year's lead sponsors are The Meijer Foundation, Detroit Historical Society, Michigan Humanities Council, Burton Historical Collection, and J. Ferrantino Charitable Foundation**, along with the Algonquin Club of Detroit & Windsor, Bentley Historical Library, Michigan State University Press, University of Michigan Press, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University Press and William L. Clements Library.

**More information on the conference can be found on the Historical Society of Michigan's website: [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org).**

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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