

# Michigan Museums Association

2017 Conference– Call for Student Papers

## *Sharing Our Stories: The Role of MI Museums*



**When:**  
October 17-19,  
2017

**Where:**  
Lansing, MI

**Deadline to submit proposals: March 13, 2017**

For conference details, please visit <http://michiganmuseums.org/>

## Sharing Our Stories: The Role of MI Museums

### ***Are museums important?***

*For museum professionals, that question has an obvious answer. We are the stewards of the stories of our communities. From the objects we collect and preserve to our exhibits and programs; from the sense of place we provide and the tourism we drive— of course that is important. Of course museums are important.*

*But that value is not always as obvious to those outside the field on whom we rely for support: our governments, our funders, and even to our visitors and communities. We need to tell our own story as well. We need to talk about how we are serving and who we are serving.*

*In an ever-changing and unpredictable world, now is the time to emphasize our role. By preserving and sharing stories, museums advocate for the communities we represent. By sharing the stories of museums, we demonstrate our value to those we serve.*

*Stories spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and build bridges. What are the stories of your museum? What are the stories of the Michigan museum community? The Michigan Museums Association (MMA) is now accepting session proposals for the 2017 conference. Together, let's galvanize the role of Michigan's museums.*

## Call for Student Papers

The Michigan Museums Association (MMA) is now accepting student paper proposals for the 2017 Annual Conference. MMA strives to support students as future museum leaders. The student paper session offers students the opportunity to share their research, class projects, and field experiences.

The conference will be held in Lansing from October 17 through October 19; the deadline for proposals is **March 13, 2017**. Student papers will be presented on Wednesday, October 18.

We invite proposals for papers on any topic within the field of museums although preference may be given to those that fit the conference theme, *Sharing Our Stories: The Role of MI Museums*.

Participants in the student paper session must be enrolled in a museum studies, public history, historic preservation, or related program. Proposals will also be accepted from recent graduates who graduated within the last 6 months. Students may present individually or as part of a group of up to three presenters; a total of three submissions will be selected for the session. MMA seeks to showcase students from programs across the state—both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Students are strongly encouraged to work with their program faculty to shape a successful proposal.

The Student Paper Submission Form is located on the next page. You may submit as an attachment via email to [lcbrisson@michiganmuseums.org](mailto:lcbrisson@michiganmuseums.org), or mail the form to:

Michigan Museums Association  
PO Box 5246  
Cheboygan, MI 49721

Each presentation will be limited to 15 minutes. A projector and screen will be provided. Students whose proposals are accepted must attend the 2017 Annual Conference to present their paper in person.

All proposals must be **received** by **March 13, 2017**. Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of MMA members who will determine which papers will be accepted. Students will be notified about the status of their proposal no later than April 1, 2017.

Student presenters will receive free conference registration and will be acknowledged in the conference program.

For more detailed information about the conference, including registration and lodging, contact the MMA office at 313-334-7342, email [lcbrisson@michiganmuseums.org](mailto:lcbrisson@michiganmuseums.org) or visit the MMA website.

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**PROPOSED PRESENTATION TITLE** (12 words or less)

**PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION** (300 words or less):

Please consider the following questions (where applicable):

- What are the 3 main points or ideas that will be covered in this section?
- How might this research be used in a real-world setting?
- What were your biggest takeaways from this experience? (What did you learn, what might you do differently?)

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### **Student 1 (Presentation contact person):**

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

College/University Affiliation:

Student Status:            Undergraduate            Graduate            Recent Graduate

Anticipated Graduation Date:

### **Student 2 (optional):**

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

College/University Affiliation:

Student Status:            Undergraduate            Graduate            Recent Graduate

Anticipated Graduation Date:

### **Student 3 (optional):**

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

College/University Affiliation:

Student Status:            Undergraduate            Graduate            Recent Graduate

Anticipated Graduation Date:

**Name, title, and signature of faculty advisor/mentor:**

**AGREEMENT**

By submitting this proposal, I understand and agree to the following:

- I understand that MMA will only communicate with the listed presentation contact person. It is the responsibility of the organizer to communicate with other presentation participants (if any).
- If accepted, the contact person will review and approve the written presentation description by May 1, 2017
- If accepted, the presenter(s) will have completed the registration process with MMA staff by July 31, 2017
- MMA may elect to use my presentation description and other publicly available digital content (social media profiles, published papers, exhibits produced, etc.) in their publicity efforts.

I agree

**Contact Person's Signature:**

**Date:**