

The Kutsche Chronicle

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Upcoming Events....

January 20, 2018, 9:30am-3:45pm

History Detectives

Grand Rapids Public Library

February 5, 2018, 6:00 pm

Standing Rock: Photographs of an Indigenous Movement Reception

Mary Idema Pew Library Multipurpose Room

February 5-28, 2018

Standing Rock: Photographs of an Indigenous Movement Exhibit

Mary Idema Pew Library Exhibit Space

February 21, 2018

Links to the Local: Building a National Women's Elective History

2270 Kirkhof Center, GVSU's Allendale campus

March 29, 2018

9th Annual Local History Roundtable

2263 Kirkhof Center, GVSU's Allendale Campus



Gordon Olson Award

Contributions to Local History

Gordon Olson Award Nominations Being Accepted

Do you know someone who has made outstanding contributions to local history? Someone who has used history to give voice to diverse communities? Please consider nominating them for the Kutsche Office of Local History's 2018 Gordon Olson Award. Nominations will be accepted through February 16, 2018. Visit www.gvsu.edu/kutsche to nominate.

Established in 2014, the Gordon Olson Award will be given to one individual each year. Named in honor of Gordon Olson, former Grand Rapids City Historian, whose books, leadership, programming, mentorship, and advocacy have inspired generations of West Michigan residents. The award is announced at the Annual Local History Roundtable. This year's Roundtable will take place March 29, 2018 on GVSU's Allendale Campus.

Contact: 616-331-8099 or kutsche@gvsu.edu with any questions.

LINKS TO THE LOCAL: BUILDING A NATIONAL WOMEN'S ELECTIVE HISTORY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018, 1:30-2:45 PM

2270 KIRKHOF CENTER, GVSU'S ALLENDALE CAMPUS

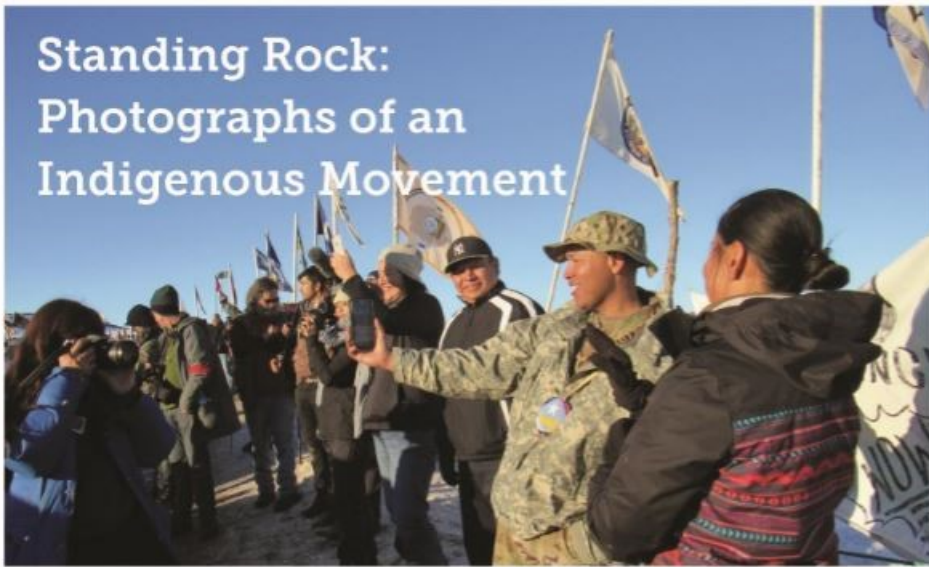
The historical charting of Grand Rapids women's runs for public office upends conventional wisdom and offers surprises about dates, the numbers of races, and the identities of losers as women who participated in local politics beginning in 1887. Julia Bouwkamp and Jo Ellyn Clarey will report on how the national crowdsourcing project *Her Hat Was in the Ring* invited local researchers to share their data with the world, helping others complete and complicate American women's history by seeking out every woman who ran before 1920. This unique historical accounting hopes to inspire cities across the nation to create their own comprehensive elective histories.

For parking information contact the Kutsche Office of Local History, 616-331-8099 or kutsche@gvsu.edu

This event is co-sponsored by: Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council and GVSU's Office of Integrative Learning and Advising Community Reading Project.



Standing Rock: Photographs of an Indigenous Movement



During the recent Standing Rock resistance to stop the Dakota Access oil pipeline, American Indian journalist, Levi Rickert, knew the largest American Indian movement since the 1973 Wounded Knee was unfolding. Rickert, the publisher and editor of Native News Online, covered the emergence of the movement from Standing Rock, Washington, D.C. to the steps of Michigan's capitol. The results of his photo-journalist work yielded over 1,500 photographs that capture the intensity of the movement. *Standing Rock: Photographs of an Indigenous Movement* provides a glimpse of the struggle for indigenous water rights and tribal sovereignty.

**Monday, February 5, 2018, 6-8pm
Reception**

**February 5-28, 2018
Exhibition**

**Mary Idema Pew Library and
Information Commons
GVSU Allendale Campus**



Levi Rickert is the publisher and editor of [Native News Online](http://NativeNewsOnline.net), one on America's most read daily American Indian publications and editor-in-chief of the Tribal Business Journal. He serves on the Advisory Council for the Kutsche Office of Local History and on GVSU's Native American Advisory Board.



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KUTSCHE OFFICE OF LOCAL HISTORY RECEIVES COMMON HERITAGE GRANT

We are excited to announce that the Kutsche Office of Local History received a National Endowment for the Humanities Common Heritage grant. We can't wait to start documenting the histories of summers in Saugatuck-Douglas with the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center as part of the project, "Stories of Summer." Nathan Nietering, director of the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, said the project will document the area's rise to becoming a lakeshore destination for the LGBT community, and the growing post-war tourism industry.



Please visit our website at:
www.gvsu.edu/kutsche for more
information on the project.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
Humanities

SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS
**HISTORY
CENTER**



Local History Roundtable

The Kutsche Office is proud to announce our theme for the 2018 Annual Local History Roundtable, "Returning to our Roots: Explorations of Western Michigan's Diverse Communities." This year's roundtable reflects the Kutsche Office's mission to give voice to diverse communities through history and Paul Kutsche's legacy and deep commitment to support local historians and cultural heritage organizations. We look forward to celebrating those whose history is sometimes unwritten, paying special attention to the dynamic individuals that call West Michigan home.

Thursday, March 29, 2018

9:00am — 4:30pm

**2263 Kirkhof Center
GVSU's Allendale campus**

TO REGISTER:

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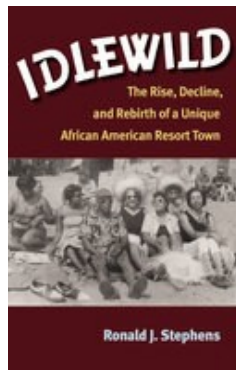
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Cost for the day is \$25 per person, and includes a light breakfast and lunch.

Friends of the Kutsche Office (\$45 annual membership fee) receive free admission to the day. To become a Friend of the Office, visit:

<http://www.gvsu.edu/kutsche/membership-2.htm>



We're excited to announce our keynote speaker is Ronald J. Stephens, an authority on the African American resort community of Idlewild, Michigan. Stephens' research focuses on African American rural and urban communities, as well as 20th century African American culture, identity, history, and political thought. He is author of *Idlewild: The Rise, Decline and Rebirth of a Unique African American Resort Town* (University of Michigan Press, 2013);

Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan (Arcadia Publishing, 2001), as well as co-author of *African Americans of Denver* (Arcadia Publishing 2008). In addition to authoring books and articles, and serving as a media consultant on Idlewild and other topics in African American Studies, he is co-curator of *Welcome to Idlewild*, a Michigan State University Museum traveling photographic exhibition (2003-present).

We are happy to also feature the scholarship of Dr. Kathryn Remlinger and Dr. Andrea Riley-Mukavetz. Dr. Remlinger, Professor of English at GVSU is the recipient of the inaugural Kutsche Office Community Collaboration Grant and will discuss her research, "How Much Dutch: The Linguistic Landscape of Holland, Michigan." Dr. Riley-Mukavetz, Assistant Professor of Liberal Studies at GVSU will share her experiences working on two separate oral history projects with Odawa women from Lansing, Michigan. She will highlight a multigenerational, relational, and indigenous approach to oral history work.

Check back at the beginning of February for a full schedule: www.gvsu.edu/kutsche

This year's roundtable is co-sponsored by Grand Valley State University's African/African American Studies Program.