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# Event Agenda

2025 Michigan Historic Preservation Network 45th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

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## Thu, May 15, 2025

- 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM**                      **Registration opens and stays open until 6:30 PM;**  
Location: WCC Main Lobby;
- 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM**                      **Vendors' Showcase, Marketplace, Silent Auction, Raffle are open.**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom – FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**                      **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**                      **Welcome, Introduction, and Annual Meeting: The Forty-Fifth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference**  
Location: Arts Center Auditorium  
Speakers: Melissa Milton-Pung, Don Gerrie, Carolyn Person, Nathan Nietering, Kristine Kidorf, Austin Lowes
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM**                      **Beverage Break**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**                      **Art Adorns the Paths of Life**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speakers: Valerie Marvin, Brian Page, Jacob McCormick, Shayla Croteau ; Moderator: Emily Cauzillo
- 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**                      **Reviving the American Train Depot – Four Success Stories**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Moderator: Jenna Cellini Bresler, PE APT RP ; Speakers: Margaret Cowie, PE, Derek Trelstad, Kristina Hensel, PE, Ellen Lane, SE
- 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**                      **Getting to Know New Fort Brady, the Site of Lake Superior State University – A Walking Tour**  
Location: On Site. The tour group departs from and returns to the WCC Main Lobby on Circle Drive.  
Tour Guide: Bernard "Bernie" J. Arbic, Jerry Killips, Tom Nemitz ; Accompanist: Bryan Lijewski
- 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**                      **Cultural Resources at the Falls (Soo Locks): US Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO and Bay Mills Indian Community Perspectives**  
Location: WCC Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speakers: Scott Slagor, Curtis Sedlacek, Paula Carrick ; Moderator: Amy Krull
- 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**                      **Thursday Buffet Lunch**  
Location: WCC Quarterdeck Cafeteria
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**                      **Paper Partners: Archival Stories and Preservation**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speaker: Clayton P. Gomez ; Moderator: Lindsey J. Dotson
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**                      **An Endless Story: Saving and Preserving Saginaw's Castle Building**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speaker: Thomas Trombley ; Moderator: Michael Hambacher
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**                      **Illuminating the Story: Façade Lighting's History, Tips, and Lessons Learned**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speaker: Robert White, IALD, LC, IES, CFL ; Moderator: Joe Frost
- 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM**                      **Sacred Spaces, Special Places: Sault Ste. Marie's Houses of Worship – A Bus and Walking Tour**  
Location: Off Site. The bus departs from and returns to the WCC Main Lobby on Circle Drive. The tour leaves promptly. A break is planned mid-way during the tour.  
Tour Guide: Bruce Lynn, Melissa Milton-Pung, Very Rev. Allen P. Mott, Ruth Neveu ; Tour Volunteer: Jackie Willey, Tom Brown ; Accompanist: Katie Kolokithas

- 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM**      **Beverage Break**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM**      **It All Comes Full Circle: Stories from the Field**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speakers: Cassandra Talley, Katie Cook ; Moderator: Lori Taylor-Blitz
- 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM**      **Polishing Significance by Drilling into Cultural Landscapes**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speakers: Ruth Mills, Brenda Williams
- 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM**      **Not-So-Standard Stannard Rock Lighthouse**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speakers: Michelle Smay, AIA, Cheryl Early, PE APT RP ; Moderator: Rob Yallop
- 3:45 PM - 4:00 PM**      **Beverage Break**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Maximizing Storytelling and Audience Engagement: Immersive Strategies for Historical Organizations**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speakers: Tiffany Dziurman, Samantha Malott Brown, Lindsey J. Dotson, Mallory Bower
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**      **From Classrooms to Communities: Transforming Historic Schools into Sustainable Housing Solutions**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speaker: Jackie Melfi ; Moderator: Aaron Sims
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Community-Focused Preservation & The Certified Local Government Program**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speaker: Haley Schriber ; Moderator: Ryan Schumaker
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**      **Opening Reception featuring the Vendors' Showcase, Marketplace, Silent Auction, and Raffle – FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**      **Sunset Boat Trip through the Soo Locks (St. Marys Falls Ship Canal)**  
Location: Off Site. The driveway/parking lot is located between Museum Ship Valley Camp and the historic Edison

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## Fri, May 16, 2025

- 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM**      **Registration opens and stays open until 5:00 PM**  
Location: WCC Main Lobby
- 7:30 AM - 3:45 PM**      **Vendors' Showcase, Marketplace, Silent Auction, and Raffle close at the afternoon Beverage Break. Auction bidding closes promptly at 3:45 PM.**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**      **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Before There was a Lighthouse: Shining a Light on the History of Iroquois Point**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speaker: Rachel M. Keys ; Moderator: Michael Hambacher
- 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Incentives for Successful Preservation Projects – 101: Introduction**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speakers: Emily Cauzillo, Allan Martin ; Moderator: Kristine Kidorf
- 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**      **Sault Ste. Marie's Residential Gems + More – A Bus and Walking Tour**  
Location: Off Site. The bus departs from and returns to the WCC Main Lobby on Circle Drive.  
Speaker: Deidre Stevens ; Accompanist: Tiffany Dziurman

- 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM**      **Dragging SHPO's Data into the Twenty-First Century: Updates and Progress**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speakers: Diane Tuinstra, Lakota Hobia ; Moderator: Katie Kolokithas
- 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM**      **Beverage Break**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**      **Incentives for Successful Preservation Projects – 201: Intermediate**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms.  
Speakers: Gordon Goldie, Nathan F. Ware ; Moderator: Kristine Kidorf
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**      **Historic Insights and Future Directions: A Study of Recreation and Industry on Lime Island**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speakers: Megan Zidar, Michelle Smay, AIA, Misty Jackson
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**      **Non-Invasive Methods for Identifying Subsurface Resources**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speakers: Sarah Surface-Evans, Jennifer Jordan Hall, Duane Quates, Kaila Akina ; Moderator: Katie Frederick
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**      **Friday Lunch**  
Location: WCC Quarterdeck Cafeteria
- 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM**      **2025 Annual Keynote Address**  
Location: Arts Center Auditorium  
Speakers: Melissa Milton-Pung, Dan Gilmartin
- 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Old Stories, New Tools: Engaging New Audiences through Digital Storytelling**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speakers: Nathan Nietering, Sarah Fayen Scarlett PhD; Moderator: Todd Walsh
- 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM**      **The Michigan Main Street Program – The Economic Impact of Downtown Management**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speakers: Laura Krizov, Leigh Young ; Moderator: Myrna Segura
- 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM**      **Restoring a National Landmark – Detroit's Guardian Building**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speakers: Zachary Rusu, AIA, Jerome Misiolek ; Moderator: Joe Frost
- 2:15 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Downtown Sault Ste. Marie: Great Buildings, Great Projects – A Bus and Walking Tour**  
Location: Off Site. The bus departs from and returns to the WCC Main Lobby on Circle Drive.  
Speaker: Justin Knepper; Accompanist: Lindsey J. Dotson
- 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM**      **Beverage Break**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Creating Celebrations for Those in the Future Looking Back**  
Location: Michigan Room  
Speakers: Norman Tyler, Eli Neiburger, Ilene R. Tyler
- 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM**      **The State Historic Preservation Tax Credit – Introduction and Updates**  
Location: Huron/Erie Rooms  
Speaker: Mara Lancaster ; Moderator: Brenda Rigdon
- 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Restoration Safeguards the Story of the 1876 U.S. Life-Saving Station at Vermilion Point**  
Location: Ontario Room  
Speakers: Bruce Lynn, Rick Neumann, Ken Czapski ; Moderator: Lori Taylor-Blitz
- 5:00 PM - 5:00 PM**      **Final Notice for Silent Auction Items Pick Up**  
Location: WCC Superior Ballroom
- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**      **34th Annual Preservation Awards Reception and Ceremony**  
Location: Arts Center Lobby and Auditorium  
Speaker: Ruth Mills

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**Sat, May 17, 2025**

**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast.**

Location: Walker Cisler Center

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Underwater Archaeology, Past to Present: Hidden Stories Come to Light**

Location: Huron/Erie Rooms

Speakers: Stacy Tchorzynski, Ron Bloomfield, Wayne R. Lusardi, Dean L. Anderson, Ph.D.