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Clarke Celebrates CMU's Homecoming



Central Michigan University's annual Homecoming took place this past weekend and the Clarke Historical Library took a look back at historic homecomings. The most recent *Centralight*, the quarterly publication of the CMU Alumni Association, featured an article with facts about past Homecoming parades (p. 25). You can read the digital version of *Centralight* via [this link](#). The past week's historic photograph on the CMU Libraries and Alumni Association's Facebook pages showed [President Boyd crowning the Homecoming queen of 1974](#). Finally, we posted a [blog about the 1971 Homecoming](#), when most all of the traditions were scrapped in favor of a carnival and a bazaar.

Homecoming is just one of the many CMU traditions that can be researched at the Clarke Historical Library.

Fall Speaker Series

The Clarke Fall Speakers Series has opened up with three great presentations. In the months of October and November, we have three more events we are looking forward to:

Tuesday, October 14 - Professor Andrew Mahon (CMU), *Antarctica Expedition*

Expedition members, including principal investigator, Professor Mahon will discuss research trips they have made to Antarctica. They will discuss their perspectives on going to "the ice," what they did, why the research was conducted, and their discoveries. The presentation will feature beautiful photography of the continent, their team, and the marine life collected, complimenting an exhibit in Park Library Baber Room. The presentation will be followed by a reception in the Baber Room, where a photographic exhibit documenting the 2014 CMU Expedition will be on display.

This program is co-sponsored by the University Archives within the Clarke Library, the Park Library, and the CMU Department of Biology.

Thursday, October 23 - Keith Widder, Author of *Beyond Pontiac's Shadow*

Keith Widder will discuss his book *Beyond Pontiac's Shadow: Michilimackinac and the Anglo-Indian War of 1763*, about early alliances among the British and Indians in the Michilimackinac area, which prevented the Ojibwe attack at Michilimackinac [on June 2, 1763] from igniting more violence against the British. Ojibwe captured Michigan's Fort Michilimackinac from the British. On the heels of the capture, Odawa from nearby L'Arbre Croche arrived to rescue British prisoners, setting into motion a complicated series of negotiations among Ojibwe, Odawa, Menominee, and other Indians. At the heart of this discussion is an analysis of French-Canadian and Indian communities at the Straits of Mackinac and throughout the *pays d'en haut*. Keith R. Widder received degrees from Wheaton College (Illinois), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Michigan State University. He was curator of history for Mackinac State Historic Parks from 1971 until 1997.

Monday, November 3 - Michael Unsworth, *The Memories of Early Michigan*

In 1876, as America celebrated its first centennial, across the nation a sense developed that the pioneer experience should be documented. In Michigan the result became the forty volume *Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections*. This often overlooked resource is a trove of early state history. The first seven volumes are made up almost entirely of pioneer reminiscences, biographical sketches and memorials, and the proceedings of the local pioneer societies. In 1886, publication of historical documents began. When the series came to an end in 1929, it had created an invaluable resource for Michigan history. Michael Unsworth, a retired librarian from Michigan State University, will explore the history of the *Michigan Pioneer & Historical Collections* (which, although it is the commonly used name for the 40 volume set, was never the official name for any part of it), as well as how they can be used profitably today.

Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program:

The Clarke Historical Library is pleased to offer a \$2,500 award to improve access to a Michigan newspaper. The funds will be used for:



- Scanning and placing online up to 12,500 pages of a previously microfilmed Michigan newspaper
 - Microfilming, scanning, and placing online up to 4,500 pages of a Michigan newspaper.
- If you are interested in applying, or would like more information please visit the [Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant webpage](#).

In January 2015, five communities whose newspapers have been nominated will be encouraged to show their support through a state-wide vote. The newspaper that receives the most votes will be selected and included in the Clarke Historical Library's online digital newspaper repository, found at [condor.cmich.edu](#).

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Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

In addition to the Homecoming blog, we have a new post on the [News and Notes](#) blog about the opening of

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