

## Clarke Historical Library E-Newsletter

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### ***The Michigan Angler: an early history of sport fishing*** **Opening Soon**

The Clarke's next exhibit, *The Michigan Angler: an early history of sport fishing*, is opening soon. This exhibition, curated by former Central Michigan University professor and dean Dr. Robert Kohrman, explores how a sport in the nineteenth century shaped the culture of tourism and leisure in Michigan.



The official opening of the exhibit will be marked with presentation by Dr. Kohrman entitled, "Angling in a Fool's Paradise - the Arctic Grayling in Michigan," on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium. Come listen to the story of a beautiful fish that was discovered in the mid-nineteenth century and became extinct in the Lower Peninsula only thirty years later. Following the talk, a reception will be hosted in the Clarke Historical Library giving attendees a chance to explore the exhibit and to talk with Dr. Kohrman and others involved in the exhibit about the process of bringing together all of these materials to explain the development of sporting tourism in Michigan.

The exhibition will be available for viewing during the Clarke's hours of operation - Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This exhibit will be available through February 2016.

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## Upcoming Speakers

October is a busy month for the Clarke Historical Library Speakers Series with three great events.



First, on **Wednesday, October 7** Sue Ann Martin, former dean of the College of Communications and Fine Arts at CMU, will give a lecture entitled, "My Mother Was a Story Whisperer." Dr. Martin is co-host of "[The Children's Bookshelf](#)," a podcast on WCMU radio where she and Dr. Pamela S. Gates review children's books. Dr. Martin's talk is this year's David M. and Eunice Sutherland Burgess Lecture.

As mentioned above, on **Tuesday, October 13**, Dr. Robert Kohrman will present a talk entitled, "Angling in a Fool's Paradise - the Arctic Grayling in Michigan," as the opening event for our new exhibit, *The Michigan Angler: an early history of sport fishing*.



Pulitzer Prize winning poet Theodore Roethke (1908-63) had deep roots in Michigan. On **Thursday, October 22**, we welcome Jeff Vande Zande, Professor of English at Delta College, and Annie Ransford, president of the Friends of Theodore Roethke, to discuss Roethke's early life. Vande Zande will talk about the Roethke House in Saginaw and read from his novel, *American Poet*. Ransford will tell a story within a story about Roethke's boyhood home, now a museum.

And in November, we have one last talk to wrap up the Fall Speaker Series. On **Thursday, November 12**, owner and chef of Mt. Pleasant's fabled restaurant, The Embers, Clarence Tuma, will share stories from his life and work, drawn from his recently published memoir, *The One-Pound Pork Chop - A Recipe for Life, Love, Family & the American Dream*.

All presentations begin at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium and are free and open to the public. A reception in the Clarke Historical Library will follow each event. We hope you can make it in to hear some of these wonderful speakers this semester!

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## Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program Now Accepting Submissions

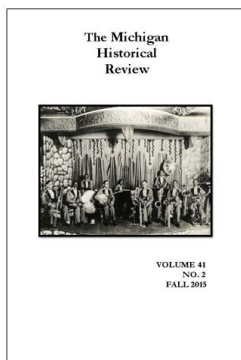
The Clarke is pleased to announce the 2015-16 Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program. This grant, made possible by the Robert and Susan Clarke Endowment, will improve access to historic Michigan newspapers. The \$2,500 award allows one community to have up 12,500 pages of previously microfilmed newspapers or 4,500 pages of unfiled papers digitized and uploaded into the CMU Online Digital Object Repository (CONDOR).

After all of the submissions are accepted, five finalists will be named and the winner will be selected through a public vote in January 2016. This year, voting will be the form of tweets on Twitter and picture postcards mailed to the Clarke. More information about voting will be available as we head into the new year.

For more information and an application to apply, please click on the following link: [MDNGP Application](#).

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## Latest Issue of the *Michigan Historical Review* Goes to Press



The Fall 2015 issue of the *Michigan Historical Review* has been sent off to press. We expect the issue to be available and mailed to subscribers in early November. The latest issue features articles about the leisure industry of South Haven, Mexican celebrations in 1920s Michigan, the Jewish community in Detroit, and the Graystone International Jazz Museum. Also featured is a selected bibliography of the outstanding angling collection available at the Clarke, a bibliography compiled by Dr. Robert Kohrman, curator of the Clarke's latest exhibit.

For more information about the *MHR* or to become a subscriber, visit [their website](#) or e-mail [mihisrev@cmich.edu](mailto:mihisrev@cmich.edu).

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## Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

To celebrate CMU's Homecoming, the [Clarke News and Notes blog](#) recently featured a series of short posts about CMU Alum and current head football coach, John Bonamego. We pulled stories from the *CM Life* newspaper to shed light on his time here at Central. During Coach Bono's CMU days in the 1980s, he was not only a football player - [earning the Iron Man](#) award two years in a row. He also [organized a fashion show](#) in Thorpe Hall, [convinced a teammate](#) to take a job as a bouncer at the Wayside, and [started his coaching career](#) with the Mt. Pleasant JV squad.

Read all about this trip back in time with Coach Bono and stay up with the latest news, announcements, and fun anecdotes of other CMU alums by following the [Clarke Historical Library's News and Notes blog](#).

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## Fall Semester Hours

The Clarke is open Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm throughout CMU's fall semester.

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