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Upcoming Speakers



On **Thursday, November 12**, at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium, Clarence Tuma, owner and chef of Mt. Pleasant's fabled restaurant The Embers, 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*. Following this event, a reception will be held in the Clarke

Historical Library.

The Clarke and the CMU Libraries are pleased to co-sponsor, with the [English Department](#), [Office of Institutional Diversity](#), and the [Women and Gender Studies Program](#) at CMU, the **November 18-19** visit of award-winning poet Toi Derricotte. The documentary, *Strong Words: The Art of Toi Derricotte*, which chronicles Derricotte's life and work and was produced by David B. Schock, will premier Wednesday, **November 18** at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium.



The following day, (**Thursday, November 19**) at **11:00 am** in the Baber Room of the Park Library, Derricotte will read a passage from her memoir about a moment when she was forced to confront racism. This will be followed by a discussion with the audience about that moment and how individuals can confront racism. Then, at **8:00 pm** that evening, Derricotte will hold a poetry reading in the Baber Room of the Park Library with a reception following the reading.

DigMichNews Mini-Grant Now Accepting Applications

Applications for the 2015-16 Michigan Digital Newspaper Grant Program are due **November 13**. 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 to 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 in 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](#).

November is Native American Heritage Month

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#). The [Clarke's collection of materials](#) related to the history of the peoples who have called the Great Lakes region home for hundreds and thousands of years is among the best in the country. Stop by the Clarke or [contact us](#) if you are interested in researching the rich history of Great Lakes Native American peoples.

Clarke On Social Media

The Clarke is now on two social media channels - Facebook ([facebook.com/ClarkeHistoricalLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ClarkeHistoricalLibrary)) and Twitter ([@Clarke_Library](https://twitter.com/Clarke_Library)). Keep up with the latest news and announcements about the Clarke. Plus, check out the great content we will be regularly posting, including a weekly historic photo of CMU, a featured item from our exhibit, Michigan postcard Mondays, and first edition Fridays. Last week's first edition, in the spirit of Halloween, was a first edition of [The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving](#).

Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog



The [Clarke News and Notes](#) blog recently featured a couple of posts about our archives. Archivist Marian Matyn wrote about the [adorable letters and poems](#) found in the papers of Dick Moehl as well as some of the [spooky \(or not so spooky\) Halloween-related materials](#), like a photographic negative of an Alpena store front in the early 20th Century (left), that can be found buried in our stacks.

Keep up with [News and Notes](#) blog for the latest news, announcements, and interesting finds from the Clarke.

November Hours

The Clarke will be closed Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27, and Saturday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen

at 8:00 am Monday, November 30 with our regular hours of operation (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm).

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