

# In the Community, October 28, 2020

<u>A Weekly Listing of Diversity and Multicultural Events</u> <u>From the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony:</u> "Diversity, Unity, and Justice Are at the Heart of ACEH"

ACEH was founded in Holland in 1999 and is committed to justice, equal opportunity, cross-cultural understanding, and appreciation for diversity. Members work together to make West Michigan a place where all people are welcomed and respected. "In the Community" is also on the ACEH website www.harmonyalliance.org Check us out under Groups on Facebook, at ACEH – Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony.

Our recently issued "Half-Year Annual Report: Looking Back and Moving Forward" can be found here: <u>https://conta.cc/36Y079t</u>, The report also shares ways you can help support our work by becoming an ACEH member and/or contributor. ACEH is a 501(c)3 organization.

Thank you! to these renewing members: Jane Cronkite, Alan Headbloom, Barbara and Gordon Stegink, Carla and Al Ver Schure, Laura Wheeler, Bob and Joan Williams, Marvin Younger, and the Holland Human Relations Commission and International Relations Commission.

**TODAY, Wed, Oct 28, 11 am to noon: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel.** Free virtual discussion on "what needs to happen to bring meaningful change to people's understanding of DEI." Panelists: Yusef Shakur, Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion; Darlene King, Michigan Diversity Council; Alfredo Hernandez, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, and Shamar Herron, Michigan Works! Southeast. Hosted by Michigan Works! Association. <u>https://www.michiganworks.org/training/diversityequity-and-inclusion-panel-discussion</u>

**Mon, Nov 2, 1 pm: Young Professionals of Color Conference: "Leading in Times of Change":** Free, virtual, professional development event, presented by Cascade Engineering in partnership with BL2END. Presenters include Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist, Grand Rapids City Manager Mark Washington, and local leaders "focusing on reinforcing personal and financial foundations to meet challenging times and continue to build professional success." **Register at** <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-virtual-young-professionals-of-color-conference-tickets-120785632077</u> Questions re the event, contact Caitlin Townsend Lamb at caitlin.townsend@cascadeng.com or call (616) 975-4880.

**Thurs, Nov 5, 9 am: 14th annual Lakeshore Friends of Fair Housing: "Opening Doors to Housing Choice":** Virtual "breakfast" with speaker Jim McCarthy, past president of National Fair Housing Alliance board, who will discuss current fair housing cases and trends, including concerns in light of the pandemic. Free, but **registration required** (open now) at <a href="https://client.grcmc.org/fhcwm/eventregistration/162">https://client.grcmc.org/fhcwm/eventregistration/162</a>

Thurs, Nov 12, 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm: "The Year That Changed Everything--Antiracism and the Urgency of Now." WM Capstone virtual event of Inforum Michigan focusing on "urgency of acting now to enable an inclusive and antiracist society and steps our local community can take." Speaker: Kelley L. Carter of ESPN; panelists Michelle LaJoyce, Kent County sheriff; Kelsey Perdue, Michigan League of Public Policy; and Milinda Ysasi, executive director of The Source. Moderator Robyn Afrik, director,

Ottawa County Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. **\$65. Register at** <u>https://inforummichigan.z2systems.com/np/clients/inforummichigan/eventRegistration.jsp?event=27662</u>

## The Big Read

**Mon, Nov 2, 7 pm: Kickoff event (virtual) of The Big Read ("In the Heart of the Sea").** Dr. Fred Johnson of the Hope College history department will present "Swimming through the Gray," the 19th century historical context of the book and will explore issues surrounding our country's historical stories and events---"those who have traditionally told history, those who are currently telling history, and those whose histories have been left out or silenced." Register at <u>https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/kick-off-event-with-dr-fred-johnson-iii-swimming-through-the-gray/</u>

**Tues, Nov 3, 7:30 pm:** Daniel Elias from the Nantucket Historical Association discusses race as it relates to "In the Heart of the Sea". Race on the island of Nantucket is, as Elias puts it, "complicated." Hear more about the cultural construct of race in relation to Nantucket. Register for this virtual event at <a href="https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/nantucket-historical-association-lecture-with-daniel-elias/">https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/nantucket-historical-association-lecture-with-daniel-elias/</a>

**Fri, Nov 6, noon: "Letting Go of Literary Whiteness."** Webinar for Big Read/Little Read "to learn more about racial literacy, ways to think about it, and talk about it," with Dr. Carlin Borsheim-Black, co-author of "Letting Go of Literary Whiteness: Antiracist Literature Instruction for White Students." Register at <a href="https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/letting-go-of-literary-whiteness-webinar-with-dr-carlin-borsheim-black/">https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/letting-go-of-literary-whiteness-webinar-with-dr-carlin-borsheim-black/</a>

**Fri, Nov 6, 6 pm: "Ethics Aboard the Essex: Character and Consequences."** What would you have done on board the ship *Essex*? What moral and ethical choices would you have made? Join Dr. David Stubbs and Dr. Daniel Flores from Western Theological Seminary in their conversation about the ethics (or lack thereof) aboard the *Essex*. Register for this virtual event at <a href="https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/ethics-aboard-the-essex-character-and-consequences/">https://bigreadlakeshore.com/event/ethics-aboard-the-essex-character-and-consequences/</a>

**Fri, Nov 6, 8 pm: ACEH hosts a discussion of "In the Heart of the Sea,"** led by Hope professor Bill Moreau and 4 of his English Education students. Everyone is welcome. Register for this virtual event at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-heart-of-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-aceh-tickets-125013146687?</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-will-besent</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-sea-book-discussion-will-bes

For other Big Read and Little Read events and schedule information, go to https://bigreadlakeshore.com/

2020 Big Read and Little Read titles will be available at the Hope College Bookstore, Reader's World (Holland), The Bookman (Grand Haven), Barnes and Noble in Holland and Amazon. Participating libraries will host book giveaways in late October. You can also check out the titles at participating libraries. Book club bags are available.

- Cook Library (Western Theological Seminary)
- Fennville District Library
- Gary Byker Library of Hudsonville
- Georgetown Township Public Library
- Herrick District Library
- Howard Miller Public Library
- Loutit District Library
- Patmos Library
- Saugatuck-Douglas District Library
- Spring Lake District Library
- Van Wylen Library (Hope College)

## Exhibits

Through Sat, Nov 21: Exhibits (1) Black Lives Matter, Black Culture Matters: 50 artworks "that address African American history and culture from Civil War to the present; to provide historical context for Black Lives Matter protests against systemic racism in criminal justice, education, jobs, health care, housing. It is ala a celebration of Black culture and the many ways that Black culture has enriched American life over the past two centuries." (2) Resistance and Revival in 20th-Century Yoruba Art. https://hope.edu/arts/kam/exhibitions/index.html 395-6400 Public hours: Thurs/Fri 1 pm to 4 pm and Sat 10 am to 4 pm. At Kruizenga Art Museum, 271 Columbia Ave, Holland.

## Community Opportunities

The Holland Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for its **2020 Social Justice Awards** in housing, education, employment, and government/community relations as well as for a student/youth category for ages 13 to 19. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, Nov 13.** Recipients will be notified in December and recognized at the Social Justice Awards ceremony at Holland City Hall in January 2021. Information and nominating forms are at <u>2020 Social Justice Award Nomination Online Form</u> and <u>https://cityofholland.com/FormCenter/Human-Relations-4/Nomination-for-2020-Social-Justice-Award-77</u> (the latter form is for the Youth award).

The Holland International Relations Commission (IRC) is starting an **Oral History Project**, inviting firstgeneration residents to **share the story** of their journey to Holland; they are welcome to use their native language. Oral history videos will be collected until May 2021 and will be featured at the International Festival of Holland on August 21, 2021. For more information, <u>https://www.cityofholland.com/1060/My-Story-Oral-History-Project</u>

## **Registration and Voting: ONE More Week!**

The city of Holland is providing additional hours for voter registration & absentee ballot requests. The City Clerk's office (270 South River Ave in City Hall, across from Centennial Park) will be open on Saturday, October 31, from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm to register voters and issue absentee ballots. www.cityofholland.com/167/Elections

**The Michigan Secretary of State link has** information about what's on the ballot; how, when, and where to register to vote; how, when, and where to apply for an absentee ballot; locations of drop boxes, tracking your ballot, accessible voting; voting in person; locations of polling places--answers to just about any voting-related question you can think of. <u>Michigan Voter Information Center</u>

Voting by **absentee ballot:** When you've completed your ballot AND signed/dated the envelope, you can return it to your city or township clerk's office; you can mail it in (do this early!), or you can place it in a secured drop box. Here's the link to these boxes in Ottawa County
<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?</a>
<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?</a>
<a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fuaf8jlpdali3db/AAAr5CbjEPBMvUJ5GZMCx23Ba?</a>

The League of Women Voters offers a Voters Guide, with links to what's on the ballot and other information, in English and en español. <u>https://www.vote411.org/search-by-topic</u>

You can vote in person on Tuesday, November 3rd. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. See the link above (Michigan Voter Information Center) for locations of polling places.

## Information, Help with Evictions/Foreclosures

https://www.goodsamministries.com/wp-content/uploads/EDP-Tenant-Application.pdf https://www.communityactionhouse.org/foreclosure-intervention https://www.cityofholland.com/249/Tenant-Landlord-Fair-Housing-Information

## Community Action House: Latinx and Asian Cuisine Boxes Needed

Community Action House (CAH) offers 3 types of food boxes: Basic, Latinx, and Asian -- the latter two with culturally appropriate foods. CAH needs more Latinx and Asian Cuisine Boxes and here's an easy-to-follow list of what to buy, how to pack, where to deliver, ways to donate: <a href="https://www.communityactionhouse.org/standtogether">https://www.communityactionhouse.org/standtogether</a>

NEW: Use the link above for information on how to "Make Thanksgiving Hunger-Free!" CAH is asking for donations of <u>Holiday Helpings Thanksgiving boxes</u> of grocery items (list provided), to which CAH will add a whole turkey, fresh fruit, veggies, and dairy items. Deadline to deliver your box (or boxes) to CAH is November 20. The agency also welcomes financial contributions to help with this Thanksgiving food assistance.

#### **Customize Your Email**

## Links to Anti-Racism Resources

Books and articles, what to watch, what to listen to, what to follow, resources for kids and teens, information about Juneteenth. Compiled after the murder of George Floyd. https://medium.com/wake-up-call/a-detailed-list-of-anti-racism-resources-a34b259a3eea

158 articles, videos, podcasts, and websites for understanding systemic racism, compiled by the Smithsonian Institution:

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.smithsonianmag.com%2Fhistory%2F158resources-understanding-systemic-racism-america-

180975029%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR39UtZRy2at9WF1PJSCqAE8jdYHQDQ7bbboUMbtB\_azgNOCK4Wz UXJBNq0&h=AT2Tnr\_VkeRAQji\_1aN3DufdmToXzm8SnPQp2jUF0cuAPg2aaxMFLICsHAgYCxwVjGDvp hS9mkNIN8GGT6IVMGosG\_aZ4ZSIcFgdeO0Lx\_jR1Z68JSaKpgcffIS0RnII\_g&\_tn\_=%2CmH-R&c[0]=AT2CyJS7kypZ6Fpt7WPOQ7Q0FzFjhg5JTIE0IKDUVSe2hmNGJHrTRei8SZcO3wq2u1S7rAiFiLp f-NRTBUuA9TJgemWJE\_IZM5Jt4pn5-npTvYu0xieHnhNgwwi44t4

Someone's telling a racist "joke"; what will you do? <u>https://www.upworthy.com/white-person-shares-</u> two-lessons-from-stopping-a-racist-joke

Check your privilege: classic list by Peggy McIntosh: https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/white-privilege-checklist

White parents: it's time you had "the talk." <u>https://medium.com/equality-includes-you/white-parents-its-time-you-had-the-talk-74f713ecec74</u>

Latinx stories for young readers: <u>https://www.npr.org/2020/09/28/916980190/new-groups-aim-to-get-more-latinx-stories-to-young-readers?</u> fbclid=IwAR3WgAtNiaiT88A3S9FhWqhYuLF7kTkMGgJuv74XUTj4kfOPgaOwBvFnZBU

Series of YouTube videos "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" hosted by Emmanuel Acho, who discusses race with various guests or answers viewer questions. https://uncomfortableconvos.com/about

What racism is...and isn't: <u>https://thecorrespondent.com/547/what-racism-really-is-hint-its-not-your-attitude-or-belief/72411285650-26661483?pk\_campaign=daily</u>

**13 microaggressions Black people deal with all the time:** <u>https://www.huffpost.com/entry/microaggressions-black-people-deal-with\_I\_5eity july</u> 21e8ffa9c5b6fe2600260ec8i

Things that white people say that highlight their white privilege: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/things-white-people-say-highlightprivilege 1\_5edeafafc5b637b87e22cee0?

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The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: 40 TV series, documentaries, movies, TED talks, and books: https://parade.com/1046031/breabaker/anti-racist-tv-movies-documentaries-ted-talks-books/? fbclid=IwAR1nzfFoTRkyYtEfUnKEn1ehtW5nu1Rz7N8Zx0o3\_QrYrSx1KQWvhn8iB7w#.Xt4VYtJyGu5.fac ebook

The Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia: Take a virtual tour of collections and resources in this outstanding museum, located in Big Rapids, MI at Ferris State University. www.ferris.edu/jimcrow

## County and Local Pandemic Links and Resources

https://www.careottawacounty.com/ An "all-purpose" link to resources from government and nonprofit organizations in Ottawa Co. Find info, ways to donate goods or money, volunteer opportunities, more. Or call 2-1-1. In English and in español.

Click for more information about COVID-19 and Ottawa County's Response.

#### Locations to find food: <a href="https://www.ottawafood.org/findfood/?">https://www.ottawafood.org/findfood/?</a> fbclid=IwAR2yu9ChurTZq5E3w4iNA6BJXMunKzsv0Q0VI3ss0FOfd1y\_Pk5HCHtZONE

#### https://www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm?

utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery Daily updates from Ottawa Co. Dept of Public Health; links to info about cases; resources for issues, including domestic violence. In English and in español.

**Mental Health Resources and Support**: Organizations providing behavioral health services during the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Ottawa Co. Visit miottawa.org/cmh :

## State Health Data, Governor's Info

Governor's executive orders: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499\_90705---,00.html

https://www.bridgemi.com/michigan-health-watch/coronavirus-tracker-what-michigan-needs-know-now Links to where families can get food, cash, internet; coronavirus Q&A; unemployment benefits; testing for coronavirus; where kids can get meals.

The state's response and community mitigation strategies: www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

#### <u>National</u>

The COVID-19 global outbreak situation at www.cdc.gov/COVID19

### Jobs and Job Fair

West Michigan Works! https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/

Pure Michigan Talent Connect: https://www.mitalent.org/find-a-job

Holland Sentinel employment ads: www.hollandsentinel.jobs

Michigan Works! https://jobs.westmiworks.org/weekly-hot-jobs/ info@westmichiganworks.org

Workforce Employment Specialists: Virtual hiring events: www.teamworkforce.com or (616) 396-3700.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holland: <u>https://bgch.org/</u> Click on About. Elementary program assistant, parttime (up to 25/hrs/wk). Elementary program coordinator for Saugatuck Extension Facility at Douglas Elementary School, part-time (20-29 hrs/wk).

<u>City of Holland:</u> https://mi-holland.civicplushrms.com/careers/Jobs.aspx Building inspector, part-time. Plumbing and mechanical inspector, full time. Recreation supervisor. Video internship, part-time, paid. Custodian/maintenance for Holland Police Dept, part-time. Election inspector. Police officer. Reserve police officer, part-time. Police cadet. On-call firefighter.

<u>Community Action House:</u> <u>http://www.communityactionhouse.com/jobs</u> Program director to join strategic leadership team. Coordinator of volunteers. Outreach specialist, part-time. Food access associate. Resale logistics. Outreach specialist AmeriCorps member, full time. Food rescue logistics driver. Sunday morning help in Community Kitchen.

<u>Creative Dining Services:</u> <u>https://creativedining.com/</u> Click on Work with Us. Marketing and promotions specialist (Zeeland). Line servers, full time and part time (Holland). Dishwasher, full time (Holland.

ESCAPE Ministries: http://escape-out.org/ Executive director, full-time. Deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 6.

#### Good Samaritan Ministries: https://www.goodsamministries.com/get-involved/jobs/

Front-line receptionist, part-time (20-29 hrs/wk); Spanish language proficiency strongly preferred. COVID eviction response specialists, part-time, temporary.

#### **Goodwill Industries of West Michigan:**

http://goodwillwm.hrmdirect.com/employment/job-openings.php?search=true Retail assistant manager.

#### Greater Ottawa United Way https://www.ottawaunitedway.org/employment

<u>Hispanic Center of Western Michigan:</u> https://hispanic-center.org/ Click on About and scroll down to Careers. Development and donor relations manager. Resource navigation specialist (must be bilingual Sp/Eng).

Holland Township: www.hct.holland.mi.us Entry-level maintenance assistant, full-time.

<u>Holland Hospital:</u> www.hollandhospital.org Professional development educator--spine ortho. Diagnostics customer service. Occupational therapist, inpatient rehab; part-time. Manager, physician's office practice, LHP; full and part-time positions available. Receptionist-security, part-time, varied hours. Emergency department RN, part-time (48 hrs/2 wks, 3 pm to 3:30 am). Occupational therapist, in-house rehab, part-time (1 weekend/mo, 8 am-4:30 pm, 16 hrs/2wks).

Holland Public Schools: https://hollandpublicschools.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx Instructional assistants- Title I. Tier 2 Provider. High school math teacher. Instructional assistant-deaf & hard of hearing preschool program. Instructional assistant - special education. Assistant varsity baseball coach. Basketball coaches, middle school. Groundskeeper-building services. Food service servers.

<u>Hope College:</u> https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/hopeedu/promotionaljobs Staff: Engagement officer for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Faculty: Open rank--professor of literacy & elementary education (Education); economics and business (Accounting faculty); economics and business (Management faculty). Assistant professors: Studio art in drawing (Art and Art History); ecology (Biology); communication (Communication); religion and society (Religion); social work (Social Work).

<u>Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance:</u> http://lakeshorenonprofits.org/programs-and-services/nonprofit-job-postings. Job openings at local nonprofits.

<u>LIFELine Ministries</u>: Information on available restaurant, factory, sales, and office jobs in West Michigan. Contact Pastor Willie J. Watt Jr. at <u>williewatt@gmail.com</u> or (616) 335-0611.

Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates: https://lakeshorenonprofits.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/LIA-ED-Job-Description-9.2020.pdf Executive director, full-time (36 hrs/wk).

<u>Meals on Wheels Western Michigan:</u> https://mealsonwheelswesternmichigan.org/get-involved/employment/ Director of operations. Donor stewardship and events planner. Prep cook. Mobile pantry assistant.

**MOKA:** https://moka.org/ Residential support/direct support professionals, full- and part-time, all shifts, flexible schedules to assist persons with disabilities.

Ottawa Area Intermediate School District: https://www.oaisd.org/ Payroll coordinator, full-time, benefits.

<u>Ottawa County:</u> http://www.miottawa.org/careers. Health educator - substance abuse disorder prevention, parttime. Legal investigator (licensed with State of Michigan). Probation officer--substance abuse assessment. Nurse practitioner, part-time (20 hrs/wk). Community health nurse: COVID-19 investigator (temporary).

The ACEH Board: C.J. Kingdom-Grier, Viola Jackson, Annette Manwell, Al Minert, H Bin Lim, Kim Lillibridge, Natalie Martinez, Lori Joseph Shaw.

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