



## NEWS

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### **Michigan Humanities Announces Acting President & CEO**

LANSING, MI—The Michigan Humanities Board of Directors is pleased to announce Jennifer Rupp will serve as Acting President & CEO for the organization while the search for a permanent President & CEO gets underway.

Shelly Hendrick Kasprzycki will leave the Michigan Humanities after six years as President & CEO to become the leader of the Fremont Area Community Foundation on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Michigan Humanities Board of Directors will embark on a national search for her replacement by October 2021.

In the meantime, Jennifer Rupp will be serving as Michigan Humanities' interim leader. "We are very pleased to have Jennifer Rupp serve as Acting President & CEO over the next several months, said Celeste Diehm, Michigan Humanities Board Chair. "Jennifer has served Michigan Humanities for the last four years, maintaining excellent relationships with national, statewide and community partners. Jennifer is a trusted staff member and has long-time leadership experience with the Brass Band of Battle Creek and the Marshall Historical Society.

"We anticipate continuing our grants and programs with quality and connection, as Michigan Humanities has always done," said Diehm. "The entire Board and Staff are committed to our mission and its success."

Information about the national search for a permanent President & CEO can be found at [www.michiganhumanities.org](http://www.michiganhumanities.org).

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## **About the Michigan Humanities**

As one of 56 state (and territories) humanities councils in the country, Michigan Humanities was founded in 1974 as a result of federal legislation. Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Michigan Humanities also actively seeks grants, sponsorships and individual donations to further support cultural programming for Michigan communities.

## **Mission**

To inspire us to come together in creative and freely expressed ways to deepen our understanding of ourselves and enrich our communities.

## **Vision**

For all people of Michigan to experience and understand the importance of humanities to enrich lives.

## **Values**

- Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity
- Discovery and Understanding
- Authentic Conversation
- Respectful Collaboration
- Meaningful Experiences

## **Pillars**

- Build awareness and excitement for humanities in everyday life.
- Achieve best practices and sustainability for all humanities programs and services in Michigan.

For more information on future programs, upcoming grant opportunities or how you can support these efforts, please visit [www.michiganhumanities.org](http://www.michiganhumanities.org) or call (517) 372-7770.

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