



CENTER FOR
FRENCH COLONIAL STUDIES
Centre pour l'étude du pays des Illinois

2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 4-6
Mackinaw City, Michigan

The Center for French Colonial Studies is delighted to be coming to Mackinaw City for its annual conference in 2019. The Center is devoted to the study of the French presence in the Illinois Country and surrounding area, and its annual conference is an excellent opportunity to explore those regions originally settled by the French, and learn more about the rich French heritage in the American Midwest. This year we highlight in particular the rich and fascinating history of Michilimackinac and the French presence in this region.

Friday, October 4

1:00 Tour of Colonial Michilimackinac
Afternoon Free time to explore the area
5:00 Reception at Audie's Restaurant

Saturday, October 5

8:00-3:30 Conference at the Mackinaw City Reception and Conference Center
6:00 Cocktail Hour (cash bar) with Métis fiddler Ruby John
7:00 Odawa Feast banquet (catered by Joey Van)
8:00 Banquet Guest Speaker: Timothy Kent
A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding French and Native Lifeways During the Fur Trade Era

Sunday, October 6

As schedules allow: visit other historic sites in the Mackinaw City area, including Mackinaw Island.

Saturday, October 5

8:30 am: Welcome and introduction

8:35-9:20 am: **Dr. Lynn Evans** (Fort Michilimackinac archaeologist)
Artifacts of Religious Devotion at Michilimackinac

9:20-10:05 am: **James Dunnigan** (Archaeologist)
Those Beyond the Walls: An Archaeological Examination of Michilimackinac's Extramural Domestic Settlement, 1750-1781

10:05-10:15 am: Break

10:15-11:00 am: **Dr. Michael Nassaney** (Western Michigan University)
Twenty-One Years in the Trenches: Fort St. Joseph Revealed

11:00-11:45 am: **Erika K. Hartley** (Fort St. Joseph Curatorial Fellow), **Christina Arseneau** (Niles History Center), and **Dr. Michael S. Nassaney** (Western Michigan University)
Preserving the Past for the Future: Lessons for Sustainable and Responsible Curation from the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project,

11:45 am – 12:45 pm: Lunch

12:45-1:30 pm: **Dr. John P. DuLong** (French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan)
Jean-Baptiste Cadotte's Neglected Second Family

1:30-2:15 pm: **Loraine DiCerbo** (French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan)
The Chevalier Family of Michilimackinac: A Network of Merchants, Traders and Voyageurs

2:15-2:25 pm: Break

2:25-3:10 pm: **Gabrielle Guillerm** (Recipient of the Carl Ekberg Grant, Ph.D. Candidate, Northwestern University)
Black Robes and Ottawa Indians in Upper Michigan in the Age of Indian Removal

3:10-3:30: **Wesley Andrews** and **Dr. Misty Jackson**
Translating Du Jaunay's Odawa-French Dictionary: Indigenous Insights to Cultural Clues

3:30-3:35: Concluding remarks

3:35: **CFCS Annual Meeting, followed by election and board meeting**

PRESENTERS

Wesley Andrews is a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, also known as the Waganakising Odawak. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago with an MA in Social Science theory. He has worked in cultural and historical preservation for the past 45 years and has operated Andrews Cultural Resources for much of that time. He is retired from the position of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer but currently works as an advisory consultant to the Tribal Historic Preservation Program of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Christina H. Arseneau has a B.A. in Classics from the University of Illinois, and an M.A. in Classics and Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies from New York University. She has worked in museums for more than 20 years as an educator, curator and director. Since 2015 she has held the position of director of the Niles History Center. Ms. Arseneau also serves on the Michigan Museum Association's Board of Directors.

Lorraine DiCerbo is an independent scholar conducting genealogical and historical research. She obtained her B.A. from Wayne State University. She is best known for a series of written articles on the Deshêtres family in North America. She has been working on a series of articles and a presentation regarding genealogy in the 21st century and beyond. She is the former Registrar and President of the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan, and is taking on the role of editor of *Michigan's Habitant Heritage, Journal of the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan* in 2020.

John P. DuLong is a past president of the French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan. He holds a doctorate in Sociology and is retired from Henry Ford Health System where he worked in Sladen Library. He is a genealogist who specializes in French-Canadian, Acadian, Métis, and Irish research. He has published over 50 genealogical and historical articles; most of them in *Michigan's Habitant Heritage*. He is the author of *French Canadians in Michigan*.

James Dunnigan has pursued his Master of Arts in archaeology at Western Michigan University. He is a former archaeology field technician with Mackinac State Historic Parks, and he currently works as a field technician for HDR.

Lynn L.M. Evans is the Curator of Archaeology for Mackinac State Historic Parks, a position she has held since 1996. She began excavating at Michilimackinac in 1989 while conducting research on craft industries. A native of Cincinnati, Lynn holds a B.A. in anthropology and museum studies from Beloit College and a Ph.D. in American Civilization – Historical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. She resides with her husband, Jim, in Mackinaw City.

Gabrielle Guillerm is a doctoral candidate in history at Northwestern University. For 2019-2020, she is a Graduate Scholar-in-Residence at the Newberry Library in Chicago. Her dissertation is tentatively entitled "The Forgotten French: Catholicism, Colonialism and Americanness on the early trans-Appalachian Frontier." She conducted research thanks to the support of various grants, including a Carl C. Ekberg Grant of the CFCS and grants from the Cushwa Center for the study of American Catholicism at Notre Dame University.

Erika K. Hartley is the Fort St. Joseph Curatorial Fellow. She earned her MA in anthropology from Western Michigan University in 2017, where she focused on historical archaeology and the architectural elements of Fort St. Joseph. Her interests include historical archaeology, public archaeology, colonialism, trade, identity, and regional analysis.

Misty Jackson is the principal investigator and proprietor of Arbre Croche Cultural Resources, LLC. She received her Ph.D. in 2005 from Michigan State University. Her work centers on archaeological compliance consulting, but she also conducts ethnohistorical research. Jackson is co-editor for the upcoming book on the history and archaeology of Fort Ouiatanon. She serves on the Board for the Center for French Colonial Studies, the Michigan's State Historic Preservation Review Board and is President of the Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management.

Michael S. Nassaney is Professor of Anthropology at Western Michigan University. His research interests include the archaeology of eastern North America with a focus on colonialism, the fur trade, material analysis, public archaeology, and ethnohistory. He is the principal investigator of the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project. He is editor of *Le Journal* for the Center for French Colonial Studies and the editor of the book series, *The American Experience in Archaeological Perspective* (University Press of Florida). His most recent book is *Fort St. Joseph Revealed* (UP Florida, 2019).

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