

## Excellence in Iowa History Awards

Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg joined the State Historical Society of Iowa in Cedar Rapids to present this year's **Excellence in Iowa History Awards**.

The ceremony on June 22 at the **National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library** honored individuals, organizations and communities that have made outstanding contributions to the field of Iowa history. Award recipients came from nearly every part of the state, and their projects ranged from articles and books to events, exhibits and a documentary.



**Rebecca Conard** of Coralville, center, with Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Director **Chris Kramer** and Lt. Gov. **Adam Gregg** at the June 22 awards ceremony.

The board also recognized award recipients from 2020 and 2021, when in-person ceremonies were canceled due to the pandemic.

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## Certified Local Governments: Grant Opportunities

Need funding to support a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places? How about an educational program or a survey? Perhaps a preservation or pre-development project? If so, you may want to check out the Certified Local Government grant program.



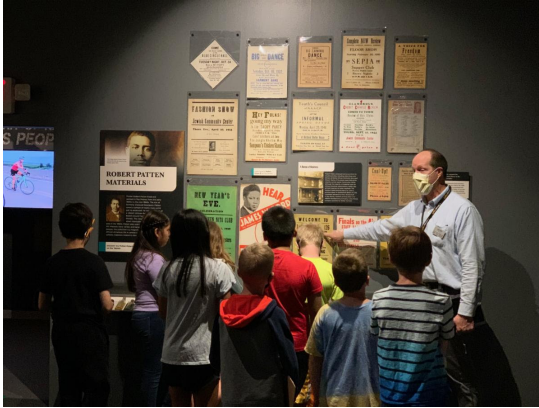
**Iowa cities, counties and land-use districts are eligible** to apply if they have signed a Certified Local Government agreement with the **State of Iowa and the National Park Service**, are in good standing and have a current annual report.

Draft applications can be submitted by Aug. 12 for a courtesy review.

Final deadline: Sept. 6.

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## Thank you to Bravo Greater Des Moines!



State Curator **Leo Landis** leads a group during Junior Curator Day Camp at the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

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We appreciate Bravo Greater Des Moines, Polk County and 16 central Iowa cities for their continued support of the **Iowa Historical Foundation** through the 2022 Cultural Leadership Grant Program. The new **\$104,500 grant** awarded will support the State Historical Museum of Iowa's programs, exhibits and educational resources.

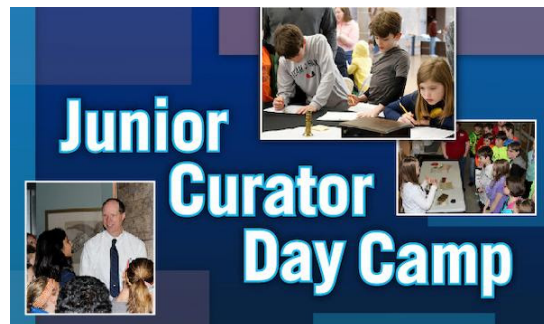
Bravo **leverages community resources to maximize the impact of arts, culture and heritage** through community investment programs. Its grant recipients draw tourists, increase resident satisfaction and help attract and retain talent to make greater Des Moines a premier place to live, work and visit.

## Register now for Junior Curator Day Camp

### Junior Curator Day Camp

Aug. 3

What does it take to create and run a museum? Young historians in grades 4-6 will explore the roles of curators, conservators and exhibit designers. Students will investigate **historic artifacts**, explore the **museum's collection vault** and learn about Iowa's exciting history with museum staff. Students also will **design their own exhibit** featuring objects from the State Historical Museum's collection.



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**Register** for the Aug. 3 camp. (Note: Just a few spots remain. The July 13 program has sold out!)

## Upcoming Events



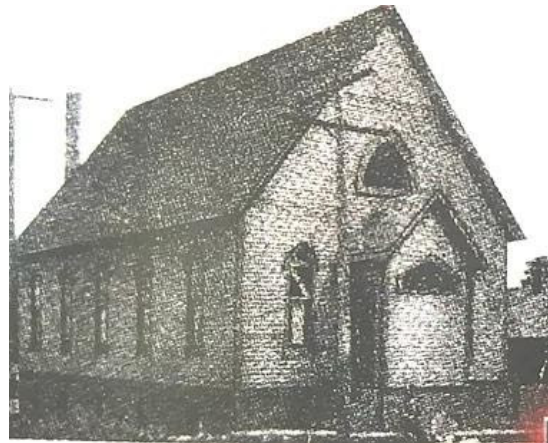
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**Goldie Field Trip:**  
**Montauk Historic Site**  
**2 p.m. July 9**

The Montauk Historic Site was the home of former Iowa Gov. William Larrabee and his wife, Anna. **Explore the grand estate**, which is filled with artifacts, original furnishings and art, and then walk the grounds and trails overlooking the Turkey River Valley. This program is **recommended for children 8-12 years old** who are members of Goldie's Kids Club.

**Iowa History 101:**  
**"Printing and Performing Citizenship:  
Black Activist Cultures in Iowa"**  
**Noon July 14**

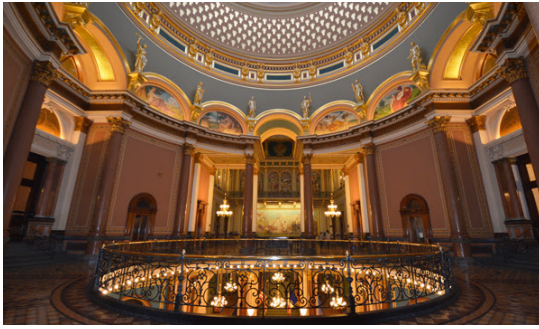
**Mila Kaut** will discuss how Black women's practices of institutional citizenship in **AME churches** and the **Iowa State Bystander** shaped the priorities and possibilities of Black activism in Iowa. Kaut, a Ph.D. student at Northwestern University and co-organizer of the **Iowa Colored Conventions Project**, will consider the historical lessons this late 19th-century activist culture might lend to ongoing struggles for racial equality.



**St. Paul AME Church** in Des Moines, 1882-1918.

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**Goldie Field Trip:**  
**Iowa State Capitol**  
**10 a.m. July 16**



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This tour will focus on many types of art found throughout the capitol, which was built in 1886. The historic building and seat of power features a **275-foot gold-leafed dome** and **four smaller domes, woodwork and a grand marble staircase**. After the tour, guests will create their own paper mosaics and explore the public grounds surrounding the building. This program is **recommended for children 8-12 years old** who are members of Goldie's Kids Club.

**Iowa History 101:**  
**"From Coal Palace to Closing the Plant: Coal and Community on the Lower-Des Moines River"**  
**Noon July 28**



Join **Kevin Mason**, a Waldorf University associate professor of history, as he explores the **history of coal in southeastern Iowa**. Incorporating elements of his 2021 walk across Iowa (pictured) to follow the route of the 1st United States Dragoons, Mason's presentation will focus on how early observation of coal deposits paired with boosterish enthusiasm to develop a significant Iowa industry. The talk will highlight early exploration, dispossession, industry development, the **Ottumwa Coal Palace**, and diverse communities including **Buxton**.

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**Goldie Field Trip:**  
**Plum Grove Historic Home**  
**2 p.m. July 30**



Take a guided tour of Plum Gove, the home of **Iowa's first territorial governor, Robert Lucas**. Learn about the Lucas family and the history of Iowa as a territory and early statehood. Lucas built the seven-room Greek Revival house in 1844 using local materials. It was once part of an 80-acre farm, but it's now nestled in an Iowa City neighborhood and furnished with authentic period artifacts common in 1844-1853. This program is **recommended for children 8-12 years old** who are members of Goldie's Kids Club.

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## Iowa History Book Club

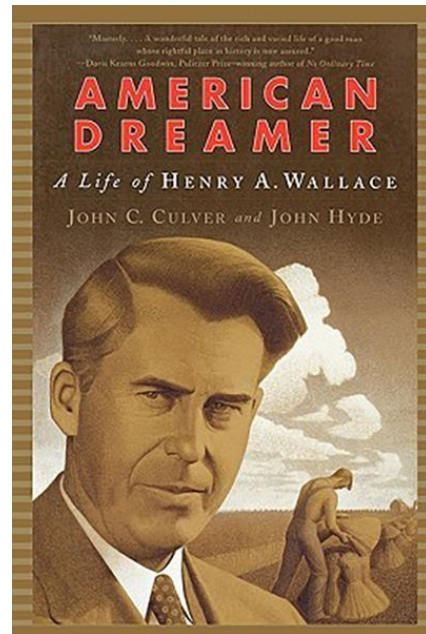
The popular Iowa History Book Club continues with John C. Culver and John Hyde's "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**" on Sept. 22, and Linda Clemmons' "**Dakota in Exile**" on Dec. 1. Programs are recorded and posted online at [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov).

### American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace

7 p.m. Sept. 22

A trailblazing politician, agriculturalist, economist, author and businessman, **Henry Wallace** was loved and reviled, and finally revealed in this first full biography. Join Annals of Iowa editor **Andrew Klumpp** and **Tim Walch**, director emeritus of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, for a look at "**American Dreamer: A Life of Henry A. Wallace**," written by former U.S. Sen. John C. Culver and journalist John Hyde.

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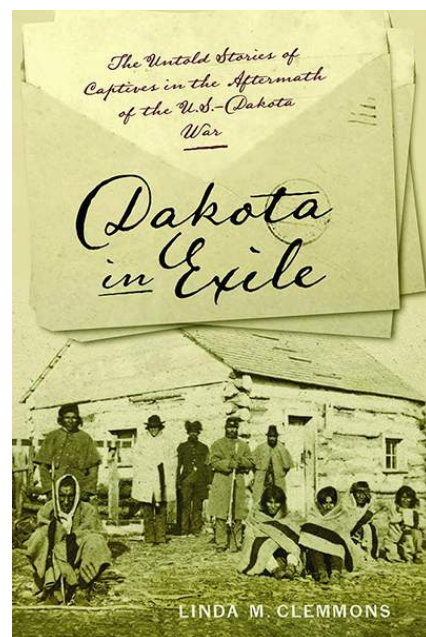


### Dakota in Exile

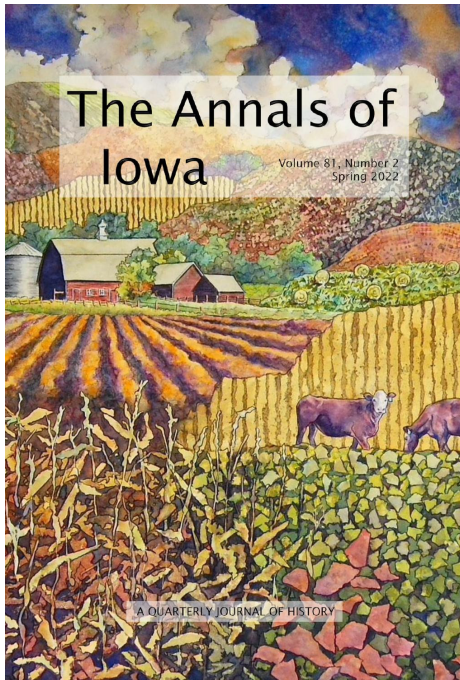
7 p.m. Dec. 1

**Robert Hopkins** was a man caught between two worlds. As a member of the **Dakota Nation**, he was accused of taking up arms against U.S. soldiers when war broke out with the Dakota in 1862. As a Christian convert and preacher, his allegiance was often questioned by his fellow Dakota. Illinois State University professor of history **Linda Clemmons** joins Annals of Iowa editor **Andrew Klumpp** for a discussion about this difficult time in U.S. history.

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