

Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan



Sunday, February 28, 2021

1:30 pm

Free and Open to the Public ❖ Visitors are Welcome

Virtual Meeting

Connection information will be sent to members

Non-members wishing to be included may send a request to info@washtenawgenealogy.org

Please send request no later than 3 days before the meeting

Lecture: African Americans in Michigan: Patterns, Problems, Progress

DeWitt S Dykes

Learn about the historical patterns of African American settlement and historical development in Michigan, including places of settlement and population growth, community development of churches and organizations, community leaders and unique individuals. Understand the impact of slavery, racial discrimination in law and in practice, the origins of the Republican Party and the fight against slavery, educational opportunities and limitations, racial discrimination in housing and education, opportunities for political office, the civil rights movement, unionism and recent trends.

Our Speaker



De Witt S. Dykes, Jr. is an associate professor in the History Department at Oakland University, specializing in African American History. He is a pioneer in his field and the author of 44 historical articles and nine book chapters. Professor Dykes is an organizational leader of African American History and Genealogical Societies. He has been the featured speaker at many genealogy seminars and has received numerous awards. He was a co-founder and served as the first President of the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society and the Michigan Black History Network.

Class: 3:15 pm

The Clements and Bentley Library Collections at the University of Michigan

Angela Oonk and Ceci Rieker

Interested in learning how the Clements and the Bentley collections differ and are alike? Please join Directors of Development Angela Oonk (Clements) and Ceci Rieker (Bentley) as they provide an overview of the collections and possible research topics.

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