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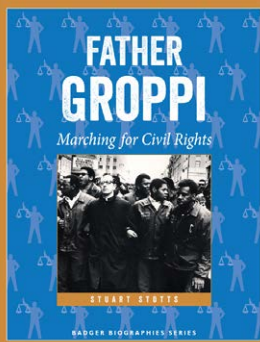
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This new addition to the Badger Biographies series for young readers tells the story of Father James Groppi, a Catholic priest who stood up for civil rights in the early 1960s and 1970s. Growing up on the south side of Milwaukee, James learned early on to respect people from other races and ethnic groups.

The Wisconsin Historical Society Educator Update contains the most current education-related news from the Wisconsin Historical Society. With information on classroom resources, National History Day, the Wisconsin Historical Museum, the Library-Archives Division, historical sites all around Wisconsin, and more, our monthly roundup is packed with ideas for Wisconsin educators.

## Director's Cuts

Welcome to our December newsletter! Highlights this month include resources from the University of Milwaukee, Wisconsin's "March on Milwaukee", a collection of resources drawn from the Milwaukee civil rights movement.

Tying in with those great resources, our featured item from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press is the upcoming "Badger Biographies" book "Father Groppi: Marching for Civil Rights," due out this spring.

Also, Dale Robson of the Sheboygan County Historical Museum tells us how they keep their student visitors engaged in a day-long, hands-on learning environment at their museum.

National History Day correlations to Common Core standards are now available from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and National History Day in Wisconsin; see below for details.

New interactive whiteboard content is ready for "Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story." Contact [Maris Education](#) for your login and password and download chapters 4 and 5 today!

Finally, December highlights from the Wisconsin Historical Museum come courtesy of Beth Lemke.

Miss an issue of the Educator Update? Here's a link to our [archive](#).

Enjoy!

Kurt Griesemer  
School Services Director

As the son of Italian immigrants, he knew what it felt like to be treated poorly just because of who you are.

This important story of a turbulent time in Wisconsin history sheds light on the civil rights movement and its place in the North. It wasn't just in Selma and Birmingham that African Americans had to overcome racism and segregation. Father Groppi's life shows how individuals can come together to make a lasting change.

Available February 2013 from the [Wisconsin Historical Society Press](#)

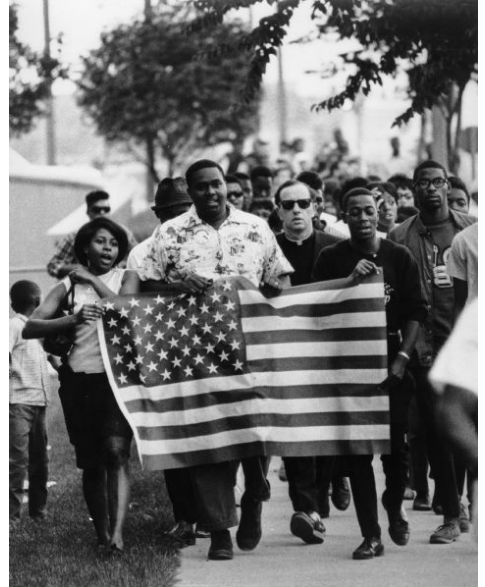
# The 'March on Milwaukee Civil Rights History Project'

[Kurt Griesemer](#), School Services Director

"[The March on Milwaukee Civil Rights History Project](#) supports understanding of the struggle for racial equality by helping users discover primary sources and other educational materials from the collections of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries and the Wisconsin Historical Society."

This fantastic multimedia resource collection focuses its attention on the Milwaukee civil rights movement from 1954 through 1976. Interviews, media accounts, photographs, personal memoirs and more make this an invaluable tool for researching this tumultuous period of Wisconsin history.

Searchable via word cloud, timeline, keyword and more, these resources are waiting for you to discover Vel Phillips, Lloyd Barbee, Father James Groppi, and other committed activists and their struggle against inequality and racism.



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## Full-Day Education Programs at the Sheboygan County Historical Museum

[Dale Robson](#), Education Liaison, Sheboygan County Historical Museum

"This is a day of school at the Museum."

That's just the beginning of a full day of learning activities for our student visitors as they engage with history at the [Sheboygan County Historical Museum](#).

In our first year, 2001, we received over 700 visitors for our "Native American" program. In 2011-2012, we expanded our offerings to include interactive programs on "Pioneers" and "Historic Trades and Occupations"

and welcomed over 2,300 students. This year we added our fourth program, "Sheboygan County and the Civil War". Judging by the response from teachers and students, next year will be even better.



Each program is grounded in the state academic standards. Our students engage with history through interactive museum gallery resources and related hands-on activities. For example, under close supervision by our staff and trained volunteers, students chop wood and learn how to build a fire nest. Others dip candles to take home with them at the end of the day. These are just two examples of a day filled with activity!

Students arrive excited about being at the museum, and that excitement continues throughout the day. Our increased attendance numbers show that our education programs are

working not just for the school district of Sheboygan, but also for the entire community.

For more information about the Sheboygan County Historical Museum's education offerings, please contact [Dale Robson](#) or [Angela Hullin](#).

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## Common Core Standards and National History Day

**[Sarah Michele Klentz](#), Interim National History Day Coordinator**

Looking ahead to the implementation of Common Core Standards in Wisconsin, we've prepared a document to help educators show connections between the new standards and National History Day.

This [correlation chart](#), created by National History Day in Wisconsin and Colorado staff, the Colorado Department of Education, and the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, has been endorsed by the NHD national office.

National History Day, with its focus on student research, analysis, and presentation, fits the new standards perfectly!

Please download and share this document. Use it to demonstrate the academic rigor of National History Day activities, as well as to encourage others to implement the program.

Please [contact us](#) if you have further questions.

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# December Highlights from the Wisconsin Historical Museum

**[Beth Lemke](#)**, Museum Educator, Wisconsin Historical Museum

Visit the [Wisconsin Historical Museum](#) Saturdays in December to meet some of your favorite authors from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, and to get your books signed just in time for the holiday season! Remember: Society Members receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases in the Museum store. Educators also qualify for a 10 percent discount.

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**['Green Bay Packers: Trials, Triumphs, and Tradition'](#)** Author Talk, December 1, 11 am

"Green Bay Packers: Trials, Triumphs, and Tradition" tells the improbable story of professional football's most iconic team, and along the way gives a unique window into the rise of modern professional sports. Author Bill Povletich will be talking about "Green Bay Packers: Trials, Triumphs, and Tradition" at the Wisconsin Historical Museum in Madison. A book signing will follow.

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**[Wisconsin Historical Society Press Authors Gathering](#)**, Dec 8, 1 - 3 pm  
Have you ever wondered how Erika Janik found the quirky stories featured in her book *Odd Wisconsin* or how Michael Schmudlach decided which photos to feature in *People of the Big Voice*? Get the chance to ask questions and get your books signed at the Society Press Author's Gathering at the Museum. Featuring authors Erika Janik ("*Odd Wisconsin*" and "*A Short History of Wisconsin*"), Marnie Mammaingia ("*Return to Wake Robin*"), Ron McCrea ("*Building Taliesin*"), Michael Schmudlach ("*People of the Big Voice*"), and John Zimm ("*This Wicked Rebellion*"), this gathering of the pens is a unique opportunity to meet and greet the many authors of Society Press.

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**[Book Signing with Jerry Apps](#)**, Dec 15, 11 am - 12 pm

In conjunction with the Wisconsin Historical Museum's 10th Annual Holiday Sale, Jerry Apps will be at the Museum for a book signing. Jerry Apps is the popular author of several books by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press, and has been a rural historian and environmental writer for more than 40 years. His books include: *Garden Wisdom: Lessons Learned from 60 Years of Gardening*, *Horse-Drawn Days: A Century of Farming with Horses*, *Barns of Wisconsin*, and *Old Farm: A History to name a few*.

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Thanks for reading! Interested in additional Wisconsin Historical Society newsletters? Please visit our [website](#). Have a great resource or an idea for an article? Let me know; I'd love to share it.

**Sincerely,**

**[Kurt Griesemer](#)**

School Services Director