

# United by Water

EXPLORING AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH THE SHIPWRECKS AND MARITIME  
LANDSCAPES OF THE GREAT LAKES, JULY 2011, ALPENA, MICHIGAN

## NEH Landmarks of American History & Culture Workshop

### United by Water Exploring American History through the Shipwrecks and Maritime Landscapes of the Great Lakes

July 17-23 & July 24-30, 2011, Alpena, Michigan

It is our pleasure to invite your application to participate in our National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Landmarks in American History and Culture Workshop for community college faculty. Hosted by Alpena Community College and Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, Michigan, the workshop centers on one of the most important and well-preserved collections of historic shipwrecks and associated maritime landscapes in America.

This is a workshop for those who relish intellectual inquiry and the visceral experience of the physical historic environment. An academically rich, highly participatory program will instruct you in the historical facets of the region's maritime heritage and its shipwrecks, while field-based components in museums, archives, the natural environment, and shipwrecks will bring them to life.

**The workshop is free and scholars accepted into the program receive a \$1,200 stipend to cover food, travel, and lodging expenses. Application deadline: March 1, 2011.**



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### Who Would Benefit from this Workshop?

Faculty in US history, western civilization, world history, political science, anthropology, archaeology, literature, fine arts, other humanities-related disciplines, as well as scientific and technological fields are encouraged to apply. Adjunct faculty are eligible, as are librarians, administrators, and other appropriate staff members.

**Application deadline: March 1, 2011.**

For application information, visit our website at [www.alpenacc.edu/shipwrecks](http://www.alpenacc.edu/shipwrecks), or contact workshop staff at 989.356.8805 ext.10 or [cathy.green@noaa.gov](mailto:cathy.green@noaa.gov).

Our dynamic week long explorations will take us to museums and archives, lighthouses, beaches, and industrial waterfronts, and to the shipwrecks themselves. Your guides will be an experienced team of historians, archaeologists, and educators who study, manage, and interpret this nationally significant collection of shipwrecks and landscapes. This combination of scholars, combined with Northeast Michigan's unique archival and museum resources, will allow you to experience Great Lakes maritime heritage in all its dimensions and to capture your experiences in meaningful ways that you can integrate into your community college classrooms. Academically challenging, this hands-on workshop allows you to touch the physical components of history above and below the water's surface and will provide the tools and perspectives required to help you transform your experiences into meaningful curricula in a variety of disciplines.



*The oceans, rivers, and Great Lakes shaped American history in fundamental and extraordinary ways leaving a rich legacy of historical landmarks. Among the most unusual, and until recently, the least accessible are its historic shipwrecks — the fragile unfiltered time capsules or portals to the past that tell very special stories about the American nation and its people.*

