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## **Wiskemann Receives Lifetime Achievement Award**

The **Historical Society of Michigan** is delighted to recognize the immense contributions of **Geneva Kebler Wiskemann** by presenting her with its **2019 Lifetime Achievement Award**.

Geneva Kebler Wiskemann joined the ranks of Michigan historians in 1954, and ever since then has played an instrumental role in crafting the present and future of our state's past.

Geneva started out as a library assistant at the Library of Michigan in 1946; eight years later she became an Archival Assistant – and then Archives Executive – for the State Archives of Michigan, where she served until 1973. Along the way, she picked up a Certificate of Preservation and Administration of Archives from American University and a BS degree in Information Science from Western Michigan University.

The scope of her contributions to Michigan can be measured in part by the great number of well-known organizations she helped create. She co-founded the Historical Society of Greater Lansing; the Michigan Archival Association; the Research Association for Michigan Negro History (the parent organization of Michigan Black History Network); the Friends of the Turner-Dodge House; the Michigan Oral History Association; and the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum. She served as president of most of those organizations and as a board member of many others.

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*Geneva Kebler Wiskemann accepts Lifetime Achievement Award from HSM Board Trustee Kendall Wingrove in September. Geneva is Founder of the Michigan Oral History Council (parent title of MOHA), former MOHA President and long-time Secretary and newsletter producer.*

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