



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, & AGENCIES
OF ISABELLA COUNTY**

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Please state, in order of preference, committees or commissions you are applying for:

1. Planning Commission
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

ISABELLA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION

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Please state reason(s) for interest in above area(s): _____

Please See Attached Sheet

Background:
Education and/or training Ph. D. in History

Previous civic or governmental involvement Please See Attached Sheet

What skills, talents, and abilities will you bring to this position? _____

Please See Attached Sheet

Other information you feel would be valuable in the review of your application: _____

Please See Attached Sheet

Please list THREE references who have knowledge of your work ethic, experience and ability and your resume. (Please do not use currently elected county commissioners as references)

☐ I am an incumbent; please use references currently on file.

Pre-confirmed Reference List

Name: Steve Martineau

Occupation: Attorney

Address: 500 Kane St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Telephone number: (989) 773-9961

Name: Tim Hall

Occupation: Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences, CMU

Address: 1870 Beech Ave, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Telephone number: (989) 774-3341

Name: Mitch Hall

Occupation: Chair, Department of History, CMU

Address: 1560 Bruder Rd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Telephone number: (989) 774-7814

Applications must be complete to be considered. Incomplete applications will be returned.

ISABELLA COUNTY COMMISSION PROCEDURES FOR FILLING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Normally, announcements of openings on boards and commissions will be made two weeks before the board meetings they are to be acted upon and will be due by 4:30 on the Wednesday preceding the regularly scheduled board meeting.
2. Prior to the board meeting the administrator or his/her designatee will seek to confirm Information provided on all applications.
3. Board members may, at their choosing, contact applicants prior to the board meeting in order to more effectively assess applicant qualifications.
4. At the Board meeting applicants may be nominated by any county commissioner.
5. If there are multiple applicants nominated for the same position a majority vote of members of the county commission present and voting is required for appointment. If no candidate receives a majority on the first vote a second vote will be held. If after the second vote no candidate receives a majority of votes the lowest vote getter will be dropped from consideration and this procedure will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.
6. Applicants must reside in Isabella County.

Return applications to the County Administrator's Office, 200 N. Main, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Questions call (989)772-0911 Ext. 202.

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Attached Sheet to Tim O'Neil's Application to the Planning Commission

Please state reason(s) for interest in above area(s):

I have a long held academic interest in Michigan's economic development, with a particular focus on the development of Michigan agricultural. There are many reasons why I am proud to call Isabella County my home, but at the top of that list is the rural and small town nature of the county; or, as stated in the Master Land Use Plan: "...a livable setting offering the benefits of rural character, an agricultural economy, and a pristine environment, coupled with social and economic opportunity [and] urban amenities." I would like to contribute to preserving the rural and small town character of Isabella County, while understanding that managed growth is essential to that preservation. If appointed to the Planning Commission, I would seek to balance individual property rights with the public good.

Previous civic or governmental involvement

I assisted Father Edwin Frederick in the early days of his "Father Fred Foundation" in Traverse City, Michigan. The foundation's mission is "to simply help the helpless, the homeless, and the distressed in the Traverse City area." I have given talks on Michigan history to civic groups and public audiences, ranging from ethnic organizations to the Boy Scouts. In addition, I have given television and radio interviews. I served as an unpaid consultant for the U.S. National Park Service, Keweenaw National Historic Park.

What skills, talents, and abilities will you bring to this position?

I have well developed analytical and research skills and express myself well in both written and verbal communication. I have spent twenty plus years researching, analyzing and writing on Michigan's economic development. During my career, I have served on dozens of committees and have learned the importance of working with other committee members to reach a consensus and when that is not possible, the importance of maintaining a good working relationship with my fellow committee members.

Timothy M. O'Neil

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Education

Ph.D. in History, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 1999
M.A. in History, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1989
B.A. in History & Political Science, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan, 1986

Academic Appointments

2008- Associate Professor, Central Michigan University
2003-2008 Assistant Professor, Central Michigan University
2000-2005 Book Review Editor, *Michigan Historical Review*
1998-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, Central Michigan University
1996-1998 Adjunct Professor, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan
1991-1998 Instructor, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
1993 Instructor, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn, Michigan

Publications

(A list of publications and presentations at academic conferences is available upon request)

External Grants

2005-2006	\$121, 418.00	With three partners, U.S. Department of Education, American History Project, Central Michigan University
2004-2005	\$ 15,000.00	With four partners, Michigan Humanities Council, Strengthening Michigan Communities Grant: "An Interior Ellis Island: Ethnic Diversity and the Peopling of Michigan's Copper Country," Michigan Technological University
2003-2006	\$186,140.00	With two partners, Michigan Department of Education, American History Project, Central Michigan University
2001	\$ 600.00	Research Travel Grant, Copper County Archives, Michigan Technological University

Awards, Honors and Fellowships

2009 Roger McHugh Award, Editors *New Hibernia Review*/University College, Dublin
2003-2004 Excellence in Teaching Award, Central Michigan University
1994 Alfred H. Kelly Research Award, Department of History, Wayne State University
1991 Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate School, Wayne State University
1993-1994 Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, Wayne State University
1993-1994 Graduate/Professional Scholarship, Graduate School, Wayne State University
1990-1993 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of History, Wayne State University
1990-1991 Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate School, Wayne State University
1990-1991 Graduate/Professional Scholarship, Graduate School, Wayne State University

Professional Activities

Referee:

University of Michigan Press
 Midwest Association of Graduate Schools, Outstanding Master's Thesis Award
Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research
The Michigan Academician
Michigan Historical Review

Consulting:

U.S. National Park Service, Keweenaw National Historic Park, 2007-2008

Professional Presentations:

"Grist for Mill: the Rise and Decline of Michigan's Wheat Production, 1850-1930," Central Michigan University, October 2014.

"If you cannot Count, you cannot be an Historian: Quantitative History Methodology and the Development of Social History," Phi Alpha Theta, Central Michigan University, April 2014.

"The IRA, the Comintern and the Anti-Annuities Campaign in Ireland, 1927-1932," Department of History's Faculty Colloquium, Central Michigan University, March 2000.

Teaching

(A list of courses and seminars taught, and membership on M.A. thesis committees, Ph.D. qualifying examination committees and Ph.D. dissertation committees is available upon request)

Department and University Service

2014-2015 Ad Hoc Committee on Online Education, Department of History
 2010-2015 Personnel Committee, Department of History
 2013 Search Committee, Associate Dean for CHSBS, Provost's Office
 2010-2012 Excellence in Teaching Committee, CHSBS
 2009-2010 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History
 2008-2009 Personnel Committee, Department of History
 2009 Promotion and Tenure Committee, CHSBS
 2009 International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, Prize Committee, Department of History
 2007-2008 Excellence in Teaching Committee, CHSBS
 2004-2007 General Education Subcommittee
 2004-2006 College Curriculum Committee, CHSBS
 2004-2008 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History
 2004-2005 Excellence in Teaching Committee, CHSBS
 2003-2004 Curriculum Committee, Department of History
 2000-2003 Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History
 2000-2001 Museum Studies Council, CHSBS representative
 1998-2000 Curriculum Committee, Department of History

Media Appearances:

Interviewed on the "Today with Pat Kenny," a current affairs magazine program airing on RTÉ (Raidió Teilifís Éireann/ *Radio [and] Television of Ireland*), discussing the election of President Obama, November 2008

Interviewed for Evening News on WLUC-TV (local NBC affiliate), Marquette, Michigan, discussing ethnic diversity and the peopling of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, July 2006

Community Presentations:

Keynote Address for a one day symposium, "An Interior Ellis Island: Ethnic Diversity and the Peopling of Michigan's Copper Country, Michigan Technological University, July, 2006.

"From Co. Cork to Calumet, Irish Miners and Transatlantic Migration," United Irish Society of Detroit, November, 2004

"Michigan's History and Geography," Mount Pleasant Boy Scout Day Camp, July, 2003.

"Patrick H. O'Brien: Ethnicity, Class and Law," Keweenaw National Historic Park Speakers Series, hosted by the Houghton County Circuit Court, August, 2001.