

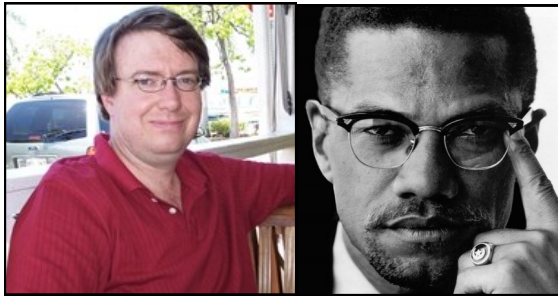


GREAT MICHIGAN READ 2017-2018

The Michigan Humanities Council's Great Michigan Read is a book club for the entire state with a focus on a single book—*X: A novel* by Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon

2 Events!

FREE EVENTS—NO REGISTRATION—PUBLIC INVITED



April 12—6:00 p.m.

Malcolm X and the Interpretation of History

Dr. Willis will facilitate a discussion of how the interpretation of history shaped Malcolm's life and how, later, Malcolm sought to reshape the teaching and interpretation of African American history.

Dr. Alan Scott Willis is a professor of history at Northern Michigan University where he teaches African, African America, and religious history. He is a contributing author to *The Encyclopedia of Malcolm X* as well as *Between Fetters and Freedom: African American Baptists since Emancipation*. He is the author of *All According to God's Plan: Southern Baptists and Race: 1945-1970*. He has a Ph. D. from Syracuse University (1999) and has taught at NMU since 2001. He lives in Marquette with his wife, son, and dog.



May 16—6:00 p.m.

Author Talk with Kekla Magoon

Kekla will present an author talk that is interactive and will integrate some audience members in a reader's theatre experience.

Kekla Magoon is the author of ten young adult novels, including *The Rock and the River*, *How It Went Down*, *X: A Novel*, and *The Robyn Hoodlum Adventures Series*. She has received an NAACP Image Award, the John Steptoe New Talent Award, two Coretta Scott King Honors, The Walter Award Honor, and been long listed for the National Book Award. She also writes non-fiction on historical topics. Kekla conducts school and library visits nationwide and serves on the Writers' Council for the National Writing Project. Kekla holds a B.A. from Northwestern University and an M.F.A. in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts, where she now serves on faculty.

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