

Magnaghi Wins Prestigious UP History Award

Sault Ste. Marie MI: Dr. Russell Magnaghi, Professor of History at Northern Michigan University, was awarded the Charles Follo History Award at the 56th Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference held June 17-19.

The Historical Society of Michigan presents the Follo Award each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history. It was established in 1979 to honor the memory of Charles Follo, an Escanaba schoolteacher who promoted and helped advance historical understanding of Michigan's U.P.

As the founder and former director of the Center for Upper Peninsula Studies, Dr. Magnaghi has organized numerous conferences, workshops and public presentations on UP history. He has developed a clearinghouse for information and training, developed programming to support displays on the region's heritage at the Superior Dome, created a curriculum dealing with the region, and produced audio and visual materials related to the area's history.

In addition to these accomplishments, he is the University Historian and has worked to collect artifacts pertaining to Northern Michigan University's history. In this capacity, he authored and published *A Sense of Time: The Encyclopedia of Northern Michigan University*. Over the years, he has written literally scores of articles about Upper Peninsula history.

"The Follo Award is the highest recognition given to a leader in UP history by the Historical Society of Michigan" according to the Society's executive director Larry Wagenaar. "Dr. Magnaghi exemplifies how critical the commitment of one person can be to advancing Michigan's story."

The Charles Follo Award is presented each year at the Historical Society of Michigan's Upper Peninsula History Conference. Territorial governor Lewis Cass and Henry Schoolcraft, who explored and wrote about the UP, founded the Society in 1828.

During the State History Conference, to be held in East Lansing September 23-25, the Society will present its annual State History Awards. For more information on the Society's awards visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (517) 324-1828.