

The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years

Excellent Speakers Series Program for

U.S. Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015)
African American History Month

Presenter **Rodney Brown** is both a student of history and rapidly becoming one of its multi-media scholars, telling the stories for broadcast and electronic venues such as websites and online learning classrooms. Having worked closely with state experts, historians, and educators as he documented Michigan's Civil War history for the iMichigan Productions documentary project, Rodney mixes these historically accurate stories with vibrant media imagery to highlight the significant role Michigan played in the Civil War. He will also talk about the making of the documentary project: *The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years*.

186,097 African Americans (7,122 officers, 178,975 enlisted) fought in the U.S. Civil War.

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Rodney Brown's latest project is developing an online, multimedia, learning classroom for *The Michigan Experience – The American Civil War Years*, a production of [iMichigan Productions](#), of which he is a co-founder.

He has a master's degree in American Culture from the Rackham School of the University of Michigan. He earned a bachelor's degree in communication from Stanford University. He is an award winning filmmaker and former senior executive producer at WFUM-PBS.

Brown is the writer and director of *One Night's Run*, a classic television film about getting to the first stop on the Underground Railroad. He has also written, produced and directed for PBS, *Small Business Magazine* for Howard University (WHUT-PBS) and (WNET), *Jazzland* a one-hour special that aired on Michigan public television stations, and *MotorTown Music Central* for Detroit PBS - WTVS. Also airing on WTVS was his one-hour prime time special *Blues Detroit Style*. Brown will show film clips and be available for questions.

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