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Robert Bain, an associate professor of history and social science education at the University of Michigan, was recently selected to receive an *Educator of the Year* award from the Michigan Council for Social Studies. Dr. Bain was honored for his role in guiding the development of the Michigan content expectations for secondary social studies and for his ongoing work with Michigan teachers and school districts.

The award, sponsored by MEEMIC Insurance Company, was given to Michigan educators and students who were chosen by the MCSS as “outstanding” in their knowledge of and contributions to Social Studies. At a brief ceremony at the U of M, local MEEMIC representative, Bill Christen of the Gordon Group Insurance Agencies located in Ann Arbor, presented Dr. Bain with a check for \$250.00 and made payable to the University of Michigan.

Dr. Bain said, “We appreciate MEEMIC’s support of the social studies and the work that the University of Michigan is doing to help K-12 students meet the challenges they will face as citizens. Your generous contribution will further our work with Michigan teachers and in area classrooms.”

With colleagues in UM’s School of Education, Bain’s research focuses on ways to help students learn history and the social sciences. Bain, his colleagues and graduate students work closely with teachers, schools and other educational institutions, such as museums, to apply research to improve instruction. Recently, Dr. Bain co-chaired a state-wide task force that helped the Michigan Department of Education develop content expectations for new high school graduation requirements in Economics, Civics, and U.S. and World History/Geography.

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Photo from l to r: Bill Christen, representing the MEEMIC Gordon Group Insurance Agencies, Kristy Mitchell, MEEMIC Marketing Representative and Dr. Robert Bain.