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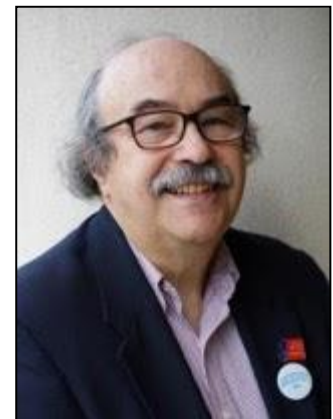
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### **County Clerk Hanlon Announces 2024 Archives & History Day Featured Speaker, Gary D. Saretzky**

*Saretzky served as Monmouth County Archivist for 25 years*

MANALAPAN, New Jersey – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is pleased to announce that Gary D. Saretzky will be the featured speaker at the 29th Annual Archives and History Day on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at Brookdale Community College. Saretzky served as Archivist of the Monmouth County Archives Division of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office from 1994 to 2019 and is also a photographer and educator.

“When you combine Gary Saretzky’s background as Archivist for the Monmouth County Archives with his expertise in photography, he really is an ideal keynote speaker when considering the theme of this year’s event,” said Clerk Hanlon, alluding to the featured exhibit, a photography collection titled “Monmouth County Life Through a Lens: Photographs from the Evans Studio, 1943-1987.”



Saretzky’s keynote address is titled, “19th Century New Jersey: An Introduction to the Garden State’s Amazing Early Photographers.”

After earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from the University of Wisconsin, Saretzky began his career as an archivist in 1968 at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. He soon returned to his home state of New Jersey to become the first archivist for the Educational Testing Service in Princeton.

In 1994, Saretzky was invited to become Monmouth County's Archivist at the invitation of then-County Clerk Jane Clayton, who enlisted his help in making the vast collection of historical records open to the public, an initiative Saretzky successfully spearheaded.

Saretzky was also a longtime instructor at Mercer County Community College and served as Coordinator of the Public History Internship Program for the Rutgers University History Department. He has published more than 100 articles and reviews on the history of photography, photographic conservation and other topics.

"We are pleased to have Gary return to Archives and History Day, an annual event that he started in 1996, to share with us his vast knowledge of the history of photography and photographers," said Julia Telonidis, current Monmouth County Archivist.

Saretzky's keynote address is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at Archives & History Day, which is free and open to the public. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Brookdale's Robert J. Collins Arena.

For more information about Archives and History Day, visit [MonmouthCountyClerk.com/Archives](http://MonmouthCountyClerk.com/Archives) or contact the Monmouth County Archives at 732-308-3771, ext. 3772.

### **About the Monmouth County Archives & Monmouth County Clerk**

The Monmouth County Archives, which operates under the direction of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office, preserves, organizes and provides access to Monmouth County government records of enduring historic value that are retained on a permanent basis. Located in the lower level of the Monmouth County Library's headquarters in Manalapan, the Monmouth County Archives is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Office of the Monmouth County Clerk is comprised of five divisions handling property recordings, elections, archives, passports and records management. The County Clerk's Office also provides resident, veteran and Gold Star Family identification cards to eligible county residents, administers oaths to notaries and public officials and performs wedding ceremonies. The Monmouth County Clerk is a constitutional and administrative officer elected to a five-year term by the voters of Monmouth County. Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. was elected Monmouth County Clerk in November 2015 and was re-elected to a second term in November 2020.

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