

Regional Gathering Speaker Line-up
by Paul Hitch, RG Speaker Chair

We are very excited about our list of speakers for the Regional Gathering this year. In keeping with the SEMMantics 39 – Unlock the Mysteries theme, the Key Note speakers are two FBI Special Agents, who will discuss counter terrorism.

Discover the mysteries of the past with a real life “Indiana Jones”, Raven Garvey, PhD, from the Museum of Anthropological Archaeology. Learn about two of the newest astronomical discoveries, grav waves and colliding neutron stars with Dr. Harry Ringermacher. Take a walk through the “Gardens of the Mind” with Dr. David Michener, Curator of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

Those are just a few of the interesting topics and speakers we will have at the events. The full list is below.

SPEAKERS

Topic	Name	Title
Counter-terrorism	Mara Schneider, JD	Special Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation
Cultural Transmission and Technological Evolution	Raven Garvey, PhD	Assistant Curator Museum of Anthropological Archaeology
Gifted Education in Michigan	Christie McWilliams, EdD	Board Member Michigan Association for Gifted Children
Grav Waves and Colliding Neutron Stars	Harry Ringermacher, PhD	Sr. Research Physicist General Electric Res. Ctr. Adj. Prof. of Physics and Astronomy U. of Southern Mississippi
Gardens of the Mind	David Michener, PhD	Curator Matthaei Botanical Gardens University of Michigan
Alternative Energy	John Freeman, JD	Executive Director Lakes Renewable Energy Association
Two party political system vs. Multi-party political systems	Greg Stempfle	Political Director Libertarian Party of Michigan
Michigan Beekeeping	Terry Toland	President Michigan Bee Keepers Association