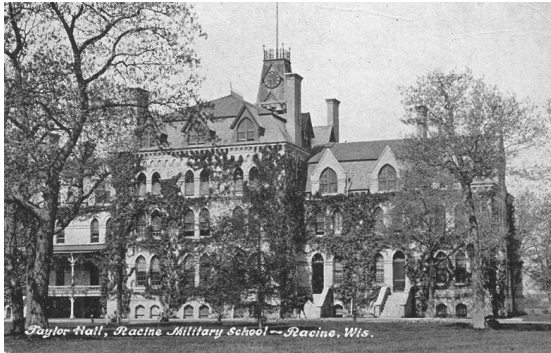


A Place of Learning and Legacy: The DeKoven Story



For more than 160 years, the DeKoven Center campus has stood along the shores of Lake Michigan as a place of learning, reflection, and community life. Originally founded as Racine College in the mid-19th century, the campus has been home to students, clergy, sisters, summer campers, and retreat guests—each generation leaving behind traces of its story.

In this engaging presentation, Rory Graves, Archivist of the DeKoven Center, will share the history of the campus through photographs, archival discoveries, and lesser-known stories drawn from the Center's collections. Active in local history work since 2011.



Monday, April 13, 2026

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Hybrid class: Online through **Yuja** and In-person at Tallent Hall, Room 182



Our Presenter: Rory Graves is a 2019 graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, where they studied history, museum studies, and anthropology. Participants will gain insight into how historical records preserve memory, how the campus has evolved over time, and what these stories reveal about education, community life, and the changing landscape of Racine. Join us for an afternoon of local history, preservation, and the enduring power of place.

Questions? Contact Patti Gross at patriciagross368@yahoo.com

Register by: 04/10/2026.

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