

NJ Social Studies Network News

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NJ Council for the Social Studies

The Annual Fall Conference of the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies will be held on Wednesday, **October 23, 2013**, at Rutgers University in Piscataway. This year's theme is "Social Studies at the Core: Authentic teaching, Learning and Assessment". Join your colleagues for a day of professional development, sharing and discovering new resources and ideas. Get board approval NOW! The conference and membership registration form is available at www.njcss.org (and is attached).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: If you have done a lesson, a unit, an project or used resources that you found really valuable, share your enthusiasm with others! Send a workshop proposal for the NJCSS Annual Fall Conference **October 23, 2013**. The forms are available on the NJCSS website at www.njcss.org. Proposal deadline: **June 1st**.

NJSSSA

The next general NJSSSA meeting will be held on **May 10, 2013** at NJPSA in Monroe, starting at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will include a discussion about Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) with Anthony Fitzpatrick from the NJ Dept. of Education, a presentation from the College Board about the new AP US History curriculum and exam, and the Choices program. To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/NJSSSA-May10th>

Joint membership forms for the conference and membership or membership only for 2013-14 are available at www.njcss.org.

NJSSSA had its second meeting to develop **sample social studies lessons for grades 5-8** on Thursday, April 11. A Context and Framework for Social Studies is available at www.njcss.org. A summary of essential skills and sample units for U.S. and world history aligned with the common core and NJ social studies standards will be available this summer. Contact Arlene Gardner at agardner@njclre.rutgers.edu if you would like to work with this committee over the summer.

NCSS Awards

NCSS is sponsoring several awards. Nominate a deserving New Jersey educator. Nominations are due by **May 31, 2013**:

Award for Global Understanding Given in Honor of James M. Becker

- Co-Sponsored by Longview Foundation
- \$2,000 cash prize
- Up to \$700 in 2012 NCSS Annual Conference travel expenses
- 2012 NCSS Annual Conference presentation Session
- NCSS Conference Registration

NCSS Research Awards

NCSS and the Research Committee sponsor three annual research awards designed to recognize substantive scholarly inquiry in social studies education:

- Jean Dresden Grambs Distinguished Career Research Award
- Larry Metcalf Exemplary Dissertation Award
- NCSS Exemplary Research Award

FASSE Christa McAuliffe Reach for the Stars Award

Co-Sponsored by the NCSS Fund for the Advancement of Social Studies (FASSE)

- \$2,500 Grant
- 2013 NCSS Annual Conference project grant out comes presentation session

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Student Events

The **2013 SPIRIT of the JERSEY State History Fair** is set for Saturday, **May 11**, at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville from 11am-5pm, rain or shine. For additional information visit www.njhistoryfair.org or email historyfair@dep.state.nj.us

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution. If you are interested in seeing students responding to questions about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights and their application in history and today, **Classroom Close-Up** taped the 2013 New Jersey State *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* high school competition. It will be airing on NJTV Sundays, May 12 and June 9th at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays, May 18 and June 15 at 5:30 a.m.

EconChallenge. Tune in to [CEE's Facebook page](#) to watch the Quiz Bowl Finals, live on **May 19, 3:00pm EDT**

The annual state **Project Citizen Showcase** for students in grades 5-12 will be held digitally. Class portfolios prepared in any electronic format (powerpoint, video, website or other digital media) must be received by the NJ Center for Civic Education no later than **May 24, 2013** (and will happily be accepted earlier) at civiced@njclre.rutgers.edu. Projects should identify a public policy issue of concern, summarize research, identify possible solutions and select and promote the solution that the class believes will best solve the problem. This is authentic, cross-curriculum, project-based learning at its best! [Click](#) to see a 5-minute demonstration and discussion by students and teachers from the 2011 *Project Citizen Showcase*. Teachers interested in having their class participate should contact the Center at 848-445-3413 or civiced@njclre.rutgers.edu.

Professional Development: Summer Institutes

The Center for the Constitution at Madison's home, Montpelier, in Virginia, is offering a summer seminar, ***The Constitutional Structure of Government: Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances, July 10-12, 2013***. Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis. Once accepted, applicants must submit a \$50 nonrefundable registration fee. Go to <http://learn.montpelier.org/seminars/179>.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia is offering a five-day summer institute, **July 15-19, 2013**, for K-12 teachers, ***Making Sense of Money and Banking***. Taught by Federal Reserve economists, economic education specialists, and staff from state centers on economic education, the course addresses money, banking, and the Federal Reserve System, with grade-level-specific breakout sessions aimed at providing teachers with usable classroom lesson plans. The course includes a history of central banking and a visit to the sites of early central banking, which are part of Philadelphia's Independence National Historical Park. Registration fee: \$50. Register online at <http://www.philadelphiafed.org/education/teachers/training-programs/index.cfm>

The **New Jersey Council for the Humanities** is offering two five-day Summer Institutes to be held at Kean University: ***Upstream, Downstream: Managing Water, Sustaining Communities, July 14-19, 2013*** and ***From the Textbook to the Polling Booth: Politics in Theory and Practice, July 21-26, 2013***. The Managing Water seminar seeks to look at water through multiple disciplines and will include a water-based poetry and prose bibliography for use in English, History, and Science classrooms. Using the upcoming New Jersey gubernatorial election as a backdrop, the Politics in Theory and Practice seminar will explore key tenets of democratic thought as expressed in works past and contemporary as launching points to prepare their students for active citizenship. For additional information and an application go to <http://njch.org/programs/program-teacher-program/> A registration fee of \$100 is due upon acceptance. Deadline: **May 1, 2013**.

Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, PA, is offering a summer institute, ***Teaching American History & the Medal of Honor Legacy, July 21 - 26, 2013***. Teachers will study modern American international conflicts, including World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan with recognized experts, and meet and interact with Medal of Honor recipients and discover their stories of valor and heroism in the face of mortal danger. Participants will explore the character traits exemplified by MOH recipients and develop classroom curricula that connects students to America's past and prepares them for a future as engaged responsible citizens. They will also visit Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Declaration House, the National Museum of American Jewish History, and the Medal of Honor Grove. Go to <http://www.freedomfoundation.org/GraduateProgram3.cfm>.

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Putting the Pieces Together: Integrating Economic and Civics with History, Geography and the Common Core, a two-day summer institute for middle and high school U.S. history, economics and civics teachers, sponsored by the **NJ Center for Civic Education** and the **NJ Council for Economic Education**, will be held on **July 23-24, 2013** at Rutgers University. The focus will be on economic and civic choices or decisions and their impact and consequences in history (the Constitution, the Civil War, the rise of big business, the great depression) and today. Registration fee: \$50. Application deadline extended to **May 15, 2013**. Go to www.njcss.org for a registration form. (a copy is also attached—Don't wait! Mail your form by May 15th!)

NCSS is offering a series of Summer Institutes:

- ***Teaching With Documents and Works of Art: An Integrated Approach Focus on Photography as Art and Document*** **July 22 –24, 2013** at the National Archives Building and Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
- ***Powerful and Authentic Social Studies*** (PASS—curriculum design, assessment and instruction) **July 22-26, 2013** at Brandman University, Monterey, CA
- ***Strengthening Social Studies Learning and Excellence in the Common Core using Practical, Engaging, Thoughtful Teaching Strategies*** **July 31–August 2, 2013** at the University of Wisconsin, School of Continuing Education Conference Center, Milwaukee, WI
- ***Conducting Socratic Seminars: Focus on Primary Source Documents from US History*** **August 5 –7, 2013** at the American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC

▣ **Get More Information and Register at socialstudies.org/workshops**

The **American Red Cross** is offering a [2013 summer institute](#) for educators on [Exploring Humanitarian Law](#) to be held **July 29-August 1, 2013** at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. Educators will return to their classrooms with an array of tools and resources to teach respect for human life and dignity, the principles and protections of the Geneva Conventions and the role of the Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations in times of armed conflict. A \$150 fully refundable [application](#) fee is required. Accommodation and meals will be covered by the American Red Cross. Stipends are available to help defray travel costs. For questions visit the [EHL website](#), or contact [Phebean Cole](#) at (202) 303-5224 or ehl@redcross.org.

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is offering 23 different travel programs for the summer of 2013: India/Nepal, Italy, Portugal/Spain, Amalfi Coast, Eastern Europe, Budapest to Istanbul, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Comfort Thailand, Thailand/Laos, Cambodia, China, Comfort China, Russia/Mongolia/China, Turkey, Morocco, Peru, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, Kenya/Tanzania, South Africa/Mozambique/Zimbabwe/Botswana. **Registration deadline: June 1st**. The trips are 8 to 24 days in length and are designed to be interesting and affordable for teachers. GEEO provides teachers professional development credit, educational materials and the structure to help them bring their experiences into the classroom. Detailed information can be found at www.geeo.org or call [1-877-600-0105](tel:1-877-600-0105).

World History and Economics is a one-day professional development program for grade 6-12 teachers to be held **August 14, 2013** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Hamilton, NJ. Cosponsored by the **Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the New Jersey Council for Economic Education, and the Council for Economic Education**, the workshop will be taught by the economic education advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and will introduce teachers to a series of simulations, role-playing activities, group activities, classroom demonstrations, and informational texts about world history and economics for middle and high school students. Register online by **August 7** at newjersey.councilforeconed.org/events/.

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If you have information that you would like to share with other New Jersey social studies teachers and/or supervisors, please send it by the end of the month for the next month's E-newsletter to:

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