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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. The conference and membership registration form, as well as a draft conference agenda, are available at www.njcass.org. The conference fee is \$75, which includes a year's membership in NJCSS. The conference fee for supervisors, which includes joint membership in NJCSS and NJSSSA, is \$90. The deadline for registration is October 1st; however, registration forms and checks or purchase orders will be accepted through Oct. 15th. If you do not receive a confirmation before October 23, it means that we have not received your check or purchase order and you should bring a check to the conference. Registration at the door will include a \$10 surcharge. If you are unable to participate in the annual fall conference, you should still join NJCSS. Use the membership and subscription form at www.njcass.org.

NJ Social Studies Supervisors Association

The first meeting of the New Jersey Social Studies Supervisors Association (NJSSSA) for this year was held on Sept. 27th. The focus of the meeting was on Student Growth Objectives. Additional NJSSSA meetings will be held at the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association facility in Monroe on:

January 31, 2014: AP US History and Technology Resources, Constitutional Review & Vote, C3 Framework Follow-Up
May 16, 2014: Common Core and Social Studies, Board Elections, PARCC, Teacher Evaluation Debrief

A link will be available before each meeting for those interested in attending to register.

National Council for the Social Studies

The Annual Conference of the National Council for the Social Studies will be held in St. Louis, MO, **November 22-24, 2013**. Go to the NCSS website at www.socialstudies.org/ for additional information, to become a member and to sign up for the conference.

Middle States Council for the Social Studies

Send a workshop proposal for the annual Middle States Conference, "C3: A World of Inquiry," which will be held on February 21-22, 2014 in Falls Church, VA, by using the vendor/presenter form at <http://www.mscsonline.org/>

Save the dates:

Nov. 22-24, 2013: National Council for the Social Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO
Jan. 29, 2014: Teaching with Primary Sources Workshop for elementary teachers and librarians, Piscataway, NJ
Feb. 5, 2014: *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* High School Competition, Piscataway, NJ
Feb. 12, 2014: Teaching with Primary Sources Workshop for secondary school teachers, Piscataway, NJ
Feb. 21-22, 2014: Middle States Council for the Social Studies Conference, Falls Church, VA
March 19, 2014: NJ Council for the Social Studies Conference for Elementary Educators, Piscataway, NJ
April 7-9, 2014: Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies, Sturbridge, MA

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Student Events

Rho Kappa, the National Social Studies Honor Society for high school students, provides national recognition and opportunities for exploration in the social studies. Sponsored by the National Council for the Social Studies, Rho Kappa is the only national organization that recognizes high school juniors and seniors for excellence in the field of social studies and participation in community service. Consider applying to start a local chapter at your high school. For more information, go to <http://rhokappa.socialstudies.org>.

New Jersey United States Senate Youth Program. Public and non-public high schools may nominate one junior or senior who has shown outstanding academic abilities and demonstrated qualities of leadership while serving in an elected or appointed high school office for the current school year. A student must be recommended by a high school principal and/ guidance counselor in order to receive the application materials and the recommended student must submit his/her completed application packet by **October 11, 2013**. Each state nominates two students. The students receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and participate in a week-long program in Washington, D.C. with the costs paid for by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. To learn more, go to <http://www.state.nj.us/education/educators/rpr/recognition/syp/>

Project StayGold is a student movement to abolish modern day slavery—human trafficking. For example, the Superbowl is a hotbed of human trafficking activity. Every year, thousands are trafficked into the host city of the Superbowl to "entertain" spectators. This year the Superbowl is in New Jersey and Jefferson Township's *Project Stay Gold* has organized a student summit, "Not On Our Turf," at Caldwell College on **October 15th** for students in grades 8-12 to train student leaders to organize and run an awareness event to fight against human trafficking. Interested schools/organizations should go to www.notonourturf.com for more information and to sign up. An advisor must accompany 4-8 students. For questions contact projectstaygold@gmail.com

Holocaust Education program for teachers and their students. The College of Saint Elizabeth's Holocaust Education Resource Center invites teachers and their students in grades 6–12 to attend a special Holocaust education program co-sponsored with the NJ Commission on Holocaust Education on **November 12**, 9:00 a.m.–12 Noon. The program includes testimony of Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter, screening of the documentary film, "The Void: In Search of Memory Lost," and discussion with students and the film's director. There is no charge but pre-registration is required and accepted on a first-come, space-available basis. To register, email teacher name, school, address, subject/grade, number of students, and telephone number to holocaustcenter@cse.edu.

First Freedom Center announces the 21st annual **First Freedom Student Competition**. This **national essay and video contest** offers **9th - 12th grade students** an opportunity to compete for **\$2,500 awards** as they examine the history and implementation of freedom of religion and conscience in American democracy and the world today. This school year's topic asks students to write about international religious freedom. Students will be introduced to Article 18 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the place of religious liberty in U.S. history and U.S. foreign policy. Their task will challenge their analytic skills and require them to assess current-day events in terms of international human rights and history. For the topic, guidelines, registration, classroom poster, student flyer and other details, visit www.firstfreedom.org. The online student registration deadline is Monday, **November 18, 2013**. New Jersey has had several winners over the past ten years.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution provides an understanding of the political philosophy underlying our Constitution and Bill of Rights and their impact in history and relevance to current-day issues. Materials are available for upper elementary, middle and high school grades. An enhanced high school *We the People* e-book is now available at <http://new.civiced.org/resources/publications/ebooks/new-enhanced-ebook>. A statewide high school competition in the format of a simulated legislative hearing is held annually. See a five-minute video about the program produced by Classroom Close-Up at <http://bcove.me/wcuf1cbi>. The 2014 State *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* high school competition will be held on **February 5, 2014**. If you would like to bring a class to participate in the competition or if you would like to observe the competition, contact agardner@njclre.rutgers.edu. The team winning the state competition meets with the winners from 49 other states and 3 territories to compete in the National *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* competition in Virginia and Washington, D.C. in April.

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Project Citizen involves students in understanding public policy and emphasizes responsible participation in local and state government. Students learn how to interact with government agencies to effect change. [Click](#) to see a 5-minute demonstration and discussion by students and teachers from the 2011 *Project Citizen Showcase*. The class project portfolios from 2012 and 2013 are online at <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/pcportfolio.html>. In recognition of New Jersey's 350th anniversary in 2014, the projects for 2013-14 should focus on statewide rather than local issues. To participate in the annual *Project Citizen Digital Showcase*, register your class by **February 14, 2014** by emailing civiced@njclre.rutgers.edu. Class projects for 2013-14 will be accepted until **May 23, 2014**. For additional information about *Project Citizen*, go to <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/projectcitizen.html>

World of 7 Billion Video Contest. Bring technology and creativity into your high school social studies classes by incorporating the World of 7 Billion video contest into your syllabi. Challenge your students to create a short (60 seconds or less) video illustrating the connection between a world population at 7 billion and one of the following: climate change, global poverty, or water sustainability. Students can win up to \$1,000 and their teachers will receive free curriculum resources. The contest deadline is **February 21, 2014**. Full contest guidelines, resources for research, past winners, and more can be found at www.Worldof7Billion.org

Euro Challenge offers 9th and 10th grade students an opportunity to explore the economic and political issues facing the euro area, propose solutions, and compete against other teams from across the United States. Student teams select from a range of challenge issues, such as the debt crisis in Greece, the challenges to growth in Italy, or the aging population in countries like Germany, and research and present their findings during **regional competitions in March**. The top teams then compete in the national finals at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in April. Winning teams earn monetary awards and a trip to Washington DC. To register, visit www.euro-challenge.org/registration.html or contact Chelsea Ziobro at 212-421-2700 or cziobro@wise-ny.org for more information.

The **National Economics Challenge** enables high school students to apply their knowledge of economics in a fun, challenging, and rewarding contest. The Adam Smith Division is for students enrolled in advanced placement economics or international baccalaureate programs and the David Ricardo Division is for students enrolled in one semester or less of general economic courses. The top four teams from the state competitions in each division come to New York City in **May** for the National Economics Challenge Finals. In the final rounds, the students answer rigorous questions on microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, and current events. The format includes a written exam, critical thinking and quiz bowl rounds. For more information, visit the [National Economics Challenge page](#).

New Jersey History Day is an exciting and comprehensive way to address many areas of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. It also provides a unique opportunity to integrate many areas of the curriculum such as English, Science, Technology, Math, Drama, and of course, History. This program gives your students the chance to engage in primary research individually or as a group and to present their findings through papers, projects, performances or media. **The 2014 National History Day theme is "Rights and Responsibilities"**. The state contest will be Saturday, **May 3, 2014** at William Paterson University. Regional competitions will be held in March. Email NJHISTORYDAY@wpunj.edu for further information and look through the website at <http://nj.nhd.org/state.htm> for more details.

NJ350. New Jersey began as a royal gift from the King of England in 1664. In 2014, New Jersey will be turning 350! Numerous events are being planned across the state to celebrate and commemorate the 350th anniversary. *The Star-Ledger* will be publishing "This Week in New Jersey History" starting in January 2014. A series of New Jersey-focused classroom lessons are being developed and will be available online for teachers. For additional information about events and resources, go to <http://www.officialnj350.com>. If you have an outstanding lesson about New Jersey that you would like to share, or if you would like to pilot some of the lessons being developed, please contact agardner@njclre.rutgers.edu.

Professional Development

The **National Constitution Center** will be offering a Special Educator Open House Featuring "Capture the Moment: Pulitzer Prize Photographs" on Wednesday, **October 9, 2013**, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. This event is free for educators and is a traveling exhibit that was developed by the Newseum in association with Business of Entertainment, Inc. If you are interested in attending, call 215-409-6800 or email groupsales@constitutioncenter.org.

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Teach Europe is a free annual workshop for teachers hosted by the Center for European Studies at Rutgers University that will be held on **Friday, October 18, 2013** (8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.). The program is designed for teachers of languages, social studies and history with interests in Europe and provides continuing education credits. The workshops are supported by a number of European consulates and language studies associations and free to teachers. The program will be held at Center for European Studies, on the Douglass Campus, in New Brunswick. The day will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Parking permits will be mailed. To register [click](#) or go to <https://ce-catalog.rutgers.edu/coursedisplay.cfm?schID=52956&check=1>. For further information contact european@rci.rutgers.edu or call 732-932-8551

The **Rutgers Institute for High School Teachers** is offering the following seminars, taught by Rutgers University faculty, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the 2013-2014 academic year:

- Wed., Oct. 16: Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War
- Wed., Oct. 30: Current Democratic Waves in the Middle East and North Africa
- Wed., Nov. 13: Teaching Bram Stoker's *Dracula*
- Fri., Nov. 15: The Centrality of Graphic Illustrations for Teaching World History
- Thurs., Nov. 21: The Culture of the 1960s
- Thurs., Dec. 5: Ceramics and Society in Global History
- Sat., Dec. 7: North America's Spanish and Mexican Frontiers, 1500-1850

Click [here](#) for registration information.

The **New Jersey Geographic Alliance**, along with National Geographic, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, and the Wetlands Institute are offering **FLOW** (Facilitating Learning Through Outdoor Watershed) Education, a professional development program designed for classroom teachers focusing on the history, ecology, and geography of the Delaware Bay Watershed. Two workshops will be offered (9:30-1 p.m. and 12 to 3:30 p.m.) on **October 18th** and **25th** at the Wetlands Institute in Shore Harbor, NJ. Substitute pay and \$300 for teachers when they finish the workshop and the online course. Teachers (grades 4-12) are eligible. Only 12 slots available in each workshop are available. For more information or to register please contact NJGeographicAlliance@gmail.com.

The **Council for Economic Education** is offering a series of workshop in New York City:

- Oct. 24, 4:30-7:30 p.m.: [FOCUS: High School Economics – Focus group on the new edition](#) (9-12)
- Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: [Empowering Women to be Financially Independent in Personal Finance](#)
- Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: [Virtual Economics for Teachers with Common Core Integration](#) (K-12)
- Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: [Teaching Economics Using Children's Literature and Play Dough](#) (K-6)
- Dec. 3, 4:30-7:30 p.m.: [Global Lessons with Common Core Alignment, and How to Apply for Free Trips to Germany](#) (5-12)
- Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: [Google Apps, Gen i Revolution and Board Games to Teach Economics and Personal Finance](#) (5-12)

Visit the [CEE website](#) for information on presenters, workshop locations and how to register for these FREE professional development opportunities. For more information, contact Doug Young, M.Ed, CEPF®, at DYoung@councilforeconed.or

Teaching with Primary Sources: Evidence-Based Learning is a statewide project of the New Jersey Center for Civic Education and the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies. For teachers interested in hands-on workshops to help them develop standards-based classroom activities using primary sources and inquiry-based instructional strategies, a professional development workshop for upper elementary teachers and librarians will be held at Rutgers University on **January 29, 2014**. A day-long workshop for middle and high school social studies teachers will be held at Rutgers University on **February 12, 2014**. An advanced workshop for teachers who have participated in prior professional development and would like to be trained to offer professional development in their school districts will be held on **April 2, 2014**. The goal is not only for students to better understand the past but also to help students develop critical thinking and evidence-based decision-making skills. [Click](#) for additional information and the registration forms.

Princeton University's East Asian Studies Program is offering its annual seminar on Teaching East Asia (China, Japan, Korea) for K-12 teachers. Teachers receive instruction from Princeton faculty in various disciplines, including history anthropology, art, religion, and literature. The seminar leader provides materials and methods for bringing East Asia into the classroom. The Freeman Foundation grant provides texts, curriculum materials, a small stipend, and the opportunity to apply for a subsidized study tour. In the past twelve years, over fifty New Jersey teachers have traveled to East Asia through this

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program. The seminar meets one Saturday per month at Princeton University. For questions and a full brochure and application, email lesley86@hotmail.com

A **Graduate Certificate Program in Holocaust and Genocide Education** will be offered by the College of Saint Elizabeth beginning in spring, 2014. The certificate can be completed in one year, with classes in the late afternoon/early evening and summer. Courses provide educators with knowledge and critical understanding of the Holocaust and contemporary genocide as well as strategies and resources for curriculum development, teaching, and assessment. Those accepted to the program and enroll in the first course, "Genocide and Human Rights in Modern History", may apply for one of ten \$500 Inaugural Scholarships. For course details go to <http://www.cse.edu/herc>. For further information, contact apply@cse.edu.

Awards

The **Council for Economic Education** holds an annual Visionary Awards dinner to honor leaders who believe that economic education and financial literacy for all children promote a better-informed society. In 2012, in addition to honoring Sheila Bair, former chair of FDIC and current advisor to Pew Charitable Trust, **Fred Cotterell** and **Arlene Gardner**, from the NJ Council for the Social Studies, were recognized as Teaching Champions for their efforts to promote economic literacy to create better informed citizens.

On October 22, 2013, in addition to honoring Alan Blinder, former vice-chair of the Board of governors of the Federal Reserve and now at Princeton University, the Council for Economic Education will recognize **Kathleen Brennan** at Mount Saint Mary's Academy in Watchung, NJ, and **Wendy Garcia-Buchanan** at Park Avenue Elementary School in Freehold, NJ, as Teaching Champions. Congratulations to the Teaching Champions in New Jersey!

The **New Jersey Historical Commission** offers an annual Mildred Barry Garvin Prize to a New Jersey teacher, guidance counselor, or school librarian for outstanding curriculum development or teaching of black American history at any grade level K-12. Individuals may be nominated by others, or they may self-nominate. The prize includes an award of \$1,500. To nominate an educational professional submit the nomination form on the New Jersey Historical Commission's website at www.prize. Nominations for the 2014 prize must be submitted by **November 1, 2013** to the NJHC's website at http://www.state.nj.us/state/historical/dos_his-award-form.html.

Resources for Teachers

Election Lessons. The State House Tour Office will be sponsoring **Vote 2013**, a statewide mock gubernatorial election program for New Jersey teachers and their students in grades 4 through 6. Teachers will receive civics based lesson plans and information on the election process in New Jersey. Participating students can be a part of the election by casting their votes for the next governor! To sign-up for the Vote 2013 program, contact 609-847-3150. NJSSA/NJCSS are planning to establish mock elections as a permanent annual event for NJ schools grades 3-12 starting next fall. In anticipation of the special U.S. Senate election on October 16th and gubernatorial and state legislative elections this November 5th, we've put election lessons on www.njcass.org and <http://civiced.rutgers.edu>.

The Old Barracks Museum presents a free Lecture and Book Signing by Author, Stephen Brumwell, Winner of the 2013 George Washington Book Prize for *George Washington: Gentleman Warrior* on Tuesday, **October 15** at 7 p.m. at the Old Barracks Museum, 101 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 Call (609)396-1776 for additional information.

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht. The College of Saint Elizabeth is presenting a free, public program, "*The Future of Survivor Testimony*," on **November 11**, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m., as the opening event for its Week of Holocaust Remembrance. The program is co-sponsored by the Office of the Governor, the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, and the Holocaust Council of MetroWest. For addition information, contact: holocaustcenter@cse.edu.

The **New Jersey Historical Commission** Annual Conference on Saturday, **November 16, 2013**, at Rutgers University Douglass Campus Center, New Brunswick 9:00 – 4:30 will explore the office of the New Jersey governor from the Colonial Era to the present. A panel of former governors will consider the role the media played in their administrations, moderated by MSNBC host of Up, Steve Kornacki. Michael Birkner of Gettysburg College will begin the day with a talk about the unique

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powers of New Jersey's executive and highlight some of the trailblazing governors who personally shaped state history. Marc Mappen, Barbara Salmore and John Wefing will explore 350 years of the governorship in a lively panel discussion. Deadline: November 8, 2013. For more information about the conference visit www.history.nj.gov and <http://governors.rutgers.edu/>.

The **Foreign Policy Research Institute** hosted a conference, "The Creation of Liberal Democracy: Did It Happen in Philadelphia by Accident?" exploring what happened here in the pre-revolutionary and revolution periods; ascertaining the cultural, political and economic prerequisites to the development of liberal societies; and weighing the lessons for the historic transitions of our time and for the US "export" of democracy. A free webcast of the conference is available on the website, www.fpri.org.

New Jersey is the "**Crossroads of the American Revolution**." More revolutionary war events crossed this state than any other. For a listing of events at historic sites near you, go to <http://www.revolutionarynj.org/events/>

The **New Jersey State House Tour Office** offers a field trip to the State House--a unique opportunity to bring to life the classroom lessons on state government, state history, and civics. Walking through the same hallways as historic and current leaders, students in kindergarten through high school witness government in motion and learn the essential role each citizen plays in our state. To learn more about the exciting tours and programs available at the New Jersey State House go to: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/kids/tour_ed_brochure.pdf or call 609-847-3150.

Legislators Back to School. October is National Legislators Back to School Month. However, New Jersey offers this program all year long! If you would like to invite one of your members of the New Jersey State Legislature to your classroom, go to www.njleg.state.nj.us/ to find your members of the state legislature and their contact information. You may also want to contact Dawn Temperino at dtemperino@njleg.org for additional information about planning for your legislator's visit.

SAVE the DATE! The 2014 **SPIRIT of the JERSEYS State History Fair** will be held **Saturday, May 10, 2014**, at Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. It will observe both the Fair's 10th anniversary and NJ's 350th. Additional information and updates will be posted at www.njhistoryfair.org. Inquiries can be addressed to historyfair@dep.state.nj.us or the Office of Historic Sites at 609-777-0238.

Social Studies Issues

The College, Career and Civic Life (C-3) Framework has been developed over the past three years by 20 states (New Jersey was not one of them) and 15 national organizations to help states update their social studies standards and to aid social studies teachers and supervisors strengthen their social studies programs. Use of the C-3 framework is voluntary. Although the New Jersey state social studies standards are not going to be revised any time soon, the C-3 Framework provides a conceptual structure of big ideas that can help teachers and supervisors frame curricular content. Take a look at the C-3 Framework, which is available at www.socialstudies.org/C3.

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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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