

# ***NJ Social Studies Network News***

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**NJCSS Teacher of the Year Award**

**Hanan Attiyah**

Barley Sheaf and Francis A. Desmares Elementary Schools, Flemington

**Meghan Stratton**

T.E. Harrington Middle School, East Windsor

**Marisa Mathias**

Pascack Valley High School, Hillsdale

**Congratulations!!!!**

**NJCSS Annual Conference**

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

***Continuity and Change: Social Studies Education in Our Classrooms***

*Take a look at our Program*

*K-5 Teachers   Psychology Teachers   History/Civics Teachers*

**Register Today**

Exhibitor Registration **Online** **Print** (Due September 5, 2023)

Conference Registration **Online** **Print** (Due October 5, 2023)

**Support NJCSS with Membership Renewal**

**RENEW ONLINE** (Pay by PayPal or PO)

**Read the articles in our current edition of *Teaching Social Studies***

[\*Teaching with Documents: The 1892 Lynching of an African American Man in New York State\*](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[\*The Usage of Film in Teaching History through the Lens of the Civil Rights Movement\*](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[\*British Exacerbation of the Great Hunger 1845-1852\*](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Lesson Based on the Movie Glory](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[The Revolt that Changed Everything: The Haitian Revolution's Immediate Effect on the United States](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 1, Winter-Spring 2023*

[Disciplinary Literacy, Trade Books, and Culturally Responsive Teaching in Middle Grades Social Studies](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[The Failures of the Recovery from the Great Recession](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Bartolomé de Las Casas: Defender of the Indians](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[The Edible Primary Source: Food as a Medium to Teach History](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Chaim Goldberg: Sharing History](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023.*

[Missing in Action: Africans in History Textbooks](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Teaching New York History: Sources for Teachers](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Deliver Us from Evil: "Fallen Women" and The Irish Magdalene Laundries](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[The Evolution of Disability Rights Movements: Great Britain and the United States](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Why We Must Teach African American History](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[NCSS Response to the AP African American Course Controversy](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[The Transformation of Regional Politics in Philadelphia](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[50 Years Ago, "Anti-Woke" Crusaders Came for My Grandfather](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Social Studies Groups Worried State Trying to Downgrade Importance of History, Civics](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Modern Neocolonialism Via Public and Private Entities](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Twentieth Century Women Across Cultures](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

[Why CRT Belongs in the Classroom, and How to Do It Right](#) *Teaching Social Studies: Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer-Fall 2023*

# The NJ Mock Election is Coming – October 17- Nov. 4, 2023

NJ State Assembly & Senate

## Registration

### Project Citizen Showcase Winners for 2023

Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr. High School (Exceptional Rating!)

Ridge High School (Basking Ridge) (Superior Rating!)

[Showcase Results - civiced.org](http://Showcase Results - civiced.org)

[Register for Project Citizen!](#)

[Register for We the People Competition](#)

### High School Mock Trial Competition

High School Mock Trial Competition teacher-coaches can now enter their teams online at our website, [www.njsbf.org](http://www.njsbf.org). To register, [click here](#). There is no charge to enter. **Registration closes on October 22, 2023.**

Our 2021-22 High School Mock Trial Workbook, which contains the rules, procedures & case, will be released by the end of October.

If you have any questions or need more information, contact **Sheila Boro**, director of mock trial programs, at [sboro@njsbf.org](mailto:sboro@njsbf.org).

### U.S. Senate Youth Program

Information

**Deadline to submit applications is Monday, October 10, 2023**

September 29, 2023 - USSYP Principal's Statement of Assurance Deadline

The candidate must be:

A legal permanent resident or citizen of the United States at the time of application;

A resident of New Jersey throughout the 2022-2023 academic year;

Currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade in a public or nonpublic high school in New Jersey through Spring 2023; and

Currently serving (throughout the entire 2022-2023 academic year) in an elected or appointed capacity in a student government, civic or educational organization, such as:

Student body president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer;

Class president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer;

Student council representative, or;

Student representative to an elected or appointed district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organization (e.g., elected officer of National Honor Society, Key Club, Interact, appointed student representative to Board of Education).

Able to attend the entire 2023 Washington Week and

Willing to sign a Code of Conduct to participate in Washington Week.

Criteria for Selection

The Hearst Foundations seek candidates that show:

Outstanding leadership ability;

High scholastic standing;

Effective communication skills;

Interest in America's political processes; and

Strong commitment to community involvement, civic engagement and public service.

***Telling Our Story: Living in New Jersey in the 1770s!***  
***Guillam Demarest, Bergen County***

*My memory is failing me from hunger as I am held prisoner in the Sugar Prison on Liberty Street in New York City. My father visited me four times this week insisting that I should swear an Oath of Loyalty to the king to secure my release and save my young life. I believe in the Declaration of Independence but our army is losing every battle. Help me with my painful decision.*



**My Story   Documentary Video**  
**Visit our 30 stories from 13 NJ counties**

***Gilder Lehrman National History Teacher of the Year Award***  
***Congratulations***



**New Jersey**  
**Joseph Refinski**  
**East Orange STEM Academy High School, East Orange**

[View 2023 State Winners](#)

## **National History Day Winners from New Jersey** ***Congratulations!***

Junior Group Exhibit: Anna Yang, Athira Kasthuri, Matthew Ayn Binder, Sophia Rood

**Rosa International Middle School Cherry Hill, NJ**

“The Forgotten Melody of Freedom: Marian Anderson’s Unconventional Fight for Equality”

TEACHER: Christy Marrella

Senior Group Exhibit: Deepak Menon, Dheeraj Menon

**West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North West Windsor, NJ**

“From Bell Labs to Silicon Valley: How Transistors Became the Key to Unlocking a New Era of Technology” TEACHER: Chris Bond

Junior Individual Performance: Jasmine Marlow

Senior Group Performance: Karen Yang, Xiyang F

## **New Jersey Historical Commission** **Information Coming on the Fall Conference in November**

### **Teacher Resources**

#### **John Barry Day**

**September 13, 2023**

2016 New Jersey Revised Statutes Title 18a – Education Section 18A:36-10 - Designation of Commodore Barry Day  
**September 13** in each year shall be known as Commodore John Barry Day, except when such day shall fall on Saturday, then the day preceding, or on Sunday, then the day following. (L.1967, c.271.)

[Commodore Barry \(ushistory.org\)](http://ushistory.org)

#### **Teaching 9/11**

[The War Room with President Bush](#) (Miller Center)

[911 Memorial](#)

[911 Tribute Museum](#)

[NEA](#)

[Time](#)

#### **Constitution Day is Monday, September 18, 2023**

[Electoral College](#) (National Archives)

[Voting Rights](#) (PBS News)

[How a Bill becomes a Law](#) (U.S. Capitol, Office of the Clerk)

[Constitution for Young Children](#)

[NJ Center for Civic Education](#)

[National Constitution Center](#)

## **Young Patriots Day at Princeton Battlefield Society**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 (Noon to 4:00 p.m.)  
Princeton Battlefield State Park**



Demonstrations & drilling with the New Jersey Grays  
Talk with George Washington and Ben Franklin  
Artillery and Musket firing  
Information tables by area historical organizations and sites  
Living historian demonstrations  
Tours of the Thomas Clarke House & Museum

**REGISTER YOUR FAMILY AT [WWW.PBS1777.ORG](http://WWW.PBS1777.ORG) or email us at [info@pbs1777.org](mailto:info@pbs1777.org)**

## **Eyewitnesses to the American Revolution**

Ten Crucial Days  
Activity Cards and Video Presentations  
[www.pbs1777.org](http://www.pbs1777.org) and on the [NJCSS 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blog](#)

## **Teaching Historical Inquiry**

**[Teaching Historical Inquiry Professional Development](#)**

**October 12, 2023 3-4:30 pm**

## **Brown University's Choice Program**



**[Teaching About Current Issues: Genocide, U.S.-Russia Relations, and More with the Choices Program's Award-winning Curriculum](#)**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023 8:30 am, Leonia, NJ**



Teaching About the Vietnam War, Japanese American Incarceration in WWII, and Other AAPI Topics in the History Classroom

**Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:30 am, Leonia, NJ**

**The E Pluribus Unum Project**  
[theepuproject@gmail.com](mailto:theepuproject@gmail.com)

We, The E Pluribus Unum Project (TEPUP), would like to invite NJ K-12 teachers, curriculum supervisors and K-12 administrators to our inaugural conference, the **Black Asian American Solidarity Professional Development Event** on October 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Princeton University Carl Fields Center. [Here](#) is the link to register.

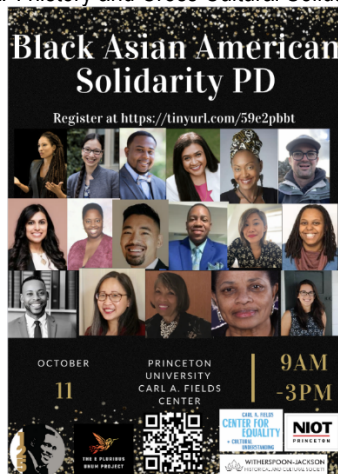
Opening Remarks - Dr. Ruha Benjamin of Princeton University

Keynote Address - Dr. Beth Lew-Williams of Princeton University

Amistad Curriculum - Dr. Patrick Lamy, Executive Director of the Amistad Commission

[Hidden Voices Curriculum](#) - Dr. Khyati Joshi of Fairleigh Dickinson University

There will be ten options for “make-and-take” small group sessions for teachers and curriculum supervisors on Black history, AAPI history and Cross Cultural Solidarity.



## **NJ History Day**

### **Turning Points in History**

*To celebrate our 50th anniversary, NHD's theme will be Turning Points in History. This year's theme invites you to consider questions of time and place, cause and effect, change over time, and impact and significance.*

*A turning point in history is more than just an important event that happened a long time ago. It is more than a new idea or a particular action taken by an individual. A turning point is an idea, event, or action that directly, or sometimes indirectly, causes change.*

#### **NJ History Day Resources**

Margaret Renn, New Jersey State Coordinator

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## **NJ Center for Civic Education**

**Monday, October 9, 2023 (Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day):**  
Infusing Civics, Economics and New Jersey history into High School U.S. History

**High School U.S. History Course Should Include Civics, Economics and New Jersey History: Resources and Professional Development now Available!**

The initial curriculum guide, which will be on the Center's website at <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/civics/high-school-civics-history-and-economics> by fall 2023, includes a variety of suggested civics, economics and New Jersey history lessons, activities, and resources for New Jersey high school teachers to integrate into their United States history course.

A professional development workshop to share, demonstrate and discuss the materials will be held at Rutgers University's Livingston Campus Center in Piscataway on October 9, 2024 (Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day). The workshop is free. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Materials will be provided. If you would like to satisfy this long-standing mandate, which has been codified in social studies standards, or if you are looking for some new ideas to enrich and enliven your U.S. History class, join us. To register go to <https://civiced.rutgers.edu/events/range.listevents/>

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023 (Election Day):**  
Two concurrent workshops: New Jersey History and Government for Grades 3-5 and We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution for Grades 4-8

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023: Engaging Students in Middle School Civics**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Project Citizen (grades 3-12)**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Infusing Civics, Economics and New Jersey history into High School U.S. History**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024: Teaching Controversial issues and Media Literacy (K-12)**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024: Civics for grades K-5**

**Thursday, May 9, 2024: Engaging Students in Middle School Civics**

Contact Bob O'Dell at [ro205@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:ro205@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) or Arlene Gardner at [arlenega@sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:arlenega@sas.rutgers.edu) with any questions.



**Protecting Human Rights, Human Dignity, and the Environment:**

**75 YEARS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

**Conference, 9 am - 1 pm**

**Montclair State University**

**Contact: John Terry, [jterry@bernardsboe.com](mailto:jterry@bernardsboe.com)**

**Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education**

**Saint Elizabeth University**

**Morristown, NJ**

**[Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education](#)**

**Richard Quinlan, Director, Phone: (973) 290-4351, [holocaustcenter@steu.edu](mailto:holocaustcenter@steu.edu)**

September 12, 2023, 7 :00 p.m. Barbara Gilford will discuss her book, “Heart Songs: A Holocaust Memoir.”

September 28, 2023, 5:00 p.m. Deborah Levine will discuss her film “Ritchie Boy: Untold Stories of a World War II Liberator.”

October 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Bernice Lerner will discuss her “All the Horrors of War: A Jewish Girl, a British Doctor, and the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen.”

October 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Anna Eisen is the author of 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm: A Holocaust Memoir, Pillar of Salt: A Daughter’s Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust, and an upcoming film, “In My Father’s Words.”

November 8, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Adi Rabinowitz, Director of Activist Holocaust Education.

December 4, 2023, 12:00 p.m. Providence Umugwaneza, will discuss her work, “Next Couple Hours” on the 1995 Rwandan Genocide.

***Bring Ford’s Theatre in Washington to Your Students***

**Virtual Investigation: Detective McDevitt**

Grades: 5+ | Length: 60 Minutes | \$50 – \$100

Assist Detective James McDevitt as he investigates the assassination of President Lincoln. Revisit sites and reexamine clues from April 14, 1865. In this interactive, theatrical program, participants will interact with historical characters portrayed by an actor, examine primary source images and hear witness statements. \*Regular Price: \$100 per session. Public School Teacher Price: \$50 per session.\*



### **Virtual Visit: Ford's Theatre**

Grades: 5+ | Length: 40 Minutes | Free

Look inside Ford's Theatre National Historic Site. Using high-quality photographs, this interactive program will show participants inside Ford's Theatre and the presidential box, inside Petersen House and the room where President Lincoln died; and select artifacts from the Ford's Theatre museum.



### **Exploring Lincoln in Washington**

Grades: 3+ | Length: 60 Minutes | Free

Ford's Theatre and The National Mall and Memorial Parks explore what Washington, D.C., was like for President Lincoln and how the city has grown and changed over the last 150+ years. Examine the U.S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and Ford's Theatre. In this interactive program, participants will look closely at historic and contemporary images of Washington D.C. including maps, photographs and illustrations.

**Book a Virtual Field Trip**

**The Informed Citizen Blog**  
**NJ State Bar Association**



<https://njsbf.org/blog/the-informed-citizen/>

Great resources and perspectives on issues

**Teaching Strategies for SEL, Civic Character, and Democracy  
within Subject Areas and for Youth Engagement in School and Community**

**STAT Lesson Plans**

Be on the lookout for our new and improved lesson sharing database on the STAT Website! These lessons shared below will not be available on the SECD Lab website until later this Fall.

**[Respectful Debate: Are those with disabilities still invisible in America?](#)**

Target Grade Level: 5-8

In this lesson students will engage in a respectful debate, listen to opposing ideas they may not agree with, regulate their emotions, build collective understanding and empathy for individuals with disabilities. Such skills are necessary for students to practice to support their efficacy in participating in and leading respectful debates for healthy civil discourse.

[Teaching Hard History: Grades K-5](#)

[Teaching Hard History: Grades 6-12](#)

[Social Justice Standards: The Learning for Justice Anti-Bias Framework](#)

[STAT Resources](#)

**Climate Education Resources**

The NJCSS is collecting Best Practices lessons you did with your students last year. Send them to Hank Bitten [hb288@sasmailrutgers.edu](mailto:hb288@sasmailrutgers.edu)

- [Making the Grade? How State Public School Science Standards Address Climate Change](#)
- [State-Level Legislation Concerning K-12 Climate Change Education](#)
- [The Campaign for Climate Literacy](#)
- <https://climate-literacy.org/cl-resources/>
- <https://climate-literacy.org/state-policy/policy-toolkit/#assess-your-state-standards>

## **Just for Students!**

### **Prakhin International Literary Foundation Award** ***The Truth about the Holocaust and Stalinist Repression***

[www.prakhin.org](http://www.prakhin.org)

“The Truth about the Holocaust and Stalinist repression” award recognizes the best literary work by students of high schools and college in efforts to involve students who should learn from the hardships of our ancestors. The goal is to teach students human values such as compassion, forgiveness and tolerance.

Every year, we grant awards to the literary and artworks that stands out to us the most.

**The submission deadline for all work is on December 30, 2023.**

Contact Information: [ludmilaprakhina@msn.com](mailto:ludmilaprakhina@msn.com); phone: 201-741-0833; w-site: [www.prakhin.org](http://www.prakhin.org)

## **Professional Conferences**

**NJCSS Fall Conference – Monday, October 23, 2023**

**Get your PD application to your BOE Today!**

**Preview our Standards-Based Workshops!**

**Conference Registration with Membership through 8/23** (print version)

**Conference Registration** (Due October 10, 2022) (print version)

**Exhibitor Registration** (Due September 5, 2022) (print version)

**NJ Historical Commission**

**– Likely Date Nov. 2023**

**NJ Council for History Education**

**Princeton University – Dec. 1, 2023**

**Keynote Speakers:** Lindsay Chervinsky, Allen C. Guelzo, and Linda Colley

**Register Today!**

**NCSS Future Conferences – PLAN AHEAD!**

**Nov. 22-24, 2024 -Boston, MA**

**Dec. 5-7, 2025 - Washington, D.C.**

**Dec. 4-6, 2026 - Chicago, IL**

**<https://www.socialstudies.org/conference/future-ncss-annual-conferences>**

## **NJ Council for the Social Studies (NJCSS)**

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## **NJ Social Studies Supervisors Association (NJSSSA)**

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*Vice-President,* Aldo Deodino

*Secretary,* Cindy Assini

*Treasurer,* Steven Maher

### ***Schedule of Meetings for 2023-24***

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

in person at NJPSA in Monroe 9AM-3PM (breakfast and lunch served)

**Friday, January 26, 2023** Virtual 9AM-12PM

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

in person at NJPSA in Monroe 9AM-3PM (breakfast and lunch served)