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NJ Council for the Social Studies

NJCSS Spring Conference for Teachers (K-6)

"Teaching Time, Place, and Citizenship!"

Tuesday - **March 14, 2017** at Rutgers - Busch

Information is on our website: www.njcass.org

Call for Proposals - NJCSS Spring Conference for K-6 Teachers - March 14, 2016 "Teaching Time, Place and Citizenship!" Deadline is December 1, 2016. Visit

www.njcass.org for the application for proposals. Workshops are one hour and should be interactive. The conference is at the Busch Student Campus Center at Rutgers University.

Fall Conference: We a great day! View our Photo

Gallery: <https://goo.gl/photos/ff4vxM2Jhy8hDSGx7>

Teacher of the Year: Katelyn Mahaffey, Pascack Regional District
Presentation to Arlene Gardner for her leadership in Civics and Social Studies curriculum



MEMBERSHIP: NJCSS membership and joint membership with NJSSSA runs from Sept. 1 of each year through Aug. 31 of each year. Membership includes this enewsletter, a biannual journal, resources for "Members Only" on the njcss.org website and reduced fees for professional development opportunities. A membership registration form is online at www.njcass.org . Join us!

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National Council for the Social Studies

SAVE THE DATE: The annual NCSS conference will be held on **December 2-4, 2016** in Washington, D.C. Go to <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference> for information.

NCSS is preparing a book, *Global Learning with the C3 Framework in the K-12 Social Studies Classroom*. If you have a lesson that directly aligns with the C3 Framework and shows ways in which an inquiry approach to global learning can be interwoven into history, economics, geography, civics, psychology, sociology or anthropology, submit it for review. To learn more about this project, or to submit a lesson plan or idea for review go to <http://tinyurl.com/zps5665>.

National Council for History Education

Annual Conference at Princeton University -

Fri. Dec. 2, 2016 *Equality and Inequality in History*.

"Transatlantic Slave Trade" - Prof. Greg Grandin (NYU)

"Empire Building" - Joanne Freeman (Yale)

"Hamilton vs. Jefferson: Once More with Feeling!" -

Peter Onuf (University of Virginia)

Information: www.nche.org

NCHE National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia -

March 30 - April 1, 2017. "*Histories Seen and Unseen*"

Information: <http://www.nche.net/conference>

Conferences!!!! (see details in this section of our newsletter)

Nov. 17 - William Paterson University-Thomas Jefferson

Nov. 18-19 - NJ Historical Comm. (College of St. Elizabeth)

Dec. 2 - NJCHE at Princeton

Dec. 2-4 - NCSS in Washington, DC

Jan. 5-8 - AHA in Denver, CO

Feb. 24-25 - Middle States SS - Rehoboth Beach, DE

Mar. 14 - NJCSS at Rutgers (K-6)

Mar.30 - NCHE in Atlanta, Georgia

April 6-9 - OAH in New Orleans

The New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the *2016 New Jersey Forum on **November 18th & 19th** at the College of Saint Elizabeth in historic Morristown. This year's event will celebrate the National Park Service (NPS) centennial and the state's unique environmental history, in addition to traditional aspects of New Jersey's rich and diverse history.

The NJHC is also thrilled to have Pulitzer Prize-winning and /New York Times/-bestselling author DAN FAGIN (*Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation*) as the Forum's keynote!

Two great tours of Morristown are also being offered on November 18th and will be available on a first come, first serve basis as space is limited.

32nd Annual Abram Kartch Thomas Jefferson Lecture

Series: "Slavery, Race, and the Long Road to Freedom in Jeffersonian New Jersey" Nov. 17 at William Paterson University (9:30- 11:00 a.m.)

Middle States Council for Social Studies

Theme: *Social Studies: A Road Map for Social Justice*

February 24-25, 2017 (Friday-Saturday)

Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, Rehoboth, DE

Early Registration: \$90

Call for Proposals: <http://www.midstatescouncil.org/call-for-presenters/>

Registration: <http://www.midstatescouncil.org/conference-registration/>

Student Events (#StudentEvents)

Euro Challenge 2017 - Registration is now open:

<http://www.euro-challenge.org/wordpress/register-2/>

The Euro Challenge is an exciting educational opportunity for high school students in Grades 9-10 to learn about the European Union (EU) and the euro. Student teams of three to five students are asked to make presentations answering specific questions about the European economy and the single currency, the euro. They are also asked to pick one member country of the "euro area" (the 19 EU member countries that have adopted the euro so far), to examine an economic problem at the country level, and to identify policies for responding to that problem.

The Euro Challenge is a program launched by the [Delegation of the European Union to the United States](#) in partnership with The Moody's Foundation and with the [Federal Reserve Bank of New York](#) serving as program advisor.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards: This award honors students in grades 5–12 who have engaged in a community service project during the last 12 months. Winners receive \$1,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC. Deadline: [November 8, 2016](#).

Rutgers Model United Nations will take place at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, NJ, **December 1-4, 2016**. High school students simulate various committees at the United Nations and create resolutions revolving around inter-culturalism. Students develop public speaking skills, practice collaboration, and build confidence. Scholarships are available to low-income students. Staff can organize workshops and training sessions for schools interested in the program. Visit <http://modelun.com/rumun/> or contact tiffany.chow@idia.net for more information.

NJ National History Day - "Taking a Stand in History"

Organize your team now and register before February 1, 2017. Information about the regional competition is at <http://nj.nhd.org/state.htm>. The national competition is at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 11-15, 2017.



The New Jersey Center for Civic Education sponsors an annual New Jersey State ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*** Competition for high school classes. This year it will be held on **January 25, 2017** at Rutgers University in Piscataway. Contact Arlene Gardner at agardner@njclre.rutgers.edu if you are interested in bringing a competing class or observing the state competition. ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*** focuses on the political philosophy that underlies the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights and is an excellent supplement or stand-alone resource for a U.S. History, U.S. Government or Law class. Specifically designed materials are available for upper elementary, middle and high school levels. If you are interested in considering this program you can have **free** 28-day access to the eBook by going to www.civiced.org. Additional information about ***We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution*** is available at <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/wethepeople.html>.



Project Citizen involves students in understanding public policy and emphasizes responsible participation in local and state government. The New Jersey Center for Civic Education sponsors an annual State Project Citizen Digital Portfolio Showcase for grades 3-12. Digital portfolios are due **June 2, 2017**. The middle and high school class projects with the highest scores will be sent to the National Project Citizen Showcase. [Click](#) to see a 5-minute demonstration and discussion by students and teachers. For additional information about *Project Citizen* and to see projects from the last four years go to <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/projectcitizen.html>. Contact Arlene Gardner at agardner@njclre.rutgers.edu with any questions.

World of 7 Billion Student Video Contest

Deadline: Feb. 23, 2017

Students create a short video (up to 60 seconds) about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: climate change, ocean health, rapid urbanization. All videos must include how population growth impacts the issue and at least one idea for a sustainable solution. Sponsor: Population Education www.worldof7billion.org and www.populationeducation.org

International Student/Teacher Essay Contest:

The Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs has opened a competition to teachers and students anywhere in the world. Essay topic: Nationalism. Deadline: [December 31, 2016](#).

Classroom Debates: The National Forensic League Debate Topics are online at: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/>

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2016 Sept/Oct
Resolved: Countries ought to prohibit the production of nuclear power.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 2016 Nov/Dec
Resolved: The United States ought to limit qualified immunity for police officers.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Novice Topic
Resolved: Civil disobedience in a democracy is morally justified.

Public Forum Debate – 2016 Sept/Oct Topic Area: U.S. Constitution
Resolved: In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students.

Public Forum Debate – 2016 Nov Topic Area: Fourth Industrial Revolution
Resolved: On balance, the benefits of the Internet of Things outweigh the harms of decreased personal privacy.

Policy Debate – 2016-2017 Topic
Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.

Big Questions – 2016-2017 Topic
Resolved: Science leaves no room for free will.

The U.S. Department of State Announces Scholarships for American High School Students to Study Abroad

The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program offers merit-based scholarships to study for an academic year in countries that may include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, and Turkey. This program increases understanding between people in the United States and people in countries with significant Muslim populations. Students live with host families, attend local high schools, do community service, and complete a capstone project. Applications for academic year 2017-18 programs are due [December 1, 2016](#). Visit yes-abroad.org for more information.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) offers merit-based scholarships to study for an academic year in Germany. The program was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. For more information and application deadlines, visit the organization in charge of recruitment for your state at usagermanyscholarship.org.

Hosting an International exchange Student -, Consider hosting a Department of State- sponsored exchange student. Learn more at hosting.state.gov



International Education Week: Nov. 14-18 Celebrate global education, international exchange, and international travel. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences. **Get Involved!!!!**

Join a special [#GlobalEdChat](https://twitter.com/GlobalEdChat) on Thursday, November 17, at 8 pm Eastern, with co-hosts U.S. Department of Education and Peace Corps!



Professional Development #ProfessionalDevelopment



A five-day **We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution** Summer Institute for 25 middle and high school U.S. history, government or law teachers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware will be held at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, **July 9-14, 2017**.

The program includes lectures and discussions with historians and constitutional scholars, as well as lesson demonstrations and discussions with experienced classroom teacher-mentors. It also includes two follow-up workshops in fall 2017. Room and board for the full five-day program are covered. Travel costs will be reimbursed. Participating teachers will receive a certificate for 40 hours of professional development and a free set of classroom materials. When the participants teach their U.S. history or government class next fall enhanced by the **We the People** professional development, they will receive a \$500 stipend. Teachers from high needs districts are encouraged to apply. Interested New Jersey teachers should complete the Teacher Agreement at <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/wethepeople.html> by **March 31, 2017**. Contact Arlene Gardner, Ex. Dir., NJ Center for Civic Education, at agardner@njclre.rutgers.edu with any questions.



Enjoy History by Enjoying Food!

Join us at the Edgewater Community Center on **Friday, Nov. 4 from 4-6 p.m.** as we examine the teaching tool of using food studies to motivate and heighten social studies units by cooking up a bit of world history as we learn the food ways of empanadas by tracing their routes from the Ottoman Empire to present day Latin American countries. This class will be taught by Briana Nurse, a veteran educator who specializes in history and culinary integration. Participants will create modern adaptations of historical ingredients and techniques. Register at briana@ediblehistory.org. Cost is only \$15.

The Choices Program at Brown University

There are two participatory workshops in New Jersey for **Engaging Students in International Issues** (Grades 7-12)

Nov. 2 8:30 am-3:00 pm - Leonia

The Middle east in Transition: Questions for U.S. Policy and colonization and Independence in Africa

Nov. 3 8:30 - 3:00 pm - Moorestown

Confronting Genocide: Never Again? and Colonization and Independence in Africa

Registration: <http://choices.edu/pd/intro-workshops> (\$145)

George Washington Teacher Institute
Martha Washington and the Women of the 18th Century
(March 16-19, 2017)

Slavery in George Washington's World (March 30-April 2, 2017) jjecha@mountvernon.org

Resources for Teachers [#ResourcesforTeachers](#)



Lessons integrating New Jersey history. Over 30 lessons with correlations to New Jersey and common core standards, primary source documents and images and other handouts, focus questions, objectives, and links to videos and additional resources and relevant places to visit in New Jersey, are available online at <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/njlessons.html> and www.njcss.org (under resources).



To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of New Jersey, the New Jersey Historical Commission has sponsored the development of a series of 90 second videos, ***“It Happened Here in New Jersey,”*** highlighting innovation, diversity and liberty in the history of New Jersey. The videos are available on the Commission’s website at <http://nj.gov/state/historical/>, and the NJ350 website at <http://officialnj350.com>, along with lessons.

Teacher Appreciation Day at Rutgers - Nov. 5. Rutgers is offering discount tickets for their home football game against Indiana University. Call 866 445-4687 or email tickets@scarletknights.com

Online Education Resources

Teaching About Lincoln

Looking for resources to teach the Lincoln assassination and its legacy? Want to prepare your students to visit **Ford’s Theatre**? Or want to visit Ford’s Theatre virtually? Check out our new guides to online education resources, with how-tos as well as lesson ideas. Have a resource you want to see? Let us know at education@fords.org!

Jersey Spirits: Prohibition from Flappers to Bootleggers

Morris Museum through December 11

Step back in time to a period of flappers and suffragists, bootleggers and leaders of the temperance movement. *Jersey Spirits* is an exhibition about the tumultuous Prohibition era in the Garden State. Experience the battle between the Wets and the Dries through fashions of the Roaring 20’s, authentic barware and flasks, historic photographs, and more.

C-3 Framework. New York has created a toolkit for K-12 social studies educators to help them implement the four dimensions of the C-3 inquiry arc:

- [Kindergarten-Grade 4 Inquiry Topics and Key Ideas](#)
- [Grades 5-8 Inquiry Topics and Key Ideas](#)
- [Grades 9-12 Inquiry Topics and Key Ideas](#)

The **National History Teacher of the Year Award** highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. Past presenters of the award include First Lady Laura Bush, the Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor, and Good Morning America anchor Robin Roberts. Nominate an outstanding history teacher for the National History Teacher of the Year Award for 2017. Nomination Form:

<https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-exhibitions/national-history-teacher-year-nomination-form>

Paul Gagnon Prize: The Paul Gagnon Prize is presented to a K–12 history teacher who exhibits exceptional historical scholarship or an individual or group that has <http://www.nche.net/awards>

Face the Future: A Game About the Future of Empathy: Facing History and Ourselves is bringing together students and educators from around the globe to play an online game that imagines what a better future for society might look like in 2026. Sign up: [November 13–14, 2016](#).

Just Opened! National Museum of African American History and Culture

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/> Explore the digital collection on family, music, slavery, segregation, military, religion, etc.

The Election 2016

[#Social Studies Issues](#)



Plan Now for Inauguration Day!

Inauguration Day is on Friday, January 20, 2017 and even though we do not know the results at this time, the outcome will be of historic importance. To avoid any interruptions to the curricular programs in your school, now is the time to plan educational activities and lessons with the administration.

The most important time for students to watch the inauguration is between 12 - 1:00, although television coverage going to the U.S. Capitol will also be interesting for students.

Consider the following:

- Opportunity for students to watch the inauguration during lunch is a separate area of the cafeteria.
- Asking all teachers to allow students to watch the inauguration (or a short segment) at a designated time.
- Schedule a program in the auditorium for a large group of students to watch the inauguration.
- Plan social studies lessons for the morning classes on the American presidents or the issues to be addressed in the President's speech.
- Plan a Citizenship Day Program: Since Monday, Jan 16, is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, collaborate with other departments to plan a program with a guest speaker(s) in the morning followed by coverage of the inauguration at noon.

Veterans' Day Programs and Resources.

Veterans Adm. <http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/docs/schoolkit.pdf>

NEA: <http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/veterans-day-activities-intro.html>

Nat. History Clearing House:
<http://teachinghistory.org/spotlight/veterans-day>

Veterans National Education Programs
<http://v-nep.org/>

Veterans Foreign Wars
<http://www.vfw.org>

Also:

- Consider a breakfast or lunch for Veterans in your school or community
- Ask students and faculty to nominate veterans and read their names over the PA at the beginning of each class period.
- Consider a display of small flags to honor veterans.

Field Trips = Experiential Learning!

Discover history and culture



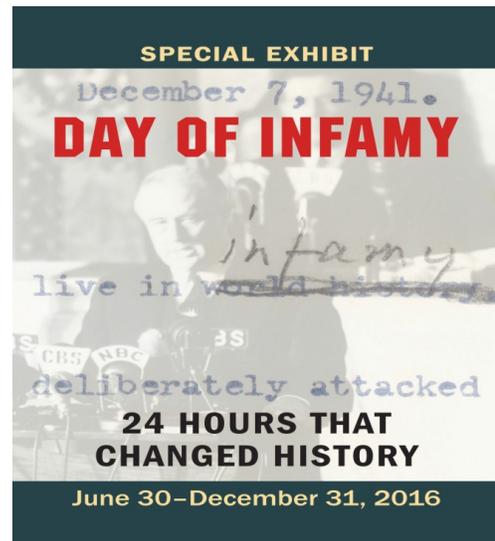
Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC

<http://www.mjhnyc.org/>



Great Falls District National Park - Paterson, NJ

<https://www.nps.gov/pagr/index.htm>



<https://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm>

FDR Home, Museum, and Library (Also, visit Val kill, the home of Eleanor Roosevelt and the Vanderbilt Mansion.) *Day of Infamy* exhibit closes on Dec. 31, 2016.



Battleship New Jersey Museum & Memorial

<http://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/visit/group-tours/>



Thomas Edison House

<https://www.nps.gov/edis/index.htm>



Museum Village in Monroe, NY

<http://museumvillage.org/>

Museum Village is a unique and inviting open-air historical museum which offers visitors the opportunity to explore vignettes of 19th century American life. Using a large collection of eclectic artifacts, the museum provides hands-on educational experiences and exhibits that illustrate the transition from a rural to an industrial culture and economy in America.



Thomas Edison Laboratory in West Orange

<https://www.nps.gov/edis/index.htm>



The Hermitage

Site of the marriage between Aaron Burr and Theodosia Prevost

<http://www.thehermitage.org/>



Old Barracks Museum in Trenton

<http://www.barracks.org/visit.html>