

NJ Social Studies Network News

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NJCSS Annual Conference

Monday, October 23, 2023

Continuity and Change: Social Studies Education in Our Classrooms

Visit the Link to Conference on our website to take a look at our Program

K-5 Teachers Psychology Teachers History/Civics Teachers

Register Today

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

All registered teachers should have received a confirmation email. If you have not received one, send an email to hb288@sasmailrutgers.edu. There is often a delay when registrations are sent through the Business Office in your district and we want to be sure everyone is registered and has the information they need for parking on the Busch campus.

Support NJCSS with Membership Renewal

[RENEW ONLINE](#) (Pay by PayPal or PO)

Project Citizen Showcase Winners for 2023

Note Correction: We apologize for listing Ridgefield Park with an Exceptional Rating in our September newsletter. The correct rating is “Superior!”

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

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

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

[Register for Project Citizen!](#)

[Register for We the People Competition](#)

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

NJ State Assembly & Senate and Current Issues

[Registration](#)

Voter Registration in New Jersey

November 7, 2023 – Election Day

To register in New Jersey, you must be:

A United States citizen

At least 17 years old, though you may not vote until you have reached the age of 18

A resident of the county for 30 days before the election

A person not serving a sentence of incarceration

The registrant must complete a Voter Registration Application and/or Party Affiliation Form.

Mail or deliver the Voter Registration Application and/or Party Affiliation Form to the [County Commissioner of Registration or Superintendent of Elections](#) for your county.

The registration deadline to vote in the next election is 21 days prior to Election Day. Tuesday, October 17, 2023

<https://nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

Early Voting: October 28, 2023 – November 5, 2023

Mail-in Ballot Request Deadline: October 31, 2023, In-person request by: November 6, 2023 by 3:00 pm

Completed Mail-in Ballot Return Deadline: November 7, 2023, Post received: November 13, 2023

High School Mock Trial Competition

High School Mock Trial Competition teacher-coaches can now enter their teams online at our website, 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.

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! **Prisoner Exchange, Middlesex County**

During the first battle of the Revolution on August 27-29, over 20,000 soldiers in our Continental army were captured. Are they prisoners of war since England does not recognize our Declaration of Independence or are they held illegally since they are British citizens? Will our young men die from starvation or disease in the coming weeks. Is it possible to negotiate their release or the release of some? I am writing a secret message to someone on one of the prison ships but fear that this may be viewed as treason. Should I wait for a foreign government in Europe to offer help?



[Our Story](#) [Documentary Video](#)

Teacher Resources

Remembering the Ladies: Material Culture & the Women of the American Revolution

A Professional Development Workshop for Educators

Tuesday October 17, 2023 @ 10am - 3:00pm

Dey Mansion Washington's Headquarters 199 Totowa Rd.,
Wayne NJ 07470

Join **Museum Curator Jessica Bush** and **Dr. Lucia McMahon of William Paterson University** for a full day immersive learning experience dedicated to the women of the American Revolution. Educators will gain new insights into the multifaceted role that women played during this period of history and discover how the use of material culture as a primary source can strengthen historical inquiry in the classroom.

Reservation Deadline is October 10, 2023

To register call 973-706-6640 or email jessicab@passaiccountynj.org

Participants receive a certificate for 5 hours of professional development

Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided

Eyewitnesses to the American Revolution

Ten Crucial Days

Activity Cards and Video Presentations

www.pbs1777.org and on the [NJCSS 250th Anniversary Blog](#)

Teaching Historical Inquiry (OER Project)
Teaching Historical Inquiry Professional Development

October 12, 2023 3-4:30 pm

New Jersey Historical Commission

Unfinished Revolution:

New Perspectives on the American Revolution in New Jersey

Date: November 17, 2023

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ

[Tickets Available Here](#)

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

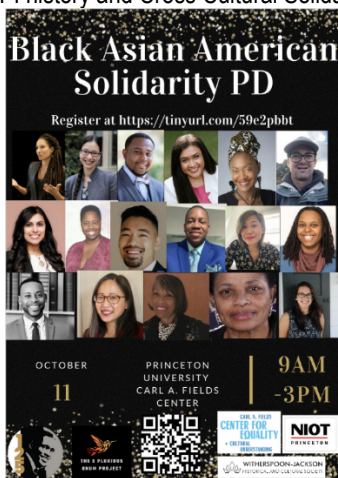
Thursday, February 1, 2024 8:30 am

Leonia, NJ

The E Pluribus Unum Project theepuproject@gmail.com

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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Professional Development Opportunities at Japan Society

[Japan in Human Geography I: Political Patterns & Agriculture/Culinary Tradition \(Online\)](#) – Flyer attached
Sat., Oct 28, 10am-12:30pm ET CTLE hours available for NYS teachers

[The Rise of Modern Japan \(Online\)](#)

Sat., Oct 7, 1 – 3pm ET In collaboration with U.S.-China Institute at *University of Southern California*

[The “Japanese Turn” in the Art, Architecture and Cuisine of Europe and The United States \(Online\)](#)

Sat., Oct 21, 12 – 2pm ET In collaboration with U.S.-China Institute at *University of Southern California*

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

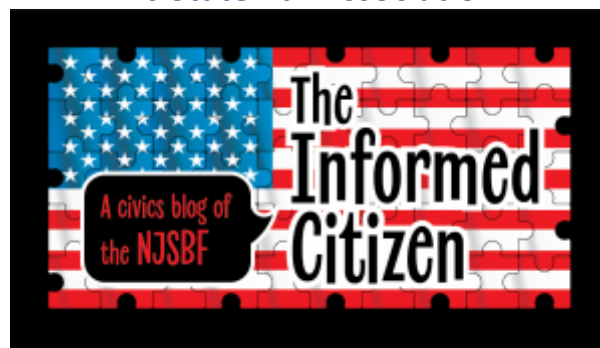
Wednesday, April 3, 2024: Teaching Controversial issues and Media Literacy (K-12)

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 or Arlene Gardner at arlenega@sas.rutgers.edu with any questions.

The Informed Citizen Blog NJ State Bar Association



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

Great resources and perspectives on issues

Protecting Human Rights, Human Dignity, and the Environment:

75 YEARS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 (9 am - 1 pm)

Montclair State University

Contact: John Terry, 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

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 23rd 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.

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

Discuss and Debate these Possible Solutions

United Arab Emirates COP 28 Climate Change Conference

November 30 – December 12, 2023

December 8th: In line with the Youth, Children, Education and Skills thematic, programming on the T&I Hub Stage will focus on the role of technology in reducing the impact of climate change on the youth and the need to drive youth inclusion in climate action. Day 8 will examine technology solutions facilitating education and skills for climate, future-proofing education through tech literacy and empowering the youth through technology. It will also explore the role played by open knowledge sources and online platforms in enabling empowerment of the youth.

What is the most efficient strategy to reach Net Zero through energy transition technology? [Princeton University](#)

New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution Announces Scholarship Contests for 2023 - 2024

New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution announces Youth Education Contests, Programs, and Grants for grades 3 to 12 and the SAR History Teacher of the Year Grant. These include an

Elementary School Poster Contest

Middle School Brochure Contest

High School Essay Contest, High School Oration Contest

Eagle Scouts Program

Junior ROTC Program

2023 Reverend John Witherspoon American History Teacher of the Year Grant.

Awards range from \$25 for the Elementary poster contest to \$600 for the High School contests. State winners will be submitted to the National Society for entry into the national competition and additional scholarship prizes. National awards have scholarships of up to \$5,000 for the high school levels. For more information about the New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution Council of Youth Programs, along with other teaching resources about the American Revolution, visit www.njssar.org/edu

The 2022 SAR History Teacher of the Year Grant was awarded to **Robert N. Schulte**. Mr. Schulte teaches 8th grade Social Studies at **Reynolds Middle School, Hamilton (Mercer) Township School District**. Mr. Schulte has led seminars at the National Council for Social Studies on the importance of teaching the American Revolution. For more information about Mr. Schulte, visit www.njssar.org/schulte

Contact: Roger S. Williams
Chair, Education Committee
New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution
609-389-5657

Just for Students!

Prakhin International Literary Foundation Award

The Truth about the Holocaust and Stalinist Repression

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; phone: 201-741-0833; w-site: www.prakhin.org

Panasonic Foundation and the Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning *Eco Citizenship Contest*



The Panasonic Foundation and FILL have collaborated for ten years in New Jersey and five years in Colorado to provide the Student Eco Citizenship Program at no cost to classrooms in these states. This is an important contest and activity supporting our interdisciplinary learning standards for Climate Education in Social Studies.

The 2023-2024 program is open for registration and will continue to ask students in grades 5-8 to define environmental issues, create actions to solve the issue, apply the actions in their community to help solve the problem and lastly evaluate their actions conducted and share their results.

Student teams will be able to submit their work into the annual Eco Diary competition.

Ten New Jersey student teams and five Colorado student teams will be awarded prizes along with their teacher!

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE!

EMPOWER AND EDUCATE TOMORROW'S ECO CITIZENS

FREE lessons and resources for grades 5-8.

- 1 Student teams create a solution to an environmental issue
- 2 Implement the solution
- 3 Document outcomes in an eco diary
- 4 Submit eco diary into statewide competition for opportunity to win team & teacher prizes

To register visit: www.EcoCitizenship.org

Panasonic Student Eco Citizenship Program

FOUNDATION FOR IMPACT ON LITERACY AND LEARNING

The graphic features three young girls smiling and holding up their eco diaries. The background is a classroom setting with educational posters on the wall. The text is overlaid on the image in a clean, modern font.

Professional Conferences

NJCSS Fall Conference – Monday, October 23, 2023

Preview our Standards-Based Workshops!

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

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Nov. 17, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1 Memorial Drive, Trenton, NJ

Tickets Available Here

NJ Council for History Education

Princeton University – Dec. 1, 2023

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

Register Today!

NCSS Nashville, TN (Dec. 1-3, 2023)

REGISTER TODAY!

“Meet us in the Music City”

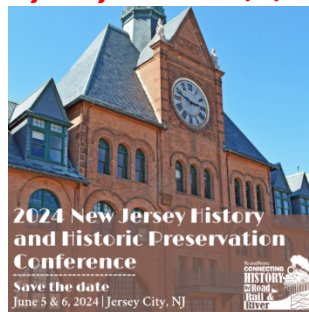
<https://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

***The NJCSS offers a partial scholarship of up to \$500 to NJ teachers.
Contact Hank Bitten or Mike Kenduck if you are interested.***

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Mike: Michael.Kenduck@wwrsd.org

***2024 New Jersey History and Historic Preservation Conference –
Jersey City – June 5,6, 2024***



NCSS Future Conferences – PLAN AHEAD!

NOVEMBER 22 – 24, 2024

104th NCSS Annual Conference
John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center
900 Boylston St **Boston, MA** 02115

DECEMBER 5 – 7 2025

105th NCSS Annual Conference
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt Vernon Pl, NW **Washington, DC** 20001

DECEMBER 4 – 6 2026

106th NCSS Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency **Chicago**
151 E. Wacker Dr Chicago, IL 60601

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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)