

NJ Social Studies Network News

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NJCSS Teacher of the Year Nominations

K-5 and 6-12

Deadline for Nominations: April 30, 2018

www.njcss.org (online application)

NJCSS Elections

Vote online at www.njcss.org for your NJCSS officers 2018-2020 now through May 31, 2018

Register Early for our NJCSS Fall Conference for K-12 Social Studies Teachers

The Times They Are a-Changin!

Monday, October 22, 2018 - Rutgers University - Busch Campus (7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Register online or mail in your form - Information at www.njcss.org

Call for Proposals - Deadline is June 20, 2018

Exhibitor Registration

Conference Registration - \$80 rate ends October 10, 2018

Keynote Speakers!

Dr. Michael Adas - Author of *Everyman in Vietnam*

Dr. Gary Lewandowski Jr. - *The Psychology of Relationships*

Mr. Michael Hattem - *The Life and Times of Ben Franklin*

Plus 20 workshops

National Council for the Social Studies

Join or Renew: www.socialstudies.org

Membership includes your choice of *Social Education* or *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, plus *The Social Studies Professional* newsletter; NCSS Annual Conference discounts, access to NCSS online publications (PDF copies of NCSS journals, TSSP newsletter, Middle Level Learning, and U.S. History Collection), and NCSS Bulletins.

The 2018 National History Day theme is: *Conflict and Compromise in History*

State Competition- William Paterson Univ.: May 5, 2018

<https://www.nhd.org/affiliate/new-jersey>

Judges are needed! Contact Nancy Norris Bauer if you are interested. NorrisN@wpunj.edu

Professional Development

2018 NCHE Conference
Myth, Memory, and Monuments

San Antonio, Texas
April 19-21, 2018

<http://www.nche.net/registration>

Summer Teacher Institute in American History at Colonial Williamsburg

Scholarships Available! <https://www.cvent.com/d/95qb04>

Applications are due by April 6, 2018.



These week-long immersion sessions and NEW three-day themed seminars on location in Williamsburg immerse participants in American history and an interdisciplinary approach to teaching social studies with history as the focus. Participants have the opportunity to exchange ideas with historians, meet character interpreters, and examine interactive teaching techniques. Each program is tailored to meet state content standards in United States history and government. (Week-Long Sessions)

Elementary school: *Becoming Americans: From British Subjects to American Citizens* (1606–1783)

Middle school: *Emerging American Identity* (1765–1865)

High school: *The United States: A Persistent Debate* (1765–1970)

2018 Tuition is \$2,200. Includes a double-occupancy room (teachers wishing to have a single room pay an additional fee), most meals, all admissions, and special access to materials in the Education Resource Library. Does not include airfare.

Three-Day Themed Seminars (Grades 3–8)

Straight from the Sources: Women during the American Revolution

Apprenticeships: STEM and Colonial Daily Life

2018 Tuition is \$1,250. Includes a double-occupancy room (teachers wishing to have a single room pay an additional fee), most meals, all admissions, and special access to materials in the Education Resource Library. Does not include airfare.

For school districts with limited time, staff can customize shorter visits. We also offer workshops on specific themes.

Phone: 757.565.8417 **Email:** teacherdevelopment@cwf.org **Website:** <http://www.history.org/cwti>

APPLY FOR SUMMER 2018 PROGRAMS ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION

Ford's Theatre, 511 Tenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Applications are open for summer 2018! Spend a week with Ford's this summer and take your teaching to the next level when you participate in one of our invigorating summer programs. Collect an array of primary source materials to take back to your class. Contact Sarah Jencks for information: education@fords.org



CIVIL WAR WASHINGTON

Join up to 25 teachers in this week-long professional development program. Explore the nation's capital as President Lincoln would have known it during the Civil War. Learn how war-time Washington transformed from an undeveloped backwater town to a bustling city filled with soldiers, spies and thousands of people fleeing slavery. View Washington as a microcosm for the country and gain unique insight into various view points on the war that existed within the capital city.

THE SEAT OF WAR AND PEACE

In this week-long professional development program, learn to use place as the basis to examine how the Civil War and Reconstruction have been remembered throughout history. Participants visit historic sites, monuments and memorials around our nation's capital. Engage in the current national dialogue about monuments with fellow teachers from around the country, and learn how to facilitate the dialogue in your classroom.

The National Teacher Institute Radisson Valley Forge Hotel King of Prussia, PA (Valley Forge) July 12-15, 2018

The theme of this year's Institute is, ***"Independence to Emancipation at Valley Forge."*** This event is free to K-12 educators, administrators, librarians, and museum professionals; but we require that a \$100 refundable deposit be placed to reserve your spot. At the conclusion of the event, educators can apply for continuing education credits, provided by Virginia Tech University and paid for by the Civil War Trust.

Included with your registration: All of the lectures and workshops, admission and transportation to Saturday's tours, continuing education credits, a number of meals provided during the lecture and workshop series in the hotel.

Our presenters include – Garry Adelman, Carolyn Ivanoff, Bruce Lesh, Jim Percoco, Shannon McLucas, David O. Stewart, Dr. Chris Mackowski and many more! Our award-winning keynote speaker is **Dr. Carol Reardon**.

The Civil War Trust will host two themed tours on Saturday (July 14). The Civil War-themed tour is titled "Confederate High Tide: Overlooked Actions of the Gettysburg Campaign." The Revolutionary War-themed tour is titled "There! His Majesty can now read my name without glasses".

Information and Registration: <https://www.civilwar.org/events/deposit-registration>

NJSSSA

Next meeting of the NJ Supervisors Association is **May 17, 2018** at the complex in Monroe. Contact Bob O'Dell for information. (rodell@nutleyschools.org)

Resources for Teachers

James Madison Legacy Project

The James Madison Legacy Project is sponsoring a five-day summer institute **July 15-20, 2018** at Rutgers University offering intensive professional development focused on the *We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution*, which integrates U.S. history, government and law. Room, board, and travel costs are covered. Participating teachers will receive a free classroom set of materials and a \$200 stipend. Deadline: April 27, 2018. For additional information and to apply go to <http://civiced.rutgers.edu/wethepeople.html>.

Bill of Rights Institute



The seminars will focus on specific topics from American history. The first, which will take place **July 9-13, 2018**, will address **Manifest Destiny and Western Expansion**, and will be mostly dialogue-based. The second, which will take place **July 23-27, 2018**, will focus on **Presidential Powers: Historical Turning Points** and will be lecture- and lesson-based. The application process for both Founders Fellowship programs is open to 7th-12th grade social studies teachers. info@billofrightsinstitute.org

FORD'S THEATRE

2018-2019 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Our season begins in September with the 1940s comedy *Born Yesterday*. We'll then present our holiday tradition, *A Christmas Carol*, with Craig Wallace returning as Scrooge. In January, we will produce the classic American drama *Twelve Angry Men*.

Born Yesterday - September 21 to October 21, 2018

In this sharp-edged satire, opportunistic tycoon Harry Brock arrives in Washington with his naive girlfriend Billie Dawn to game the political system. With the help of an idealistic reporter, Billie wises up and fights back to end the corruption.

A Christmas Carol - November 15 to December 30, 2018

Join the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future as they lead the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption.

Twelve Angry Men - January 18 to February 17, 2019

Behind closed doors, tensions run high as a lone juror argues the innocence of a teenager accused of murder. In this provocatively resonant American drama, 12 jurors from all strata of society revisit the evidence, debate the issue of reasonable doubt and confront each other's personal biases.

Into the Woods - March 8 to May 18, 2019

In Stephen Sondheim's imaginative, darkly comical remix of the beloved Grimm fairy tales, a baker and his wife set out to reverse a witch's curse in hopes of having a child of their own. The couple's quest takes them into the woods, where they encounter Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and his beanstalk, a cautious Cinderella, a sequestered Rapunzel and a couple of lovelorn princes.

The New York Historical Society

170 Central Park West at 77th Street

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

[Rebel Spirits: Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr.](#) - February 16, 2018 - May 20, 2018

[New York Through the Lens of George Kalinsky](#) - February 02, 2018 - June 03, 2018

[Collecting the Women's Marches](#) - January 19 - June 3, 2018

[Audubon's Birds of America Focus Gallery](#) November 10, 2017 – ongoing

[The Vietnam War: 1945 – 1975](#) - October 04, 2017 - April 22, 2018

[Walk This Way: Footwear from the Stuart Weitzman Collection of Historic Shoes](#) - April 20, 2018 - October 8, 2018

[Rockwell, Roosevelt & the Four Freedoms](#) - May 25, 2018 - September 02, 2018

[Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow](#) - September 07, 2018 - March 03, 2019

[Harry Potter: A History of Magic](#) - October 5, 2018 - January 27, 2019

Also - Visit their online Exhibitions!

Drew University - Teacher Education Open House - April 3, 2018

<http://www.drew.edu/caspersen/teacher-education/master-of-education/> **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Drew University's Master of Education program can enhance your teaching skills through dynamic coursework and real-world, hands-on experiences. A 30-credit advanced-degree program balancing theory and pedagogy, our MEd program is unique in its flexibility and areas of specialization in a number of distinct, contemporary and student-focused fields. Whether you are a K-12 teacher or a higher education professional with an eye on your future and a passion for excellence, you're invited to be the educator you're meant to be.

Specializations

- English as a Second Language
- Teaching Students with Disabilities
- Literacy and Technology
- Equity and Culture
- Teaching and Learning
- Conflict Resolution
- Religion, Theology and Society

Cape May Historic Trolley, Estate and Architecture Tour

May 4, 2018



Tickets are \$60 per person.

Travel by bus from the college (Camden County College) to historic Cape May, NJ. Take a guided trolley tour of Cape May's Historic District, followed by a guided tour of Cape May's only Victorian house museum, the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, including the Carriage House Gallery. The afternoon is on your own for lunch and/or shopping in town, or eat at the Carriage House Café and Tearoom and enjoy the exhibit "Capturing Cape May's Architecture" at the Carroll Gallery. Return to campus by bus by 5:30pm.

Camden County College 856-227-7200 x 4333 thecenter@camdencc.edu

Classroom Resources

The Giant Floor Map of New Jersey!

www.njga.org

Sign up to bring National Geographic's Giant Traveling Map of New Jersey (and all the interactive teaching materials that accompany it) to your district for a week. It is FREE! Visit the home page of the NJ Geographic Alliance (njga.org) to fill out the application form.



PINELANDS INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Field Trip Opportunities
PINES offers a variety of hands-on field trips from Pre-K through College.

THE NEW JERSEY CRANBERRY INDUSTRY
LIFE IN A COMPANY TOWN
LENAPE LIVING IN THE PINES



The cost of a PINES On-Site Field Trip is \$12 per student, with a minimum charge of \$240.00 per group.
Lessons are designed for a 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Call or email Lisa Schlosser at lschlosser@rcbc.edu for more information, or to book your PINES field trip.
609 893-1765 and www.rcbc.edu

Psychology - The Science of Relationships



<http://www.scienceofrelationships.com/>

Dr. Gary Lewandowski Jr. is our keynote speaker for Psychology teachers at our Fall Conference on October 22, 2018 at Rutgers University - Busch Campus.

For Students

NJVVMF 2018 Scholarship Program

Applications will be accepted through April 13, 2018

Each year, the NJVVMF awards two, \$2,500 scholarships to graduating NJ high school seniors. The awards can be used for anything the students need as they embark on their education careers.

Eligible students are: A NJ resident, a graduating high school senior, a visitor to the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and someone who has written a reflective essay based on this experience.

Applications may be mailed or dropped off at the Vietnam Era Museum through April 13, 2018. All inquiries related to scholarships can be sent to scholarship@njvvmf.org, no phone calls will be accepted. [Download the Application Package Here](#)

The American Museum of Tort Law Essay Contest

The Topic: "How Tort Law and Civil Trial by Jury Protect All Americans"

The American Museum of Tort Law, founded by noted consumer advocate Ralph Nader, is excited to announce our 2018 Tort Law and Democracy Essay Contest. We invite all students grades 9 -12 to participate. A prestigious panel of experts – many of them law professors – will judge the entries. Contest details, rules and registration can be found at tortmuseum.org/contest. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us at contest@tortmueum.org, or 860 379-0505. All high school students, grades 9 through 12, in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are eligible to participate. **The deadline is May 1, 2018.**

Prizes: First: \$1000, and an all-expenses-paid trip to the Museum in Winsted, CT for the presentation of the award by Executive Director Rick Newman and Ralph Nader; Five runners-up: \$500 each, and a book signed by Ralph Nader; Fifty best remaining essays: Certificates of Honorable Mention

The Essay: 750 to 1500 words, not including citations and bibliography

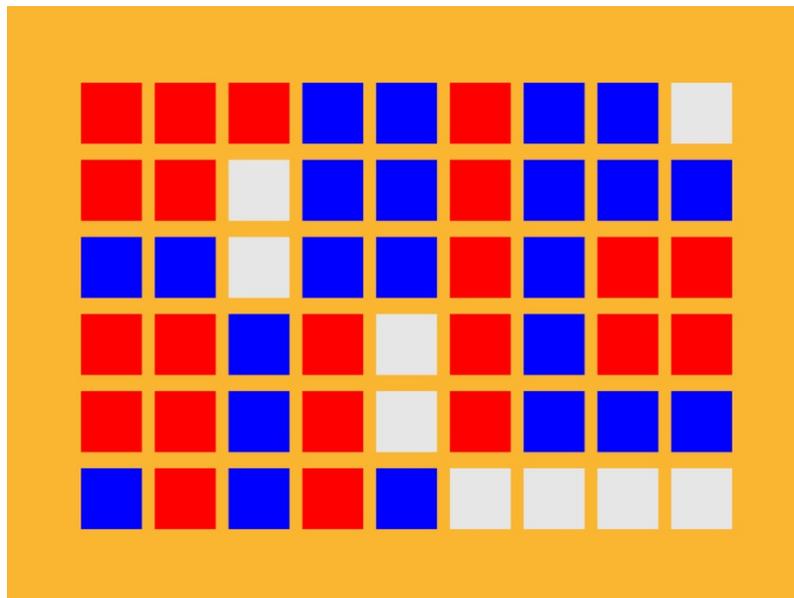
Focus on Civics Gerrymandering



The word gerrymander was used for the first time in the Boston Gazette on 26 March 1812. The word was created in reaction to a redrawing of Massachusetts state senate election districts under Governor Elbridge Gerry to benefit his Democratic-Republican Party. However, his effort backfired as the people voted for a Federalist governor and Federalists in state government! The cartoon above looked like a salamander to people and the term Gerry Mander became part of our democratic (or undemocratic) process.

The New York Times article in the link below explains the algorithm of wasted votes by analyzing necessary and wasted votes. The art of gerrymandering

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/10/03/upshot/how-the-new-math-of-gerrymandering-works-supreme-court.html>



Gerrymandering Strategies

Focus on Economics

Inflation

<https://www.bls.gov/>

With unemployment at only 4.1%, the robust February employment report of hiring 313,000 new workers, many workers receiving more money from the new tax withholding rates in their paychecks as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, strong consumer confidence, and possible increased costs on imports, there is the possibility of higher inflation based on the lessons learned from the 1970s. There are 10,000 people (baby boomers) retiring every day and this will continue through 2030. This creates about 3.5 million jobs that need to be filled. The economy is likely to see higher wages for skilled workers to fill these jobs and the obvious danger is higher prices for the things and services we need.

The headwinds controlling stable inflation are higher yields on bonds, increased mortgage rates, high consumer debt, and current rates of core inflation around 2%. The yield curve for bonds is considered flat between the 6 month and 2 year notes (only 30 basis points) which is a possible clue that inflation will remain stable for the near term. The yield curve is slightly above 50 basis points between the 2 year and 5 year notes. When the yield on bonds is less than 50 basis points, the curve is considered to be flat - an indicator that the market is in for a change.

Inflation is the result of higher prices without any improvement in a product. For example, if the price of a cell phone increases by 10% from \$700 to \$770, the additional cost is inflationary. When the cost of the cell phone increases by \$70 as a result of more storage memory, an improved camera, or a better battery, the cost is justified and not considered inflationary.

When workers are paid additional wages (hourly or annually) to keep them from leaving or to attract new workers who are needed, the additional wages can be considered inflationary. When workers are paid higher wages because they produced more or worked more efficiently, then the additional money is justified and not considered inflationary.

Watch this 8 minute video on the Inflation Monster: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbqY0dYoBvA>

Facts: (The Federal Reserve Bank considers an inflation rate of 2% to be a reasonable guideline for price stability)

Unemployment Rate for college educated workers with a B.A.: 2.1% (Feb. 2018) 2.5% (Feb. 2017)

Gross Domestic Product: 2.8%

Core Inflation (w/o food or energy) 1.8%

Overall Inflation: 2.1% (Urban Shelter increased by 3% and Urban Transportation by 4%)



Based on the rate of growth as measured by GDP, the economy is currently growing faster than the inflation rate by about 1%. Economists would like to see the GDP increase by 3-4% with inflation continuing around 2%. However, it is important to see worker productivity increase to support real economic gains in wages. Unfortunately, productivity is flat at 0%.

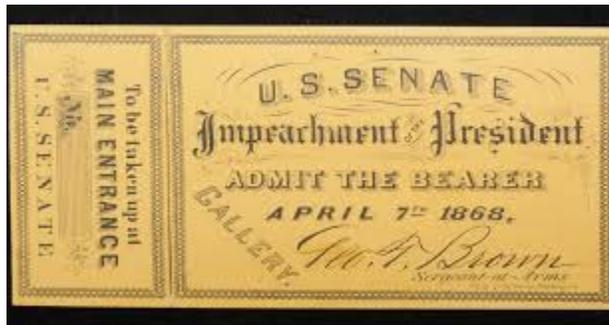
The impact of inflation can have consequences for people on a fixed salary with a contract that lasts for more than a year. The negative impact on investors is when their savings earns less money than the rate of inflation. For example, \$10,000 invested at 2% in a bank or CD earns \$200 (less because it may be subject to taxes). If the rate of inflation is 3% or when prices of the same goods purchased from 2017 to 2018 is greater than the savings, the investor has lost \$100 in purchasing power.

Focus on U.S. History

150th Anniversary of the Impeachment Trial of President Andrew Johnson

On February 24, 1868, Thaddeus Stevens and the members of the Joint Committee on Reconstruction drafted a resolution of impeachment, which passed the House by a vote of 126 to 47. Some of the charges were petty, but most centered on the president's alleged violation of the Tenure of Office Act. The trial in the Senate began on March 5, 1868 with Chief Justice Salmon Chase presiding.

The defense presented a complicated argument, designed to raise doubt in the senators' minds about Johnson's intent and to question the role of criminality in impeachable offenses. They argued that Johnson's actions had not violated the Tenure of Office Act. Since Stanton had been appointed by Lincoln, Johnson was not obligated to continue his service. Even if the senators accepted the act as constitutional, the defense team insisted, Johnson could not be impeached for a mistaken interpretation of the law. Furthermore, they claimed that Johnson's intent was to test the very constitutionality of the act before the Supreme Court, which he had a right to do. The president, they insisted, should not be convicted and removed from office for misconstruing his constitutional rights. On the issue of appointing Thomas as interim officer, the defense team noted that Johnson was attempting, by necessity, to keep the War Department staffed and operational. The president's action, they noted, had resulted in no public injury sufficiently grave to warrant removal from office.



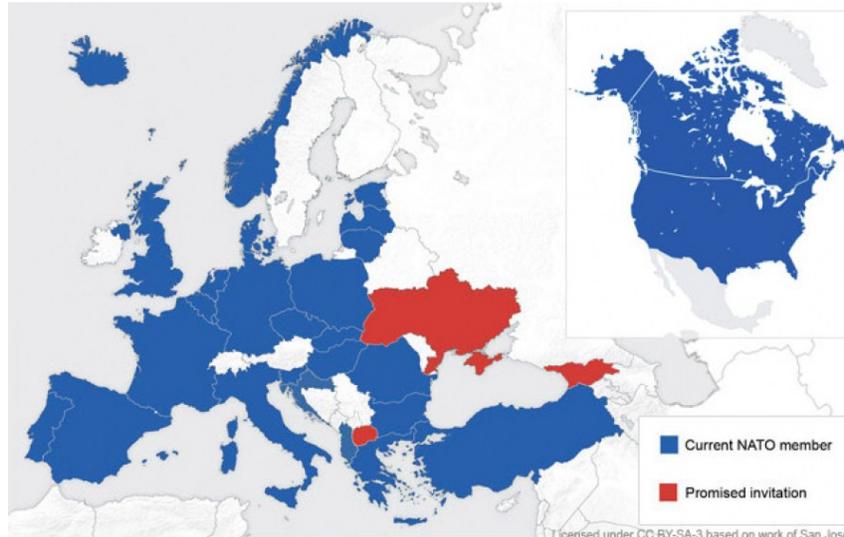
For each trial day, a thousand tickets were printed, allowing admission for a single day. Social and political protocol dictated the distribution of tickets, with 40 going to the diplomatic corps, 20 to the president, four to each senator, four to the Chief Justice, and two to each representative, with the few remaining tickets to be distributed to the public. Members of Congress received hundreds of requests each day for the highly coveted tickets.

On **May 16, 1868**, in a dramatic call of the roll, 35 senators voted to convict the president of “high crimes and misdemeanors,” while 19 senators voted to acquit. A clear majority voted against the president, but the tally fell one vote short of the necessary two-thirds majority to convict. Notable among the 19 senators who voted to acquit were seven “Republican Recusants” who defied their party to save the impeached president. “I cannot agree to destroy the harmonious working of the Constitution,” concluded recusant senator James Grimes of Iowa, “for the sake of getting rid of an Unacceptable President.”

Johnson served out his term as president, leaving office on March 4, 1869. In 1874 he ran a successful senatorial campaign and returned to Washington—to the very chamber where he had been tried and acquitted a few years earlier. He served just three months before his death on July 31, 1875. https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/Impeachment_Johnson.htm

Focus on World History

NATO - Preparing for the 70th anniversary - 1949 - 2019



In 1949, the prospect of further Communist expansion prompted the United States and 11 other Western nations to form the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The Soviet Union and its affiliated Communist nations in Eastern Europe founded a rival alliance, the Warsaw Pact, in 1955. The alignment of nearly every European nation into one of the two opposing camps formalized the political division of the European continent that had taken place since World War II (1939-45). This alignment provided the framework for the military standoff that continued throughout the Cold War (1945-91).

The primary financial contribution made by member states is the cost of deploying their respective armed forces for NATO-led operations. These expenses are not part of the formal NATO budget, which funds alliance infrastructure including civilian and military headquarters. In 2015, NATO members collectively spent more than \$890 billion on defense [PDF]. The United States accounted for more than 70 percent of this, up from about half during the Cold War.

NATO members have committed to spending 2 percent of their annual GDP on defense, but just five out of the twenty-eight members are doing this—the United States, Greece, the United Kingdom, Estonia, and Poland.

Resources:

Council on Foreign Relations: <https://www.cfr.org/background/north-atlantic-treaty-organization-nato>

Atlantic Council: <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/natosource/nato-is-america-s-greatest-strategic-advantage>

Dept. of State: Office of the Historian: <https://history.state.gov/milestones/1945-1952/nato>

Focus on Geography

Let's Start Talking About Earth Day 2018

Located at the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the Visitor Center at Newtown Creek is the only facility within the five boroughs where you can experience New York City's water infrastructure. Through guided education programs, students can discover the journey our drinking water takes to get to our taps, the process of cleaning our wastewater before it is released into surrounding waterways, and stewardship opportunities.

Have you ever wondered what happens to the water you use after washing the dishes, taking a shower, or flushing the toilet? GreenHomeNYC visited the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn to learn how the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sustainably handles wastewater treatment. Our tour was led by LaToya Anderson, the Science and Environmental Protection Educator for the NYC DEP.

As the largest of NYC's 14 wastewater treatment facilities, Newtown Creek handles an impressive 310 million gallons of wastewater every day, and up to 620 million on a rainy day. The wastewater is processed through large digester "eggs". Inside the digesters, a biological process called "anaerobic digestion" takes place. Bacteria breaks down "sludge", the organic material removed from our sewage. For this process to take place, the digesters are kept at 98°F and are completely sealed to create an oxygen-free environment. In total, these digesters can hold 24 million gallons of sludge at any given time.

A by-product of this digestion process is methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Instead of being released into the environment, the plant captures this biogas on-site to power Newtown Creek's boilers. Currently, the wastewater facility produces a surplus of biogas which is converted to natural gas providing heat to approximately 5,200 Brooklyn homes.



Please contact our education office at educationoffice@dep.nyc.gov or 718-595-3506 to request an education program for pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade (and college) For adults, some have commented that the tour of the sewer and view of Manhattan from the top of the digester eggs at night is New York's most romantic experience! Register for the walk to the top for Earth Day!

For sample lessons go to: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental_education/cease_the_grease.shtml

Focus on Psychology

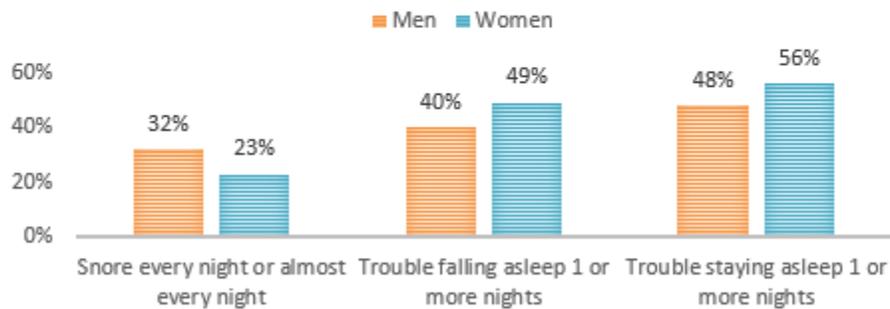
Impact of Light on our Sleep Patterns

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5299389/>

In the past, humans experienced predictable periods of daily light and dark driven by the solar day, which allowed for consistent circadian rhythms to the cycles of daylight and darkness. With the invention of electric light nighttime lighting is making it more difficult to synchronize the biological process of our physiology. Our biological systems are under circadian control, including sleep-wake behavior, hormone secretion, cellular function and gene expression.

According to the NIH study (2017) referenced in the link above to the National Institutes of Health, "circadian disruption by nighttime light perturbs those processes and is associated with increasing incidence of certain cancers, metabolic dysfunction and mood disorders.... Converging evidence suggests that circadian disruption alters the function of brain regions involved in emotion and mood regulation."

MEN VS. WOMEN SLEEP ISSUES



Television and computer screens, smartphones and tablet computers are contributing to the interruption of the light-dark cycle as their screens are brighter than a full moon or a candle. According to the National Sleep Foundation 34% of children leave a TV or computer screen lit in their room while sleeping and 87% of women watch television in the hour before bedtime. These are contributing factors to interrupted sleep.

Focus on Anthropology

The Discovery of the Mardi Gras Schooner in the Gulf of Mexico

<http://nautarch.tamu.edu/mardigras/>



The discovery of the World War II era aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. *Lexington* in the Coral Sea last month by the research team financed by Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft has many people asking questions about archaeology and underwater archaeological explorations.

The discovery of the private schooner, Mardi Gras, about ten years ago in the Gulf of Mexico provides a meaningful inquiry lesson engaging students in material culture and the War of 1812. In the first half of the 19th century, every major European country had a presence in the Gulf of Mexico. The Mardi Gras had a gun carriage and was also carrying products manufactured in Europe.

As students research the artifacts of tooth brushes, clothing, buttons, dinnerware, weapons discovered in this exploration, they are likely to ask questions if dental hygiene was limited to the wealthy or also for sailors, if the merchandise was being imported or exported, if private schooners were used as warships in the War of 1812, was the private ownership of a canon protected by the Second Amendment, and if the shorter trousers were worn by children or a small adult.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aiWitrf6LEw>

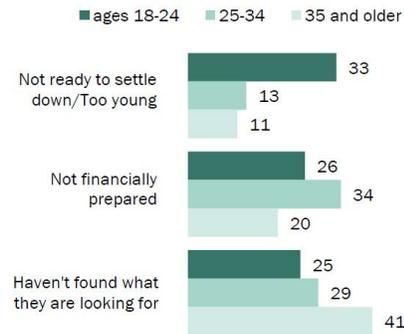
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBorY0gNdOc>

Focus on Sociology

Why 25% of Millennials Are Not Getting Married

Why Aren't You Married?

% of never-married adults who say the main reason they are not currently married is ...



Note: Based on those who have never been married and want to get married or are not sure (n=369). Volunteered responses of "Other" and "Don't know/Refused" not shown.

Source: Pew Research Center survey, May 22-25 and May 29-June 1, 2014 (N=2,003)

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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The information below is from the Pew Research Report written by Belinda Luscombe

The number of Americans who have always been single and will never marry is at a historic high, says a new Pew Research report, partly because they don't have jobs and partly because marriage is becoming less highly-regarded. About 20% of Americans older than 25 had always been single in 2012, up from 9% in 1960. In the black community, the numbers are even starker: 36% of black Americans older than 25 have never been married, a fourfold increase from 50 years ago.

Half of U.S. adults today are married, a share that has remained relatively stable in recent years but is down 9 percentage points over the past quarter century and dramatically different from the peak of 72% in 1960, according to newly released census data.

The decline in the share of married adults can be explained in part by the fact that Americans are marrying later in life these days. In 2016, the median age for a first marriage was 27.4 for women and 29.5 for men – roughly seven years more than the median ages in 1960 (20.3 for women and 22.8 for men).

In 2014, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 124.6 million Americans 16 years and older were single, or **50.2 percent** of the population, compared with **37.4 percent** of the population in 1976. One of the big ones has to do with when Americans get married.

The rate of child marriage varies widely by state. It is most common in West Virginia and Texas, where about seven of every 1,000 15- to 17-year-olds were married in 2014. Several other states in the South and the West, including Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Nevada and California, also have above-average rates of child marriage.

Research indicates that one divorce occurs per an estimated 13 seconds here in the United States, ranking our nation sixth on a global divorce rate scale.

Divorce Is Most Common During the Early Years

An estimated 80% of couples are headed in the direction of divorce within their first four to five years of marriage.

Mental Health Issues Often Complicate Marriage

According to Science in Healthy Aging and Healthcare, if one or both partners struggle with depression, substance abuse or certain phobias, the risk of divorce often increases exponentially.

Education Levels Can Impact Your Risk of Divorce

Academics can play into the success of a marriage. Based on divorce research, if you've earned a Bachelor's degree, you have a better likelihood of a long-lasting marriage and spouses who both have a Bachelor's degree are 10 percent less prone to divorce than spouses without a college education.

Of the 3,977,745 babies born in the United States of America in 2015, 1,600,208 of them—or 40.2 percent--were born to unmarried mothers, according to data released this month by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

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