

NJ Social Studies Network News

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NJCSS Annual Conference

Monday, October 21, 2024, Busch Student Center at Rutgers

"Challenges and Changes: Past, Present, and Future"

Call for Proposals (Deadline: June 15, 2024)

Exhibitor Registration (Deadline: Sept. 5, 2024)

Conference Registration

Summer Institute for Climate Change Education

Dates: July 15 & 16, 2024, plus one day on July 17th, 18th, or 19th

Times: 10 am CT to 6 pm CT on July 15 & 16, times T.B.D. for cohort days

Virtual Registration: \$250

Climate Generation's Summer Institute for Climate Change Education <<https://climategen.org/summer-institute/>> is a three day climate change education conference structured to allow time for learning and networking. During the first two virtual days hosted by Climate Generation, educators can select from keynote presentations and concurrent workshops.

During the third day, educators will attend a cohort workshop facilitated and hosted by a regional cohort leader to focus on place-based climate change education and the need for ongoing support throughout the year. Cohort days may be in-person or online, depending on educator and cohort leader needs in that region. Each group of 20-50 educators will explore local impacts, actionable solutions, connections to local experts, and planning and networking.

[Register Now!](#)

Scholarships Available, 20 hours of Continuing Education Credits
Graduate Credit Optional, offered through Hamline University

Climate

The NJCSS is Collecting K-12 Lessons on Climate Education

Upload your Lessons to [THIS FOLDER](#)

Label lessons by District and Grade Band. (Teacher Name is optional)

[OER Resources on Climate](#)

Voter Registration for Primary Elections in New Jersey

The deadline is 21 days before the June 4, 2024 Election Day. This is Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

[Voter Registration Forms by County](#)

The primary election on June 4, 2024 will determine political party candidates for Congress and the U.S. Senate.

Vote Today for Your NJCSS Board of Directors and Executive Officers

[2024 Ballot](#)

Voting open through May 31, 2024

New Social Studies Resources from the NJ Department of Education

[NJDOE Standards Transparency And Mastery Platform \(STAMP\)](#)

[Social Studies K-12 Disciplinary Practice Progressions](#)

[Universal Design for Learning in Social Studies](#)

The NJSLS Learning Lounge

Bookmark this link for the schedule of webinars from the NJ Department of Education. Click on Events for 2024 on the bottom of the website.

<https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/events>

70th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* May 17, 2024

[Resources at the National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

[Kenneth Clark Doll Experiment](#) (PBS video, 5.44 minutes)

[The New Chief Justice at the Supreme Court – Earl Warren, 1953](#)



Teacher Resources

Just for You!

NJCSS Curriculum Framework with Recommendations for thematic, interdisciplinary and differentiated instruction in Grades K-5 and World History in middle school.

Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

NJ Model Curriculum for World History in Middle School

The NJCSS is excited to launch this resource which includes a thematic and inquiry model with interdisciplinary resources and lesson activities for teachers and supervisors for Grades K-5. It includes suggestions that will hopefully be useful as a resource and starting point for the implementation of the NJSLS. The suggestion came to the NJCSS from an Advisory Committee of 16 educators in October. We also developed suggestions for the teaching of World History in Grades 6-8. The document is evolving and send your suggestions and comments to Hank Bitten at hb288@sasmailrutgers.edu

Apply Now for Summer 2024 Programs!



Applications are now open for the National Constitution Center's Summer Educator Institutes. Join teachers from across America and engage with constitutional scholars during one of four weeklong institutes at the National Constitution Center in July 2024.

**Building the US Constitution
July 7 - 12, 2024**

**Landmarks of American History and Culture: Exploring the First Amendment
July 14 - 19, 2024**

**Landmarks of American History and Culture: Exploring the First Amendment
July 21 - 26, 2024**

**Reconstruction and the Second Founding
July 28 - August 2, 2024**

[Register Today!](#)

NJ Center for Civic Education

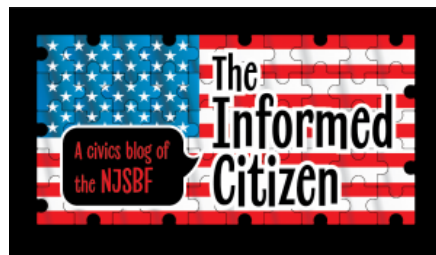
High School U.S. History Course Should Include Civics, Economics and New Jersey History: Resources and Professional Development now Available!

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.

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 questions.

The Informed Citizen Blog NJ State Bar Foundation



Great resources and perspectives on issues

informedcitizen.njsb.org

NJ Mock Election for House, Senate and President Plan for October and Register Now <https://njmockelection.org/>

Breaking Bias Live

Lessons for Today from Amistad and Brown v. Board of Education

For NJ High School Students and their teachers, attorneys and members of the general public

Where: In-Person at the NJ Law Center at 1 Constitution Square in New Brunswick.

Space is limited to 200

A Virtual Option to attend remotely via Zoom is available (links will be provided). Virtual links limited to 480

[Register to Attend at the NJ Law Center](#)

[Register to Attend Virtually via Zoom](#)

Contact Jessica Taube at jtaube@njsbf.org or Paula Saha at psaha@njsba.com.

Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* at a free, community event presented in partnership with the NAACP Metuchen-Edison Branch and the New Jersey State Bar Association. Hear from Ayanna Najuma, a civil rights icon who was one of the youngest ~ at seven years old ~ to participate in lunch counter sit-ins in the 1950s that helped end restaurant segregation in Oklahoma. Explore a lesson from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Breaking Bias: Lessons from the Amistad curriculum. Enjoy a panel discussion featuring attorneys and activists.

Free event. Free parking. Breakfast and lunch included

The Role of The School Climate Team

Virtual Workshop

May 9, 2024 ~ 9 AM - 12 PM - Earn 3 PD Credits

[Register for Virtual Workshop](#)

OR

In-Person Workshop

May 17, 2024 ~ 9 AM - 3 PM - Earn 5.5 PD Credits

[Register for In-Person Workshop](#)

Facing History and Ourselves

Explorations: Building More Inclusive Schools with Facing History

August 6, 2024 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm EDT

Teaneck, NJ

[Information and Registration](#) (Free)

Join us for our Explorations workshop and experience Facing History's approach to professional learning, learn more about the principles behind Facing History's programs and approach, and hear about ways we can help you meet your goals and transform your school.

This in-person learning experience will offer resources designed to support educational leaders working to improve school culture, deepen academic engagement, and build schools where every student and every teacher feel that they belong.

Workshop participants will:

Experience Facing History's approach to professional learning, including reflecting on their identity and practice while building positive relationships with fellow school and district leaders.

Explore how Facing History integrates social-emotional learning, equity, and civic education through rigorous academics to meet the needs of adolescent learners and improve student outcomes.

Build shared understanding with colleagues of how Facing History could help meet their school or district's goals.

What's Included in Explorations: One-day in person workshop for school leaders. Design teams of up to 6 people are especially encouraged to join. The workshop is followed by a planning meeting with a Facing History staff member.

News from the Library of Congress

[At the Table with: Mary Church Terrell - virtual exhibit](#)

[Fall 2024 Teaching with Primary Sources Internship Application](#) - due May 17

[Political Parties: A New Primary Source Set for Teachers from the Library of Congress](#)

Directory of our Videos for PD Credit

Two New Videos!

A Discussion on Clifford Case and the Challenge of Liberal Republicanism

Dr. Bill Fernekes, Tom Frusciano, Bob O'Dell

The Collections of Clifford Case at Rutgers University

Dr. Bill Fernekes, Author

Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. Summer Teacher Institutes and National Oratory Fellows

Whether you are looking for a week-long summer teacher institute, or a year-long fellowship, Ford's Professional Development Programs offer teachers unparalleled experiences in and beyond D.C. Dig deep into primary sources and diverse perspectives; spark historical curiosity; and join an extraordinary network of fellow educators from around the country.

"... a unique platform for educators to exchange insights, collaborate, and broaden our horizons, thus empowering us to make a profound impact on the lives of our students." - Set in Stone 2023 Participant

The Catherine B. Reynolds Foundation

Civil War Washington

July 7-12, 2024

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Explore the gritty, complex, precarious city that was wartime Washington through the lives of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and individual citizens and residents of the nation's capital.

Set in Stone: Civil War Memory, Monuments and Myths

July 21-26, 2024

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Examine how people have sculpted the narrative of United States history through monuments and memorials in our nation's capital. Investigate how the legacies of the Civil War and Reconstruction – slavery, freedom, race and power – shape public memory.

National Oratory Fellows

School Year 2024-2025

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Build your own leadership skills and cultivate student voices by learning the art and science behind compelling and effective public speaking and integrating it into your classroom. As a fellow, you will develop and strengthen skills to teach text analysis, public speaking, performance and speech writing in your classroom.

For NJ Teachers of Economics

What is the economic impact of immigrants on the New Jersey Economy?

[Report Published by the NJ Policy Perspective](#)

Professional Development Workshop



TEACHING AAPI HISTORY & CONTRIBUTIONS

An AAPI Curriculum Mandate Workshop
Led by Dr. Khyati Joshi

Wed, May 8 8:30am - 3pm
In-Person at FDU Metro Campus, Teaneck

Teaching AAPI History & Contributions

In 2022, New Jersey passed the AAPI Curriculum Mandate requiring public schools to teach AAPI contributions, history, and heritage as part of a concerted effort to reduce prejudice and promote belonging for AAPI people, culture, and communities. Join Dr. Khyati Joshi at on Wed, May 8th at Fairleigh Dickinson University to learn how to bring AAPI history, culture, and people to life in middle school and high school classrooms.

Teachers will leave with practical resources, tools, and ideas on how to weave AAPI content into their current curriculum. \$35 registration fee, which includes lunch and class materials. Parking is free. Professional Development Hours awarded.

Generous scholarships available. Please register [here](#).

This event is brought to you by Teach Asian American Stories, AAPI New Jersey, and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

AAPI Lesson Plan Development Workshop



DEVELOPING CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE LESSON PLANS ON AAPI HISTORY

A Two-Day AAPI New Jersey Workshop
Location: Montclair State University

Teach Asian American Stories is launching the AAPI Lesson Plan Development Workshop

July 9-10, 2024 at Montclair State University.

This is a 2-day workshop for K-12 educators in New Jersey to engage in intensive lesson plan development on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) histories. Participating educators will gain knowledge on AAPI histories, professional development on teaching AAPI histories and lesson plan design, resources catered to their classroom grade levels, and guided focus groups with support from curriculum experts and facilitators. By the end of the workshop, participating educators will have completed a draft at least one lesson plan for their classrooms, which will then be reviewed and edited. Finalized lesson plans will be returned to educators by August 31, 2024 to implement in the school year and then published online for free public access.

Teachers will receive a stipend of up to \$325 and Professional Development Hours.

For more information and to apply, please click this [link](#). Email roslyne.shiao@aapinewjersey.org with any questions. *This event is brought to you by Teach Asian American Stories, AAPI New Jersey, and Fairleigh Dickinson University.*

Southern Poverty Law Center and Learning for Justice PD Workshops

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/professional-development/workshops>

Unpacking the Social Justice Standards

This interactive, virtual professional development will introduce participants to the Learning for Justice Social Justice Standards.

Tuesday, May 7th 5:00-6:30 pm CT (Note time zone)

Let's Talk

Using the Let's Talk! guide, this interactive, virtual professional development will provide participants the opportunity to learn strategies for creating supportive learning environments that encourage risk-taking.

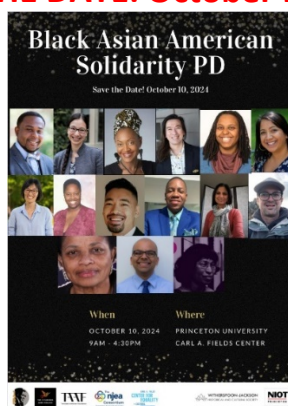
Wednesday, May 8th 5:00-6:30pm CT (Note time zone)

Speak Up at School

Become familiar with strategies that educators and students can use to interrupt bias and injustice instead of letting them go unaddressed.

Thursday, May 9th 5:00-6:30pm CT (Note time zone)

SAVE THE DATE: October 10, 2024



New Jersey Council for Economic Education's Career Readiness Summit!

Friday, May 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stockton University's Southern Regional Institute

10 West Jimmie Leeds Road

Galloway, NJ

This event is for all secondary educators who teach careers: from personal finance, to Work-based Learning programs. Business partners will also be present to network with educators for cooperative education and senior internship opportunities, in addition to learning more about what happens in classrooms.

The NJCEE Career Readiness Summit is FREE thanks to the help of our sponsors, including our primary sponsor, OceanFirst Foundation. A light breakfast and catered lunch will be provided. We are limited to 50 participants.

Our lunch session will feature networking opportunities and a conversation with Steve Forbes.

[Register Here.](#)

Just for Students!

America's Field Trip 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution



Calling all New Jersey educators! In preparation for our country's 250th anniversary, America250 has launched America's Field Trip. This contest is an opportunity for students in **grades 3-12** from across the nation and our state to embark on an extraordinary journey through the heart of our nation's story.

Whether through artwork, heartfelt essays, or captivating videos, New Jersey students are invited to express their unique perspectives on what America means to them.

Selected students will earn extraordinary field trips to iconic destinations such as Yellowstone National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, or the Smithsonian Museums in Washington D.C.

Submissions are open until May 17, 2024, so visit <https://america250.org/fieldtrip> to learn more.

Looking for other ways to prep for the 250th?

RevolutionNJ - the state-wide initiative to prepare New Jersey for the 250th - has a large collection of materials for educators. From suggested lesson plans to professional development opportunities, RevolutionNJ has a variety of resources specially designed for New Jersey teachers.

Learn more at <https://revnj.org/educators>

Professional Conferences

NJ Council for the Social Studies Summer Workshop

Coming to America

A Workshop on Teaching Immigration in Middle School and High School

Tuesday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (5 PD hours)

Wednesday, July 17, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (5 PD hours)

Rutgers University, Douglass Student Center

100 George Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

Presenters

Dr. Harry Stein, City University of New York
Anjani Shah, Immigration Attorney
Hank Bitten, NJCSS Executive Director

July 16, 2024

Four Eras of Immigration, Dr. Harry Stein
Developing Lesson Materials, Hank Bitten
The Crisis of Global Immigration, Dr. Harry Stein

July 17, 2024

Path to Citizenship and Current Immigration Policies, Dr. Harry Stein
Immigration Case Studies, Anjani Shah
Developing Lesson Materials, Hank Bitten

Registration \$25. **Register before May 1, 2024. REGISTER TODAY!**

This workshop is based on the NJSLS and the NJCSS is a PD Provider (#820) Teachers may register for one or both days.

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

<https://www.njpreservationconference.org/>

Travel Seminar for Teachers: Japan

July 6, 2024 - July 15, 2024

\$1,775 per teacher

(Fees do not include airfare)

Unique access to K-8 school sites in Tokyo, Japan
University site visit with hosted guest lecture
Guided debrief sessions with fellow NJ educators
Personal time to explore the greater Tokyo area
Closing group reception in Tokyo

Virtual and in-person meetings leading up to July departure:

Global Education Insights PO Box #1704 Rutherford, NJ 07070 <https://www.globaleducationinsightsnj.org>

EMAIL: globaleducationinsightsnj@gmail.com

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 2024

Friday, May 17, 2024
in person at NJPSA in Monroe 9AM-3PM (breakfast and lunch served)