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Fall 2005

President's Message

Welcome Back NSCSS Membership!

The Nebraska State Council for the Social Studies wishes you a warm welcome back and great year. Fall is full of such energy and promise. The rooms are decorated, the halls are buzzing, the students are excited and the parents are relieved!

As noted by Showers and Joyce, the best way to ensure a great year is to participate in professional development and develop a network of dedicated social studies professionals to inspire and motivate growth. There are many opportunities available to you locally, at the state level and nationally. Please plan on attending the NSCSS Fall Conference at Lincoln North Star High School **Saturday, October 22, 2005**. Please find a Call for Presenters within this newsletter.

We are fortunate to the National Council for Social Studies close by this year in **Kansas City November 17-21, 2005**. If you have been unable to attend in the past, now is a perfect opportunity! Register on-line at ncss.org. Look for a NSCSS hospitality night on Friday at 4:00pm.

Many other opportunities await you; don't miss out on these great conferences- register today! I look forward to meeting many of you, and reconnecting with many others at these great experiences.
Have a super year-

Susan M. Toohy

Useful Websites



“With an Even Hand.”

Oliver Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. Library of Congress Exhibit. This exhibit will be at the Durham Western Heritage Museum in Omaha in November, 2005.

<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/brown/brown-brown.html>

CRF e-News. An electronic newsletter for the CRF community. The CRF e-News is designed to provide readers with brief, user-friendly CRF updates and access to web-based resources of interest to educators, community groups, and active citizens everywhere. It also contains various links to lesson plans, resources on terrorism, immigration, etc.

[http://www.crf-usa.org/e-News/e News 4 2 lead.html](http://www.crf-usa.org/e-News/e%20News%204%20lead.html)

Continental Congress and Constitutional Convention BroadSides. Library of Congress.

American Memory Collection. This site contains a timeline of the American Rev. as well as over 253 BroadSides related to the Continental Congress and 21 BroadSides related Constitutional Convention.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/bdsds/bdsdhome.html>

Digital History. This site contains a wealth of information and resources i.e. online US history textbook, documents, lesson plans, Resource guides for most periods in American history, and two extensive discussions, etc. titled “A House Divided” and “America’s Reconstruction.”

<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/>

Durham Western Heritage Museum. The education link features a series of lesson plans developed by Omaha teachers for all grade levels that utilize some of the museum’s photographs in its extensive photograph archives as a basis for the lessons. There is also a link to photographs available online.

Additional lesson plans are in the process of being added. <http://www.dwhm.org/saveourhistory.asp>

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Opening Your Classroom to the World
September 27-28, 2005
Doane College



MORNING KEYNOTES

Thomas Gouttierre (Tuesday, 9/27)



Thomas E. Gouttierre serves as the Dean of International Studies and Programs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), and as the Director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at UNO. Prior to assuming his present position in 1974, he lived and worked for nearly ten years in Afghanistan, serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer, a Fulbright Fellow and Executive Director of the Fulbright Foundation. Today, Gouttierre is frequently consulted by national media for his observations on Afghan politics and culture. He is a personal friend of Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai and served as Karzai's host during the president's recent trip to Nebraska. An Ohio native, Gouttierre is a graduate of Bowling Green State University.

Mary Pipher, Ph.D. (Wednesday, 9/28)*



Mary Pipher's work combines her training in both psychology and anthropology. Her special area of interest is how American culture influences the mental health of its people. Three of her books, *Reviving Ophelia*, *The Shelter of Each Other*, and *Another Country* were New York Times bestsellers. Her recent book, *The Middle of Everywhere*, tells the story of how Lincoln became a center for international refugees and describes the challenges faced by these refugees as they settle in their new community. Dr. Pipher received her B.A. in Cultural Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nebraska. She has appeared on national television and National Public Radio. In 1998, she received the American Psychological Association Presidential Citation.

*Book Signing follows presentation.

LUNCHEON KEYNOTES

Mora McLean, J.D. (Tuesday, 9/27)



Mora McLean is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Africa-America Institute (AAI), an organization dedicated to promoting engagement between Africa and America through education, training and dialog. She joined AAI in 1996 from the Ford Foundation, where she was Deputy Director for Africa and Middle East Programs (AME). In 1985, McLean was recruited to the Ford Foundation as a program officer responsible for U.S.-based grant making in the area of human rights and social justice. She subsequently spent five years in the Ford Foundation's Lagos, Nigeria office, first as Assistant Representative and then as Representative for West Africa. McLean is a native of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. She was graduated with honors from Wesleyan University before receiving her J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law.

Louise Kantrow, Ph.D. (Wednesday, 9/28)



Louise Kantrow is the former Executive Director of the International League for Human Rights, one of the nation's oldest human rights organizations. Dr. Kantrow's distinguished career includes service at the United Nations, the United States Agency for International Development, the Population Council and the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA). She has traveled and worked extensively in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East and has authored and contributed to numerous United Nations publications on population. She received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Michigan and earned both a Master's degree and Doctorate in Demography and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Dean Jacobs (Tuesday afternoon, 9/27)*



Dean Jacobs was born in Wahoo and grew up in Fremont. After graduating from Wayne State College with a degree in biology, his path eventually led him to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, where he was employed in sales and marketing for 10 years. In 2000, Jacobs left corporate America to live out of a backpack for 22½ months and travel to 28 countries. He brought back beautiful photographs and fascinating answers to the question he asked everywhere: "If you could say one thing to the American people, what would it be?" Jacobs' personal reflections on this adventure are included along with his photographs in a recently published book, *Wondrous Journey*.

*Book signing follows presentation.

Opening Your Classroom to the World
International Education Symposium for Nebraska K-12 Educators

September 27-28, 2005
(plus follow-up workshop February 21, 2006)
at Doane College, Crete, NE

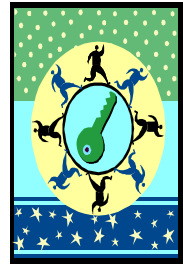
Registration form included in this newsletter

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CALL FOR PRESENTERS

**Nebraska State Council for the Social
Fall Conference
Saturday October 22, 2005
Lincoln North Star High School**



“Taking a Stand in History”

Sessions will be 45 minutes in length on Saturday, October 22 between 8:30am-1:30pm and should relate to the theme. Applications will be accepted through September 27, 2005. Applications should be sent to Susan Toohey 6901 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68132 or through email at susan.toohey@ops.org.

Name (s) _____

Title _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Organization _____

Title of Presentation _____

Description of Presentation

Focus Area (s) _____

Grade Level _____

AV/lab needs _____

Confirmation of presentation acceptance will be sent October 2, 2005.

Nebraska Legislature offers Project Citizen Professional Development Workshops this Fall

Project Citizen is a curricular program for fifth through twelfth grades that promotes competent and responsible participation in local and state government. Sponsored by the Nebraska Legislature, the program helps young people learn how to monitor and influence public policy. In the process, students develop support for democratic values and principles, tolerance and feelings of political efficacy.

The curriculum involves an entire class of students in a series of structured learning activities. Working in four cooperative teams, the students learn to interact with their government through a five step process that includes:

- identifying a problem in their community that requires a public policy solution,
- gathering and evaluating information on the problem,
- examining and evaluating alternative solutions,
- developing a proposed public policy to address the problem and
- developing an action plan to get their policy adopted by government.

Students present their work at district showcases held around the state and receive feedback from judges who have included state senators, local officials and university political science professors. One team from each district will advance to the state competition held at the State Capitol Building. Textbooks for teachers and students will be provided to participating teachers at no charge as they are available. Lunch will be provided.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

University of Nebraska at Omaha	September 19, 2005	8:30 am to 3:30 pm
ESU 7 in Columbus	September 23, 2005	8:30 am to 3:30 pm
ESU 10 in Kearney	September 29, 2005	8:30 am to 3:30 pm
ESU 4 in Auburn	October 3, 2005	9:00 am to 3:00 pm

DISTRICT AND STATE SHOWCASES

District showcases (grades 5-8)	December 5, 2005	locations to be announced
State showcase (grades 5-8)	January 23, 2005	State Capitol Building in Lincoln
State showcase (grades 9-12)	May 8, 2006	State Capitol Building in Lincoln

Register online for professional development workshops and showcases at <http://pc.studentcitizen.org>. If you need further information, contact Heidi Uhing, the Legislature's Civic Education Coordinator, at (402) 471-0764 or huhing@unicam.state.ne.us.

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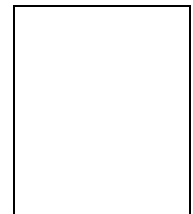
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