

NMCSS UPDATE

NM Council for the Social Studies Newsletter

May 2015

From the President

It has been a busy year for the New Mexico Council for the Social Studies. From our annual conference, a new website, the addition of a Spring Semester activity, sending representatives to the NCSS National Conference in Boston, and sending some of our officers to Washington DC in order to stand for New Mexico social studies teachers and students, it has been an active and full year!

Last April we launched our new website, nmcss.org. This website contains many new features and pages, including lesson plans and PD opportunities for our teachers from all over the world. You too may publish some of your greatest lesson plans on our website. Visit our "Lesson Plan" page for more information on how to become published with

NMCSS.

Over the summer, we sent NMCSS Vice President Mackie Greaser, as well as NCSS Vice President Peggy Jackson to Washington DC to work directly with our legislators and discuss how to keep social studies relevant and funded for teachers across the state and around the nation. In their Summer Leadership program, they accomplished many goals in ensuring that, in a high stakes testing environment that pays little attention to our content, social studies was not lost in the mix of PARCC testing and the Common Core Standards.

In late September, we held a conference centering on the theme of the Civil War in New Mexico and the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History. We had demonstrators, curators, speakers, vendors, authors, and teachers come in
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MOST POWERFUL WEAPON

..... which you can use to

CHANGE THE WORLD.



Bank of Albuquerque as seen through an archway in Downtown ABQ. Photo courtesy of www.kipmalone.com.

Joint Efforts Support Community Involvement

On Saturday, April 11, members of the NM Council for Social Studies joined community members for a guided walking tour of downtown Albuquerque. Tour guides said this was one of the largest groups they have had for these tours.

The tour, sponsored by the Albuquerque Historical Society and Historic Albuquerque, Inc. included a 90 minute stroll down historic Central Avenue, and explored the history of Albuquerque's New Town during and after the railroad boom of the late 19th century.

Walking tours are held every Saturday at 10 AM, and meet outside the theater at Central and 1st street.

In November, two representatives from the NMCSS were sent to the national NCSS conference in Boston in order to discuss and debate many issues of great import on the national social studies scene. From funding special programs to providing new and engaging content to teachers and students from the likes of Ken Burns and President Jimmy Carter, much was learned and accomplished by all at NCSS!

I am proud of the accomplishments of the NMCSS this year, and eagerly look forward to another full and engaging year serving all of the social studies teachers and students!

Randy Martin, NBCT &
2015 Golden Apple
Award Winner
NMCSS President, 2014-2015



NCSS Update

*Peggy S. Jackson,
NCSS President Elect*

Boston Conference success! Over 5000 attendees including exhibitors invaded Boston for a fantastic conference. Key note speakers included **Ken Burns**, historical documentary writer, **Nicholas Kristof**, NY Times Columnist, **Randi Weingarten**, AFT President, **Caryl M. Stern**, CEO of the U.S.Fund for UNICEF, **Jose Antonio Vargas**, National known columnist for his journey as an undocumented immigrant, **Eric Foner**, Historian, Columbia University, and **Keith Maddox**, Psychologist, Tufts University

C3- COLLEGE, CAREER, and CIVIC LIFE Framework compatible with the CCSS in our state envisions social studies instruction as an inquiry arc of reinforcing elements of intersection of ideas and learners. C3's inquiry-based lessons use sources, evidence, and informed action in the realms of the social studies that give teachers ways to integrate social studies into the CCSS. C3 grants are available for teachers to use this framework in the classroom and model its outcome. See www.ncss.org for the information.

NCSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE—NEW ORLEANS, November 13-15, 2015.
SW has great flights in and out of New Orleans. Book your flight to come to NCSS Conference!!!

NCSS Board Meeting in DC March 27-29. Main goal for our NMCSS was to focus on MORE common NCSS/NMCSS members. New NCSS members will see the benefits and NMCSS will increase our presence in the HOD in New Orleans. NMCSS board members voted to begin “brokering” – which means membership will begin during the new fiscal year, July 1, and membership dues reminders will be sent out by the National Council. Keep an eye out for your forms. It will include information to join the National organization as well.

Fall 2014 Conference Recap

Thanks to everyone who made our NMCSS Fall Conference, "The Civil War in NM" a HUGE success!

We had many amazing speakers and presenters discussing a wide range of topics ranging from Civil War weapons and tactics to getting at-risk students engaged in American History to how our local Albuquerque Museum is pioneering new ways to engage students.



Zuni Olla dancers balance ceramic pots on their heads.
Photo courtesy of www.marblestreetstudio.com



Civil War historians shared weapons and tactics to an audience of social studies teachers at this year's NMCSS conference. Photo courtesy of nmcss.org.

Coming Fall 2015

The 2015 NMCSS Fall Conference theme will explore Native Americans past, present and future in New Mexico, the southwest and beyond.

The conference is tentatively slated for Saturday, September 26 at the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico main campus, off of Rendon Drive, just south of Roma.

NMCSS is looking for members to assist with the planning and organization of the event, including a call for speakers, vendors, and other participants. If you think you would be interested in helping plan the event, or if you would like to be a speaker or vendor at the event, please contact Mackie Greaser at greaser@aps.edu.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Celebrations

Share your celebrations with the entire organization. Send us photos of some of the great work your students are doing in class; share your awards, prizes and just great days with us. Send all photos (please make sure students have a photo release on file at your school) and celebration stories to Julie Ornelas at ornelas@aps.edu.



National History Day State Winners

Students from across NM will be attending the National History Day Competition in Maryland June 13-18. Middle school and high school competitors competed for prizes in categories that include documentary, exhibit, performance, paper, and web page. This year's theme was Leadership and Legacy in History, and students spent the last 8 months researching primary and secondary sources in preparation for their projects. Eighteen middle school and high schools had 63 students advance to Nationals. Good luck to all the students and their teachers. NHD is a true demonstration of excellences in social studies education.

Would you like to get your students involved in next year's competition? 2015-2016 theme is Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange in History. Check out the National History Day website for more information, www.nhd.org.



National History Day Parade of States 2010, University of Maryland. Photo courtesy of nmhum.org.

NM History Day State Teachers of the Year

Every year one middle school and one high school National History Day teachers are selected for the Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year. State winners receive \$500 and are entered in the National competition. The national winner wins \$10,000. This year's state winners were Martina Gutierrez from Rio Rancho High School and Erin Gockel from Tibbets Middle School in Farmington, NM. Congratulations to these representatives of the hard work our social studies teachers in NM are doing, and good luck on the National Competition.



Desert Ridge Middle School social studies teachers Randy Martin and Russell Thompson were honored at the Golden Apple Tribute to Teacher Excellence Friday, April 10 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque by the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico.

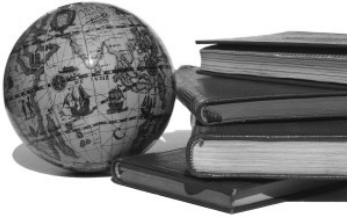
Martin, NMCSS current President, earned the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching, while Thompson, past NMCSS President, received the Golden Apple Award of Distinction. These teachers demonstrate excellence in teaching, and have been vital in rebuilding the NMCSS organization. Winners receive \$1500, a laptop and paid professional development opportunities.



Not a Golden Apple recipient? You can still be awarded! Apply for the Wells

Fargo Golden Apple Teacher Partner Program Grant for a one-time project in the amount of up to \$1000.

Find more information at www.goldenapplenm.org or call Golden Apple at 505.268.5337.



Free Lesson Plans for Teachers!

Want engaging lesson plans for students in grades 6-12?

Check out Stanford University's website : <https://sheg.stanford.edu/>.

This is ideal for students in grades 6-12 in World History and US History. The website contains many teacher ideas for lesson plans and assessment.

The Reading Like a Historian curriculum engages students in historical inquiry. Each lesson revolves around a central question and features sets of primary documents designed for groups of students with diverse reading skills and abilities. Lessons are designed to stand alone and supplement what teachers are already doing in their classrooms.

Historical Thinking Matters is a website focused on key topics in US History designed to teach students how to critically read primary sources and how to critique and construct historical narratives.

Here are a few sample topics:

US History

Mapping the New World
Slavery in the Constitution
Indian Removal
Thomas Nast's Political Cartoons
Pullman Strike
Anti-Suffragists
Scopes Trial
Japanese Internment
The Cold War
Anti-Vietnam War Movement

World History

Hammurabi's Code
Attila and Pope Leo
Roman Empire and Christianity
First Crusade
The Black Death in Florence
Martin Luther
Reign of Terror
Castro and the United States
Nazi Propaganda
China's Cultural Revolution

It's easy to get started! Go to the website, create an account, and start selecting primary source lesson plans to use with your students!

Need more ideas for lesson plans? Visit nmcass.org for teacher created lesson plans. Have a great activity or lesson you would like to share? Send your lesson plan to NMCSS attention Randy Martin at martin_randy@aps.edu.



Educator Field Trips

Where do you want to go?

As part of the NMCSS experience, we are increasing our efforts to organize enrichment opportunities for members and social studies teachers around NM beyond our annual fall conference.

New Mexico has so much rich history waiting to be explored. Join us for some fun. Our first joint outing included a walking tour of Albuquerque with the Albuquerque Historical Society and Historic Albuquerque, Inc..

We hope to expand our experiences, and take organized outings around the state with several trips throughout the year. Let us do the planning for your professional development this year. Certificates of participation will be presented to anyone attending each event.

Please take the following short survey to help us plan for future events. Thank you for your input!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ND9V3N8>



Lincoln Historic Site

A town made famous by one of the most violent periods in NM history. See the Old Courthouse with exhibits detailing the Lincoln County War. Walk in the footsteps of Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and other characters of the Wild West.



Bosque Redondo Memorial at Fort Sumner

A unique new museum designed by Navajo architect David Sloan - shaped like a hogan and a tepee - and an interpretive trail, provide information about the tragic history of Fort Sumner and Bosque Redondo Indian Reservation.

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Teaching Experience ____ Pre-service ____ Three Years or Less ____ Over Three Years

Payment:

Annual NMCSS Membership \$ 15.00

For questions about becoming a member, email Randy Martin @ martin_r@aps.edu

Checks/purchase orders/money orders can be made payable to NMCSS. Mail membership forms and payment to:

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Visit nmcss.org for more information, lesson plans, and other upcoming events!

ABOUT US

The New Mexico Council for the Social Studies (NMCSS) is an organization of teachers, by teachers, and for teachers (and their students) that provides leadership in the state for improving social studies education at the state and federal level. The organization also works to provide meaningful lessons and activities to social studies educators across the state, aides in providing Professional Development activities, and helps social studies teachers at all levels become more proficient in their craft, both in content and practice.

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