

### **New Mexico Council for the Social Studies**

## **Upcoming Events!**

#### NMCSS STATE CONFERENCE

Theme: Patriotism in Times of Change

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 8:15-3:00

Place: New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

1100 Louisiana Blvd. SE Albuquerque, NM 87108



This will be a conference you won't want to miss! There will be special

guest speakers and hands-on activities for all teachers and pre-service teachers. Our entire day will focus on Patriotism in the beautiful setting of the New Mexico Veterans' Memorial. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided with your registration fee. See the registration form included in this newsletter. Our website will soon have registration information: www.nmcss.org.

#### LOS ALAMOS TEACHER DAY TRIP

Saturday, September 24 NMSSC is sponsoring a day trip to Los Alamos. The trip will include a visit to the Los Alamos Historical Museum in the morning. In the afternoon, the group will visit Bandelier National Monument. The purpose of this trip is to promote collegiality among state social studies teachers. See the NMCSS website with forthcoming details on the time and meeting place.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE: CIVIC AND CULTURAL INQUIRY IN A CHANGING WORLD



This year, the 96th Annual Conference will be held in Washington, DC on December 2-4, 2016. Attend the conference to gain new ideas, resources, and skills while exploring our nation's capital. Join more than 4,000 of your peers from across the U.S. to share the most current knowledge, ideas, research, and expertise in social studies education. Registration will open in June. Visit www.socialstudies.org/conference for more information.

## News from Peggy Jackson, our National Delegate and incoming President of the National Council for the Social Studies

It is terribly exciting to be representing our Council and our State as the incoming President of NCSS. At our last NCSS Board meeting in mid-March, we not only met but also stayed an additional few days to update our Strategic Plans and Goals for NCSS. Getting our state councils more involved at the National level is one of the primary goals.

I just finished approving the Agenda for our Summer Leadership Institute in DC July 12-14, 2016. Each state council is asked to send two delegates to this training. It will include a tour of the NEWSEUM, an advocacy training by our NCSS advocate Catriona McDonald, a light reception on the balcony of the NEWSEUM overlooking Pennsylvania with a view of the Capitol, followed by a



training session at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Arlington, VA. Our Hill visits will occur on Wednesday morning, July 13, 2016, and conclude with a debrief back at the Hotel by Catriona McDonald on Thursday morning, and then training in both advocacy and sustainability for State Councils as well as the resolution process. This is an exciting way to meet other state Council leaders and network with them about what is going on in their states.

I officially become President on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year from NCSS. I have been inviting speakers for the DC Dec. 2-4, 2016 Conference.

All my best,

Peggy

#### TEACHER RESOURCES

Check out these websites for materials and ideas for your classroom:



Coronado Historic Site: www.kuaua.com
Friends of Tijeras Pueblo: friendsoftijeraspueblo.org
Historic Society of New Mexico: www.hsnm.org
New Mexico Geographic Alliance: www.nmgeoed.org
New Mexico Humanities Council: www.nmhum.org
New Mexico History Museum:
www.nmhistorymuseum.org

# The NMCSS website is being revised! Go to www.nmcss.org for the latest information.

#### Socorro Seminar

On Saturday, January 23, NMCSS partnered with the New Mexico Historical Society to present Celebrate Socorro. The was a free seminar for teachers and the general public to learn about the 400 plus years history of Socorro and the surrounding area.

The seminar began at Socorro Public Library with a slide presentation of *Socorro history* by local historian Paul Harden. Following the Socorro presentation, attendees took a short drive to the New Mexico Mineral



Museum at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Retired geologist Robert Eveleth spoke on the history of the college. In the afternoon, participants met at the recently restored 400 year old San Miguel Mission to hear a history of the mission and to tour the church. The seminar ended with an optional tour of a segment the Camino Real that runs through the Socorro area.

#### NEWS FROM THE NMCSS PRESIDENT, MACKIE COX

The NMCSS exists to provide leadership in the creation and implementation of content-specific professional development, social studies education advocacy, and legislation at both the state and federal levels.

Among our past projects set to aid in these goals was our annual NMCSS Fall Conference. This conference was centered on the theme of Native Americans in New Mexico and was held at the

Albuquerque Museum on September 26, 2015. Those in attendance were able to take away rich information from Dr. Glenabah Martinez, Dr. Paul Hutton, Dr. Mark Thompson, and Dr. Natalie Martinez.

Our goals are to plan New Mexico trips and/or seminars that you can attend in order to gain information about the history of our state, to grow relationships within our membership, and to see our membership numbers grow by inviting others to join our group. Be on the lookout for information in the coming



year for these opportunities that will help to build our knowledge and camaraderie.

Finally, it is one of our greatest goals to improve the state of history education for our students at every level – from the classroom to the Roundhouse to the Whitehouse. This being the case, our National Delegate from New Mexico, Peggy Jackson, promotes this cause. She works tirelessly to advocate for history, civic, geography, and economic education and is eager for your assistance.

Sincerely, Mackie Cox

#### REPORT FROM THE NCSS CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

In the House Of Delegates, I, along with Peggy Jackson (President-Elect of NCSS from NM), was to represent New Mexico as we discussed and voted on a number of resolutions that would help dictate the stance, role, and function of NCSS on some weighty issues facing Social Studies today. Among the issues were making it easier for NCSS members to access the resolutions online, supporting National History Day, including and supporting Pre-Service teachers in NCSS events, and helping teachers find and use new technology resources in the classroom. Perhaps among the most controversial and hotly debated resolutions, however, was related to endorsing the renaming of Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples Day". New Mexico, as a "tri-



cultural" state with a large indigenous population to support and represent, found itself in support of the renaming. Ultimately, after much debate, this resolution barely passed.

Please feel free to contact NCSS and NMCSS for more information on the NCSS resolutions, conferences, social studies support, and advocacy.

Randy Martin,

NMCSS Past-President and NCSS House of Delegates Representative

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Conference Rates: Continental Breakfast & Individual Teacher Registration	\$ 5	0.00
Pre-service Teacher Registration	\$ 2	5.00
Please print clearly Name		
School/Institution		
Work Address	City	Zip
Home Address	City	Zip
Work Phone	Home/Cell Phone:	
E-mail		
Teaching ExperiencePre-service	Five Years or Less	Over Five Years
Payment		
Full Conference fees include continental br NMCSS annual membership dues for \$15.0		
□ Individual Registration \$50.00 □ Pre-service Registration \$25.00 □ Annual NMCSS Membership Dues Only ( <u>fo</u>	or those NOT attending the confe	<u>rence</u> ) \$ 15.00
For questions about registration or the con	ference email Julie Ornelas at o	rnelas@aps.edu.
Checks/purchase orders/money orders can payment to: Stacy Moses 838 Fairway Rd NW	be made payable to NMCSS. M	ail registration forms and

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#### ABOUT NMCSS

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 levels. 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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