



From the President Chris Cannon



Do you have FoMO?

When it comes to the Georgia Council for the Social Studies annual conference, you should! FoMO stands for “fear of missing out” and it is the sense of apprehension people sometimes feel when they are faced with a situation where they may not be able to participate in a certain event or gain a unique experience. This feeling can be aggravated through the use of social media, especially when friends or colleagues are going to the event or getting the experience. While some scientists argue FoMO is little more than an exaggerated sense of jealousy or something specific to the millennial generation, there is a great deal of research surrounding Self-Determination Theory and motivation that supports the FoMO feeling as a legitimate piece of a person’s decision-making and evaluation of overall self-worth.

What does this have to do with you? While every year the GCSS conference yields important information and opportunities for networking, the 2016 conference is especially important as we are on the eve (in terms of school years) of a revised curriculum with some pretty significant changes in some grades. The Friday afternoon

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Conference Keynotes 2016

DR. BETH RUBIN



Dr. Beth Rubin, Associate Professor of Education; Director, Social Studies Education Program; Co-Director, Rutgers Urban Teaching Fellows Program joins us on Friday to discuss, *“What Social Studies Makes Possible.”*

Dr. Beth Rubin explores how youth civic identity and belonging take shape within local contexts

marked by history, culture, politics and economics. She works with teachers to design and study curricular and pedagogical innovations that attend to the complexities of youth civic learning.

Dr. Rubin co-founded the GSE’s Urban Teaching Fellows program to cultivate thoughtful, outstanding urban educators, and runs the Social Studies Education program to empower critical civic educators, and mentors doctoral students to develop the next generation of excellent researchers grappling with issues of social justice and education. Dr. Rubin has written three books and numerous articles dealing with youth civic education.

The appearance of Dr. Rubin is sponsored by the Mary Hepburn Scholarship Program at the University of Georgia. Join us on Friday to enjoy Dr. Rubin’s session.

Friday, Oct. 14, 9:45 - 10:30 A.M., Athena F-J

DR. JAN REYES

Dr. Jan Reyes is Program Manager for Test Content Development in the Assessment and Accountability Division at the Georgia Department of Education. She is a former middle school teacher and has been with the Department of Education for four years. She led the development of open-ended formative assessment items in all content areas and has been highly involved in the development and scoring of Georgia Milestones. Join Dr. Reyes on Thursday afternoon as she discusses Social Studies Georgia Milestones Assessment data and future social studies assessments.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 3:45 - 4:30 P.M., Athena F-J

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sessions alone will be worth the price of admission as teachers, consultants, and other professionals who participated directly in the curriculum revisions will be leading sessions on the revised standards and materials to teach some of the new concepts found therein. Add that to the normal dynamic sessions on content, assessment, and strategies, the unique and powerful guest speakers, the opportunities for fellowship and networking, and the bountiful vendors' room and you have an experience that defines FoMO.

Every year we hear from people who say they want to come but their system or school administrator will not allow it for various reasons. If ever there was a year to beg, this would be it. Start a go-fund me page, ask early (ask NOW), try to make room-share arrangements to reduce costs, or look for groups that may offer a scholarship (GAEE will be offering one to its members, for example). As President of GCSS I can all but guarantee you won't regret coming. If you choose not to, accept the FoMO at your own peril! See you in October!



Change, Challenge, and Opportunity: Our 2016 Conference Theme

Make this the year you embrace change, accept the challenge, and seize the opportunity by being part of GCSS and the annual conference.

An Abundance of Breakouts Planned for GCSS Conference 2016

We wanted to share a few of the session titles on tap for this year's conference attendees. Your only problem will be deciding on one per time slot. Among many fine options are:

- * Why is the "War to End All Wars" forgotten?
- * Telling Tales in Class: Fiction and Historical Thinking in Teaching Social Studies
- * Social Studies Teacher Training in the Geographic Information System (GIS)
- * A Historical Perspective on the Arab-Israeli Conflict and Peace Process
- * Teaching with Pop Culture
- * Inquiry-Based Learning: Active Learning Using Digital Resources
- * Bulletin Bored? Learn to Create Inquiry-Based Displays in a Social Studies Classroom
- * The Economic Impact of the Atlanta Braves
- * Holocaust ID Cards Activity: Translating Statistics Into People
- * Teaching September 11th Using Primary Sources: U.S. Teachers Share LIVE Eyewitness Anecdotes to Engage Students!
- * Little People LOVE Social Studies too!
- * Ernie Lee, 2016 Georgia Teacher of the Year
- * Spice Up Your Social Studies Lessons With Free Tech Tools
- * My Kids Can't Do This!
- * No Funds, No Problem! Using Virtual Field Trips to Enhance Learning
- * From "Not Now" to "Wow" = New Strategies for Document Analysis
- * The Pop-Up Museum: Innovation and Ownership for the 21st Century
- * Creating a History Lab in the Middle School
- * and special breakouts on Friday afternoon on the revised Social Studies Standards, presented by those on the revision committees....be the first in your school or district to know what is coming!!

Note that these are but a small sampling of sessions offered!



Visit Athens in the Fall: A Letter from Pam Knauer, Conference Coordinator

The annual GCSS Conference will soon be in full swing! Travel to Athens on October 13-14 to participate in this year's conference. This year's conference promises to be a jam-packed two days. Teachers can attend the Awards luncheon on Thursday, included in the registration fee, as their colleagues are recognized for outstanding achievement in social studies.

On Thursday afternoon, Dr. Jan Reyes from the Georgia Department of Education's Assessment Department will be speaking about the Social Studies GMAS statewide results and what the future holds for state social studies assessment. On Friday morning, Dr. Beth Rubin from Rutgers University will be speaking about "What Social Studies Makes Possible".

This year we have added a late Thursday afternoon session so that those teachers arriving later on Thursday will have more options, and the last session on Friday afternoon will focus on the newly revised GSE standards based on grade level/content area. Over 45 exhibitors have committed to sharing their resources with attending teachers and great door prizes will be awarded Friday afternoon.

Access all conference information at this link: <http://www.gcss.net/site/page/view/annualconference>

Hope to see you in October!

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Farewell to Kahlil Chism



The Social Studies community in Georgia has lost a dear friend and valuable resource with the passing of Kahlil A. Chism. As Education Specialist at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Chism touched many of our lives. After battling cancer, he died on August 12.

A memorial program for Chism will be held at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, September 9.

Rest in Peace, our faithful friend and colleague.

Update from Our Executive Director

Members of GCSS hear from our Executive Director, Dr. Eddie Bennett, frequently throughout the year. If you are not receiving these information-packed e-mails, make sure to update your email address with GCSS.



GCSS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the following awards which will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on October 13:

- Gwen Hutcheson Outstanding Educator
- Social Studies Teacher of Promise
- Programs of Excellence

The deadline for submitting nominations is

September 12, 2016. For nomination forms go to:
<http://www.gcss.net/site/page/view/awards>

UPCOMING GCSS ELECTIONS

In the near future you will receive information about the upcoming GCSS Election. This year we will elect two new board members in addition to president-elect and have outstanding nominees.

Nominees are for President Elect: **Dr. Debra Pope Johnson** and **David T. Kendrick** and for the GCSS Board position 1: **Dr. Keena Ryals-Jenkins** and **Kimberlynn H. Weston**, and for GCSS Board position 2: **Laura Ambrose** and **Michele M. Celani**

Be a role model for your students and VOTE! Look for an email update with candidate bios and directions on voting.

HISTORY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SYMPOSIUM AT NARA ATLANTA

The National Archives at Atlanta is proud to present their 5th annual scholarly symposium featuring scholarship based on NARA records and encouraging research into the NARA records. This year's event, "Ethics, Epidemics, & Education: Public Health and the Federal Government" on **Saturday, September 17** will be held in conjunction with a separate event, "Ethics, Eugenics, and Public Health in Georgia" presented at the Georgia Archives on Friday afternoon, September 16.

Pre-registration is required. To register go to <http://www.archives.gov/atlanta/symposiums/public-health/> or email atlanta.archives@nara.gov. The symposium will be take place at the National Archives in Atlanta, 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA.



Teacher Opportunities & Resources

Picture Books About Elections and the U.S. Presidents

Author	Title
Eileen Christolow	Vote!
Catherine Stier	If I Ran for President
Jarrett J. Krosoczka	Max for President
Doreen Cronin	Duck for President
Rachel Ruiz	When Penny Met POTUS
Kelly DiPucchio	Grace for President
Peter W. Barnes & Cheryl Shaw Barnes	Woodrow for President: A Tail of Voting, Campaigns, and Elections
Kathleen Krull & Kathryn Hewitt	Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame, and What the Neighbors Thought
Nell Fuqua	U.S. Presidents: Feats and Foul-Ups: The Good, the Bad, and the Silly
Hanoch Piven	What Presidents Are Made Of
Judith St. George	So You Want to be President
Beverly Gherman & Julie Downing	First Mothers
Victoria Woodhull	A Woman for President
Gene Barretta	Lincoln and Kennedy: A Pair to Compare (wonderful model of comparing/contrasting specific presidents in an engaging colorful way)

From NCSS Smartbrief:

Talking to Children About Tragedies

We all know children who have experienced tragedy and injustices in their lives. It is important that we, as educators, know how to communicate effectively with them. Education Department officials share three tips to keep in mind at <http://smartbrief.com/original/2016/08/how-we-talk-our-kids>

Echoes and Reflections: Holocaust Education Professional Development Online

Explore this free and powerful resource for teaching students about the Holocaust. Find more information at: <http://echoesandreflections.org/professional-development-online/>

A two part webinar session for Georgia teachers will be held on December 1 and 8.

From Edutopia:

What the Heck is Inquiry-Based Learning

The author of this blog talks about “triggering curiosity” in our students. Who among us would not want to meet that goal with our Social Studies instruction? See the blog article at: <http://tinyurl.com/h57wzgc>

Dialogue Defibrillators: Jump Start Classroom Discussions!

Another Edutopia blogger, Todd Finley, explores some of the issues involved in getting students talking and strategies for sparking good discussion. See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/gumovpn>

New from the Georgia Department of Education:



Introducing the Virtual Specialist

A K-12 Resource Provided by the GaDOE Social Studies Department

Introducing a new FREE online professional learning community exclusively for Georgia educators. The Georgia Department of Education has created course and grade level specific Professional Learning Communities in edWeb—a professional learning network—where educators from across the State can connect with each other to share experiences, resources, lesson plans, and instructional activities.

EdWeb will also give you access to virtual specialists—Georgia educators chosen for their leadership and expertise in their respective fields. The virtual specialists will act as a personal mentor, hold Q&A sessions, webinars, and routinely share best-practices to support the growth of Georgia educators. Monthly webinars are open to the public and will focus on relevant content specific topics, and inquiry driven instructional practice. Information and scheduling for monthly webinars can be found here <http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/Social-Studies.aspx>

Here are instructions on how to join edWeb and find your PLC <https://goo.gl/JeeSMD>

August Monthly Webinars

Kindergarten & 1 st Grade	Thursday, September 1 st 4:30pm
2 nd Grade	Tuesday, August 23 rd 4pm
3 rd Grade	Friday, August 26 th 4pm
4 th Grade	Monday, August 29 th 4:30pm
5 th Grade	Wednesday, August 24 th 3:30pm
6 th Grade	Wednesday, August 31 st 4:30pm
7 th Grade	Wednesday, August 31 st 7pm
8 th Grade	Tuesday, August 30 th 4:30pm
American Government/Civics	Tuesday, August 16 th 4pm
Economics	Thursday, August 25 th 4pm
United States History	Tuesday, September 6 th 4:30pm
World Geography	Monday, August 22 nd 4:30pm
World History	Thursday, August 18 th 4pm

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Voting and Teaching About the Election

As Social Studies teachers we are responsible for teaching our students about our government and what it means to be good, active citizens. Like it or not, we are models of civic behavior for our students, so it is important that we set a good example. How can we do that? We can:

- ✓ Stay informed about the issues that concern us.
- ✓ Get information from reputable sources and check out a variety of news outlets so that you have insights into positions on all sides of an issue.
- ✓ Make sure we are registered to vote and knowledgeable about when and where to vote.
- ✓ VOTE!!!!
- ✓ Teach our students how we vote in our country, and point out examples of active, engaged citizens in the community and in the news.
- ✓ Keep our own biases and partisanship out of our teaching. Instead teach students to be critical thinkers who can weigh and analyze what they are seeing and hearing during these very contentious times.
- ✓ Model how to talk with civility with those whose beliefs and positions are different from our own.
- ✓ Participate in mock elections with your students to help them simulate the registration and voting process. Research shows that students who have been exposed to such simulations grow up to be more active voters.
- ✓ Explore candidates websites and issues together and have students talk about the positions they take on these issues. Insist that they back up their arguments with evidence and logic, whatever their positions might be.
- ✓ Invite local candidates or elected officials from all political sides to visit the classroom and speak with students about their experiences as a candidate or in office.

Voting in the **General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016:**

Deadline to register is October 11, 2016.

Early voting begins on October 17, 2016.

Find out more at the Georgia Secretary of State's office at:

<http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections>



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Did you know:

*The **Mission** of the Georgia Council for the Social Studies is to advocate for, support, and celebrate the advancement of quality social studies teaching for Georgia students.*

*The **Vision** of the Georgia Council for the Social Studies is to prepare students to be knowledgeable, effective decision makers and engaged citizens in a globally interdependent world.*

Mark Your Calendar:

🌐 **GCSS Conference, October 13-14, 2016**, at the Classic Center in Athens, GA. Theme: *Change, Challenge, and Opportunity*. Register at: www.gcss.net



🌐 **NCSS Conference, December 2 - 4, 2016** in Washington, DC. Theme: *Civic Learning and Cultural Inquiry in a Changing World*. More details at www.socialstudies.org

🌐 **Get connected:**

🌐 *Georgia Social Studies Journal* - The current issue can be found at www.coe.uga.edu/gssj/current-issue/

🌐 Think about becoming more active this year:

- 🌐 Participating in this year's Social Studies Fair
- 🌐 Attending the GCSS conference
- 🌐 Becoming a more active GCSS member and recruiting new members
- 🌐 Sharing your idea for *News & Notes*.

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Can you spy these folks at our 2016 conference?

