



2026 Conference Schedule at a Glance

The Road is Before Us: Building Connections as Global Citizens

Wednesday
October 21, 2026

Social Studies Leadership Day

Parthenon 1

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Leadership Day Exhibitors: 10:00-1:30 (tentative)

Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum Level Partners Only

Parthenon Lobby and Main Lobby

Exhibit Hall SetUp

Downstairs Atrium, Grand Hall Prefunction Hallway

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Registration Opens

Athena Prefunction Area (upstairs Classic Center)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Trivia Night (Tentative)

Hyatt Hotel Sunroom Area

8:00 - 9:30 PM

Stay for the entire event or drop in and join for a little while

**Thursday
October 22, 2026**

Registration
Athena Prefunction Area
6:45 AM

Coffee and Tea Service
Downstairs Atrium
7:00 AM- 9:00 AM

Exhibit Hall
Downstairs Atrium and Grand Halls Prefunction Hallway
7:30 AM

Grand Hall 6
Take a Trip Around the World
Foreign Consulates Exhibits
8:00-4:00

Time	Sessions/Event	Location
7:00-9:00 AM	Coffee and Tea Service	Downstairs Atrium
8:30 AM - 9:20 AM	Concurrent Sessions Block 1	
9:35 -10:25 AM	Concurrent Sessions Block 2	
10:40 AM - 11:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions Block 3	
Awards Luncheon 11:45-1:00 PM Grand Hall 8		
Exhibitor Dedicated Visits 1:00-1:45 Atrium		
Preservice Teachers Poster Session (Upstairs) Olympia Prefunction Area 1:00-1:45		
2:00-2:50 PM	Concurrent Sessions Block 4	
3:05-3:55 PM	Concurrent Sessions Block 5	
4:10- 5:00 PM	<i>Keynote Speaker: Kiliii Yuyan</i> <i>Indigenous Explorer and Photographer</i> <i>National Geographic</i> <i>(Georgia Humanities Collaboration)</i>	Grand Hall 8
5:15 PM	GCSS Board of Trustees Meeting	Parthenon 1

Friday October 23, 2026		
Registration Opens Athena Prefunction Area 7:00 AM		
Exhibit Hall Downstairs Atrium and Grand Halls Prefunction Hallway 7:30 AM -12:00 PM		
Time	Sessions/Event	Location
7:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Coffee and Tea Service	Downstairs Atrium
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM	Concurrent Sessions Block 6	
9:00 AM- 9:30 AM	Special Session <i>Dr. Joy Hatcher:</i> GaDOE Social Studies Program Manager <i>Amy Denty:</i> GaDOE Director of Literacy; <i>Dr. Nicolas Philmon:</i> GaDOE Structured Literacy Coaching Coordinator	Grand Hall 8
9:40 AM - 10:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions Block 7	
10:40 AM-11:30 AM	Concurrent Sessions Block 8	
11:40 AM-12:30 PM	<i>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stan Deaton</i> <i>Distinguished Historian at Georgia</i> <i>Historical Society;</i> <i>Off the Deaton Path</i> <i>Today in Georgia History</i> <i>(Georgia Historical Society</i> <i>Collaboration)</i>	Grand Hall 8
Door Prizes- Grand Hall 8 12:30-12:45		

Thank you for supporting the Georgia Council for the Social Studies!

Safe travels and see you soon!

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR:

Athens, October 21-22, 2027

