GCSS
Georgia Council for the Social Studies

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	
8:30 AM -9:20 AM	Pre-Service Teachers	Grand Hall 4
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	***Keynote Speaker: Kiliii Yuyan*** ***Indigenous Explorer and Photographer*** ***National Geographic*** ***(Georgia Humanities Collaboration)***	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** ***Dr. Joy Hatcher:*** GaDOE Social Studies Program Manager	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	***Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stan Deaton*** ***Distinguished Historian at Georgia Historical Society;*** ***Off the Deaton Path*** ***Today in Georgia History*** ***(Georgia Historical Society Collaboration)***	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