



February 2020

A monthly newsletter for social studies educators

Updates from the Ohio Department of Education

February is African American History Month

During February, *Black History Month* celebrates the many contributions of African Americans. There are many online resources that teachers may find useful when teaching students during Black History Month and beyond. Look under the “Resources” section in this newsletter.

State organizations offering opportunities and resources

Ohio Center for Law-Related Education’s offers opportunities for teachers and students

- **Ohio Government in Action for teachers.** Experience state government ‘live’ and behind-the-scenes. Join the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education for Ohio Government in Action, Feb. 11-12. Teachers will see oral arguments before the Supreme Court of Ohio and meet with leaders from each of Ohio’s three branches. Teachers will take home ready-to-use lessons and connect with government teachers from around the state. For more information contact Ryan Suskey at rsuskey@ocltre.org.
- **Middle School Mock Trial.** The 2020 Middle School Mock Trial State Showcase still has space available on Thursday, April 23. This year’s case is based on Louis Sachar’s novel *Holes*. Students will present both sides of an original, unscripted case that puts the warden of boys’ correctional camp on trial for child endangerment. Visit the middle school mock trial webpage [Visit the webpage](http://www.ohioocltre.org) or contact Danielle Wilmot at dwilmot@ocltre.org for more information.
- **We the People Middle School Showcase.** Registration is open for the 2020 *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* Middle School State Showcase. Students demonstrate their knowledge of the Constitution in simulated legislative hearings, acting as expert witnesses in ten-minute rounds of hearings. The deadline to register is Friday, March 6. Want to learn more but not yet ready to participate? Interested teachers and curriculum coordinators may observe the showcase. To find out more, visit the webpage or contact Kelly Masterson at kmasterson@ocltre.org.
- **Moot Court Program.** Moot Court is a simulated U.S. Supreme Court hearing that challenges students to craft legal arguments. The program will help students hone their argumentation skills, critical reading, analytical writing, and public speaking. Teaching *AP Government and Politics*? Moot Court is perfect preparation for the SCOTUS comparison essay part of the AP Exam. This year’s case has students explore the limits of investigative journalism and the First Amendment. The case centers around a high school journalist who “infiltrates” a gubernatorial campaign and reports on her findings without permission from the candidate. The 2020 Ohio Moot Court case is now available. For more information and to order the case materials, visit the webpage or contact Kelly Masterson at kmasterson@ocltre.org

Ohio Council for the Social Studies hosting regional workshop for teachers for grades 3-6

The Ohio Council for the Social Studies is hosting the [3rd – 6th Grade Language Arts & Social Studies with the DBQ Project workshop](#) on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 am to 2 pm at Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg. This training will provide elementary teachers with instructional strategies, sample lessons and intensive modeling to utilize the document-based question approach – a tool to meet the goals and historical thinking skills stressed in both the C3 Framework and Ohio’s Learning Standards for Social Studies and English Language Arts. The cost is \$25 individual or \$40 for a two-person team (one social studies and one English language arts). Deadline for registration is Feb. 28.

Celebrating one hundred years of women’s suffrage

The 19th amendment that granted women the right to vote was ratified August 18, 1920 and Ohio is celebrating this event. Classroom resources from the National Archives, Library of Congress, National Park Service, PBS, and the Smithsonian can be found in the [Women’s Vote Centennial](#) website.

The Ohio History Connection’s exhibit: [Ohio Women Vote: 100 Years of Change](#) is a traveling exhibit and is available for schools and other organizations. The [Ohio Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission](#) webpage has a list of events occurring throughout the year.

Presentation at University of Akron on Teaching About Race & Black Histories in Schools

Dr. LaGarrett King, an award-winning researcher and editor of the recently released book, *Perspectives of Black Histories in Schools* will present “[Teaching About Race & Black Histories in Schools](#)” and share resources and insights for K-12 educators in advancing critical multicultural literacies focused on teaching black history and perspectives. This includes helping educators and their students explore, *What is Black history? How are Black histories (mis)understood in schools? And, what Black historical knowledge and pedagogies should be cultivated in classrooms?* It will be held at the University of Akron on Wednesday, March 4 from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Contact hours are available, and books will be available for purchase and signing.

Supreme Court of Ohio celebrates Black History Month

Celebrating the contributions of African Americans to Ohio and the United States is a hallmark of the Supreme Court of Ohio’s annual Black History Month celebration. This year’s featured speaker is Justice Melody Stewart. Justice Stewart studied music long before she became a lawyer, law professor, judge, and now a justice, and music has remained an important part of her life. Her knowledge of law and music often intertwine, and she uses her musical background to aid her legal work. Educators, students, and the general public are invited to attend this event on Monday, Feb. 10 at 1 pm in the Courtroom of the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center as Justice Stewart delivers an insightful presentation entitled, “The Harmony of Music and the Law.” Please RSVP no later than Feb. 6, via email to forum@sc.ohio.gov. The program also will be streamed live on the [Court’s website](#).

Other opportunities

U.S. Census Bureau seeks teachers for ambassador program

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for teachers for grades Pre-K - 12 to join the Statistics in Schools Ambassador Program. Are you a Pre-K through 12th grade teacher or know someone who is? For more information on how to apply, email CLMSO.SISambassador@census.gov. Celebrate [Statistics in the Schools Week](#) from March 2-6. There will be exciting virtual events throughout the week for teachers, students, and the community.

From the Gates of Auschwitz

Effectively communicating the messages of the Holocaust becomes increasingly challenging with time. A specially produced media event co-sponsored by Rutgers University and the March of The Living will be broadcast live from Auschwitz at approximately 5 pm Poland time (11 am EST) on Monday, April 20 which is the day before Holocaust Memorial Day. Visit the [March of the Living](#) website for more information on how to participate.

James Madison Fellowship applications are available

[The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation](#) offers \$24,000 James Madison Graduate Fellowships to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary school level. Fellowship applicants compete only against other applicants from the states of their legal residence. As funding permits, the foundation plans to offer one fellowship per state, per year. Deadline to submit application is 6 p.m., March 1.

American Lawyers Alliance announces nomination process for Teacher of the Year award

For the past 60 years, the [American Lawyers Alliance](#) has been active in its support of public education, citizenship awareness and various service programs. Recognizing the vital role that teachers play in law-related education, the alliance began in 1985 to sponsor [Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year](#) awards. The purpose of these awards is to honor public and private high school teachers who have made significant contributions in law-related education. Nominations for the 2020 Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year awards may be submitted by the applicant, school administrators, other teachers, students, lawyers, judges, professional members of the community or any other interested parties by March 15. Visit the [Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year](#) website.

Constitutional Rights Foundation offers student programs

The [Constitutional Rights Foundation](#) provides programs for the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow that provide the skills and confidence to engage actively in civic life.

- **Civic Action Project (CAP)** This cutting-edge program is used in all 50 states and many countries. CAP students, including many who live in low-income communities, learn civics by addressing real issues and problems that matter to them. They work with government officials and community agencies to achieve real policy change, from improving public transportation to instituting anti-bullying policies at schools. CAP reaches well more than 96,000 students each year.

- **Amplifying Youth Voice** The foundation has partnered with Empower the People, founded by two students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Sari Kaufman, a senior at Douglas High School, and Casey Sherman, now at Duke University, are leading a new national CAP Youth Board. Together, they are planning and hosting Citizen Debates where policymakers and experts share different perspectives on key issues and have civil dialogue with CAP students around the nation. Its first Citizen Debate event was held in partnership with Duke's Fuqua School of Business, with hundreds of CAP students from Durham, NC, Los Angeles, CA, Spokane, WA, and Longmont, CO. Next up, an online event for more CAP classes, then on to Los Angeles.

The U.S. Census Bureau provides program to increase awareness of the 2020 census

[Statistics in Schools \(SIS\)](#) is a U.S. Census Bureau program that uses census statistics to create classroom materials for grades preK through 12. Teachers and subject matter experts nationwide helped develop each Statistics in Schools activity to increase awareness of and overall public response to the decennial census. The Statistics in Schools program includes more than 200 activities and resources that enhance learning and engage administrators, teachers, students and their parents or guardians in public conversations about the census. Resources include lesson plans, data tools, fun facts and more.

National Council for History Education Conference coming to Cleveland

The [National Council for History Education](#) is coming to Cleveland on March 19-21. The conference hotel is the Hilton Cleveland Downtown, and the [room block](#) currently is open. The conference is offering eight Enrichment Excursions, including our highlighted excursion this month, the Cleveland History Center. Join the Cleveland History Center, the headquarters of the Western Reserve Historical Society, for an afternoon exploring everyday objects and their roles in history. The day will include a highlight tour of the History Center, a ride on its 109-year-old Euclid Beach Grand Carousel and an immersive, curator-led, behind-the-scenes experience. The afternoon will end with a short professional development activity that will give educators a hands-on way to explore how everyday objects can bring history to life for learners of all ages. [Registration](#) is open now. Get started planning for the conference experience. Review the [Preliminary Program](#) for information on enrichment excursions, keynote speakers, and the schedule for breakout, poster and mini sessions.

Gilder Lehrman Institute seeking 2020 National History Teacher of the Year

The [Gilder Lehrman Institute](#) is accepting nominations for the [2020 National History Teacher of the Year](#). The award will be given to a full-time K-12 educator who teaches American history, including state and local history, as either an individual subject or as part of other subjects. The 2020 award will honor exceptional elementary and secondary teachers who are generalists or specialists. Teachers in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and U.S. territories are encouraged to apply. Deadline for nominations is March 31.

American Bar Association announces theme for Law Day 2020

The [Law Day 2020](#) theme is "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100." In 2019-2020, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action. Law Day is held May 1 every year to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession. Learn more about the history of Law Day and past themes.

Online courses

National Geographic online courses

The online courses for [Geo-Inquiry](#), teaching [climate change](#) and [service learning](#) are open for registration until Oct 6. Graduate credit now is available for all three courses.

Summer Opportunities

Intersections: East Asian and STEM Seminar

The East Asian Study Center is pleased to offer the following free professional development opportunity to educators in Ohio and Kentucky (teachers, administrators, librarians, other) about East Asia on The Ohio State University campus during the one-week summer seminar. The [Intersections: East Asian and STEM](#) seminar will provide Participants with the knowledge, resources, and expert guidance needed to incorporate or enhance curriculum about East Asia in the classroom. For those who live more than 30 miles away, on-campus housing and travel support will be offered, as well as parking tokens. Stipends and resources will also be provided. [Application](#) deadline is April 15.

C-SPAN's 2020 Summer Teacher Fellowship

C-SPAN's annual [Teacher Fellowship](#) program invites three teachers from across the country to join spend four weeks during July collaborating with the organization's Education Department to develop new teaching materials using C-SPAN resources. Each Fellow receives an award valued at \$7,000 which includes housing and travel expenses. Applicants should have familiarity with C-SPAN's programs and be able to demonstrate successful integration of C-SPAN's programming and lessons into their classrooms. Applications must be received by Friday, March 13.

Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation's Japanese American Incarceration Teacher Workshop

Teachers of grades 5-12 from around the country are invited to attend the [Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation's Japanese American Incarceration Teacher Workshop](#). Beginning with the stories of the first immigrants from Japan, the workshop will take participants through the Pearl Harbor attack and wartime hysteria that followed, to the incarceration, and eventually to the apology and redress payments by the federal government in 1988. Teachers will be guided in developing dynamic lessons using primary and secondary source materials, such as newspapers, artifacts and oral histories. Professional development contact hours will be provided, as well as university credits for a fee. The workshop will take place July 19-24 and July 26-31 at the WWII Heart Mountain confinement site in Wyoming. Successful participants will be awarded a \$1,200 stipend to defray transportation and lodging costs upon completion of all parts of the workshop. There are no workshop fees. Applications are due March 1.

American History and Civics Academies

The Center for Civic Education is implementing a multi-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education for [Presidential Academies for teachers and Congressional Academies](#) for high-need high school students. Fifty-one teachers and 102 students from throughout the country participate each year in the academies, with all expenses covered. The academies begin with a two-week institute in conjunction with exemplary scholars and mentor teachers. The academies will be held July 11-25 at Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland. The academies are free for participants. The application period for the 2020 academies is open now.

Updated summer professional development opportunities offered

A list of [professional development opportunities for social studies educators](#) will be updated through the spring. This information was compiled by Stefanie Wager, social studies specialist for the Iowa Department of Education and president-elect of the National Council for the Social Studies.

Resources

[Campaign 2020](#)

This C-SPAN site features video resources showcasing the 2020 presidential election. Topics include the presidential election process, current and historical examples of the process, videos of the candidates and issues being discussed during the campaign.

[Constitutional Foundations and Principles of Government](#)

Featuring C-SPAN resources on the founding documents and constitutional principles.

[Free Teaching Resources from the Council on Foreign Relations](#)

World101 helps teachers explain the fundamental issues and concepts of international relations, including globalization, climate change, migration, terrorism and more.

[May 4, 50th Commemoration](#)

Many of the activities and events for the 50th Commemoration of May 4, 1970 center around educational initiatives designed to help everyone to learn more about the lessons and history of May 4, 1970. This section of the website provides resources, documents and other tools that teachers can use to help engage their students to learn about May 4, 1970, and how those events impact all of us today.

[Korean War Legacy Foundation resources](#)

This foundation offers free Korean War lesson plans for teachers of elementary, middle grades, and high school students. These include inquiries, map activities, and other teaching modules to help students better understand the Korean War and its legacy. Ohio Teacher of the Year, Mona Al-Hayani, wrote the lessons for middle school. Also, check out videos in the [Interview Archive](#).

[Stanford History Education Group offers new history materials](#)

Check out the new Reading Like a Historian lessons, new History Assessments of Thinking, revamped lessons, and new Spanish language translations.

State History

This new site is a collection of state history resources for all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. These resources are organized alphabetically by state.

U.S. Government Key Terms

A list of key terms with C-SPAN clips explaining or exemplifying the term.

2018 AP U.S. Government and Politics Units

Resources organized by 2018 redesigned units and enduring understandings.

General Economics and AP Economics Key Terms

Resources relating to general economic principles, economic systems and AP Macroeconomics and Microeconomics key terms.

World History

Content organized in reverse-chronological order by centuries and theme.

Comparative Government and AP Comparative Government Terms

Featuring resources with overviews of types of government and examples of how countries around the world implement these governments.

Black History Month

Africans in America

This is a four-part series depicting the following eras: The Terrible Transformation, Revolution, Brotherly Love and Judgment Day. Each part includes a historical narrative, resource bank of primary sources and Teacher's Guide to use with the television series by the same title.

Black History Month Lessons and Resources, Grades 9-12

The National Education Association's website offers a selection of lesson plans that cover a variety subjects that can be adapted to fit grades 9-12.

C-SPAN's Black History and Civil Rights Featured Resources

In preparation for Black History Month, C-SPAN Classroom has aggregated a number of our resources relating to the history of African Americans in the United States. Explore our C-SPAN Classroom Lessons and Bell Ringers to learn more about this history.

Eyes on the Prize

Enrich the classroom's Black History Month experience by incorporating this landmark 14-part documentary series about the American Civil Rights Movement. Facing History educators can stream all episodes of *Eyes on the Prize* on our website and supplement their lessons with our *Eyes on the Prize* [teaching guide](#).

The King Papers Project

This is a research effort to assemble and disseminate information about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the social movements he led. Stanford University has brought together the papers, speeches, sermons and unpublished manuscripts of Dr. King. Five volumes of a 14-volume edition of the most significant works of Dr. King have been published.

The National Museum of African-America History and Culture Web

Visitors have the opportunity to shape its content. Using the Share Your Memory link, visitors can submit stories, photos or audio recordings that tell something about them or a moment in African American history.

Teaching more than the Harlem Hellfighters; Black History Month, World War I, and the Classroom

Former Ohio teacher, Paul LaRue, provides a number of resources related Ohio African Americans who served in the military.

20 pertinent classroom resources for Black History Month

Commemorate Black History Month in the classroom with 20 lesson plans and resources that cover topics ranging from civil rights events to discussions about race in current events. These resources provide authentic, student-driven learning experiences that will help all kids participate in Black History Month.

Voices from the Days of Slavery

The Library of Congress's American Folklife Center online collection: Voices from the Days of Slavery: Former Slaves Tell Their Stories, available at Library's American Memory.

RECOMMEND A RESOURCE!

Teachers are invited to forward resource websites they have used in the classroom to share in this newsletter. Websites with URLs that end in ".com" are not included. Acknowledgement of who provided the resource will be cited. Please identify the content statement(s) and grade or high school course the resources align with. Send to Dwight Groce at the email address below.

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