



# Colorado Council for the Social Studies

*Enhancing Social Studies Education in the Centennial State*

CCSS Winter Newsletter

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## President's Message



2011 was full of teachable topics. Students watched coverage of the Arab Spring. They celebrated the deaths of Osama Bin Laden and Moammar Gadhafi. Battles raged over the issue of gay marriage. People argued about Casey Anthony's verdict as well as the Occupy Wall Street movement. Students raised money for victims of the tsunami in Japan. I know that many of you are engaging students in the study and discussion of many of these events. I would like to thank all of you for your continued dedication to bringing effective social studies education to our youth. Keeping all of these events in mind, CCSS has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming annual CCSS Conference on April 13, 2012. The theme is From Civil War to Civil Rights to Civil Discourse and Civic Life.

The Conference will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Denver Tech Center. We are excited about our new venue, as well as the exceptional day lined up. I hope that everyone will take the time to review the conference information contained on our web site at [www.cosocialstudies.org](http://www.cosocialstudies.org). I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend and to bring a friend or two. This year's conference promises to be the best yet. We will

have another outstanding group of presenters from across the state and nation. We also anticipate a great variety of exhibitors for our exhibit hall.

We are thrilled to welcome Hasan Davis as our keynote speaker. Davis is a performer, youth advocate and motivator. His youth included learning disabilities, arrest, and expulsions from school. Finding strength to change, he received many awards and went on to graduate from law school. He worked as an alternative school educator, a Youth Violence Prevention specialist, and served as Vice-chair of the federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice. He is an active motivational speaker and living history performer with a message that encourages communities "where all people have the opportunity to succeed" (<http://www.hasandavis.com/Hasan.html>). ...continued on next page.

### GET INVOLVED NOW!

For information on how to become more involved in your state council, contact President, Sara Shackett: [sshackett@cosocialstudies.org](mailto:sshackett@cosocialstudies.org)

For comments, suggestions or submissions in the newsletter contact editor [Kim LaGrow](#)

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### WEBSITE

[www.cosocialstudies.org](http://www.cosocialstudies.org)

Keep up with the latest CCSS and NCSS news and the most recent in social studies updates by visiting the CCSS website.

I am also excited that Stephanie Hartman, the new CDE Social Studies Content Specialist, will attend the conference. She will present a session about using the new social studies standards to inform content and instruction. She will also be available for conversations throughout the day.

Finally, CCSS will welcome Sue Blanchette, the NCSS President, to the conference. Visiting from Dallas, Texas, Blanchette will present a session about using authentic assessments in honors and AP classes.

I wish all of you the best for 2012. We appreciate your support and hope that you will continue to take advantage of some of the resources provided on our website. We look forward to seeing you at the conference in April.

- Sara Shackett, President

## NCSS Board of Directors Candidate - Anton Schulzki



### Bio Statement

I am Anton Schulzki and have been teaching for 28 years in Colorado Springs at Palmer High School. I teach in the International Baccalaureate Program, where I serve as an assistant examiner for History of the Americas. I serve as our schools Advanced Placement coordinator, and have taught a wide range of social studies classes over my career. I was department chair for 12 years and helped to develop various curriculums for the school and district. I became very active in working to develop assessments for Colorado, my district and school. My work with these assessments led me to become much more involved with NCSS. In the past years I have presented at state, regional and the national conference on a variety of topics. I served as one of two high school teachers who served on the 2006 NAEP United States History Exam review panel. I was elected to the House of Delegates in 2008 representing the Canada Community. I

was honored to be elected to the Steering Committee for the HOD in 2009; serving as the chair of the Steering Committee at the annual NCSS conference in 2010. I was appointed to the CCSS board of directors in 2011.

### Position Statement

In this second decade of the 21st century, it is time for NCSS to look to the future with 20/20 vision. The first decade proved to be difficult for social studies educators and we face increasing challenges in the current one. We need to come together as social studies professionals to meet them with a renewed sense of purpose. We must continue to make our vision clear to the public, politicians and most importantly among ourselves. Our voices need to be heard loudly and clearly. We have developed new ways of reaching out to our students through new technologies, yet, at times we fall short reaching out to each other and decision-makers at every level. I would like to help NCSS reach out to all constituencies including current members, and especially, new teachers. I am eager to develop mentorships that will lead to innovative ideas in the classroom, using experience and exuberance to be truly transformative. Our vision for the future must move our disciplines to the forefront of the educational debate. The year 2020 will be here before we know it, and I want to help lead NCSS look to that date and beyond. ***The CCSS Board of Directors endorses the candidacy of Anton Schulzki for the NCSS Board of Directors. When you receive your NCSS notice to vote, please do so.***

## PLEASE NOTE...

...in an article published in **Education Week**, January 11, entitled “Literacy Wins, History Loses in Fiscal '12 Federal Budget,” all federal aid for social studies content was eliminated. This includes the decision to abolish the Teaching American History grants program, funded at 46 million last year, as well as the Excellence in Economic Education program, which got \$1.4 million last year, and \$1.2 million for civic education. Other cuts included the Education Department's Mathematics and Science Partnership program by \$25 million, to \$150 million and more than one-third of the \$43 million budget from the Advanced Placement Incentive grants program. At the same time, the federal Arts in Education program saw only a slight cut, from \$27 million to \$25 million, and aid for the Education Department's physical education program stayed about the same as last year, at \$79 million. While other programs were obviously cut, only social studies programs were totally wiped out.

...in the information submitted to the Joint Budget Committee of the Colorado legislature, social studies and writing assessments are now scheduled for 2016.

...the CDE weekly communication, **The Scoop**, it was announced that Colorado will receive \$17.9 million in Race to the Top Phase 3 funds. The state's grant, disbursed over four years, is focused on Colorado's four reform areas: (1) leveraging and expanding the state's capacity; (2) implementing the Colorado Academic Standards through the work of Content Collaboratives; (3) supporting district implementation of the state's educator effectiveness law; and (4) increasing access to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education state-wide. Half of the award is designated for district use and will be allocated based on Title I share distributions.

In **Quality Counts**, an annual reporting on state-by-state indicators in educational policy and performance published by **Education Week** on January 13, Colorado ranked 28<sup>th</sup> overall, with a combined score of “C” or 75.1. Indicators of success include *Chance for Success, the Teaching Profession, K-12 Achievement, School Finance, Standards, Assessments and Accountability, and Transitions and Alignment*. The highest score, an “A,” was given in the subcategory of School Accountability while the lowest score, an “F” was assigned in the *Finance* subcategory of Spending. For more information, go to <http://www.edweek.org/ew/qc/2012/16src.h31.html?intc=EW-QC12-LFTNAV>

... in [\*\*A Crucible Moment: College Learning and Democracy's Future\*\*](#) by The National Task Force on Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement, there is push back against a prevailing national dialogue that limits the mission of higher education to workforce preparation and training while marginalizing disciplines basic to democracy. The Task Force calls on educators and public leaders to advance a 21st century vision of college learning for all students—a vision with civic learning and democratic engagement an expected part of every student’s college education. The report documents the nation’s anemic civic health and includes recommendations for action that address campus culture, general education, and civic inquiry as part of major and career fields as well as hands-on civic problem solving across differences.

## Wounded Warriors NSSSA presentation

by Lineah Davey

One of the great presentations occurred the day before NCSS officially opened in Washington. The National Supervisors of Social Studies Association (NSSSA) annually holds workshops the day before NCSS opens. The organization is open to any member of NCSS; you need not be a social studies supervisor to attend their great sessions and join the organization.

This year, NSSSA organized a panel of Native American warrior speakers who had served in various US wars, from World War II to the Iraq War. They were included in a book, Warriors in Uniform by Herman J. Viola, and told of their experiences at the American Indian Museum.

We heard from Joe Medicine Crow, who had served in World War II. As part of his presentation, he asked all veterans in the audience to stand while he sang his own song to them. Other representatives had served in Korea, Operation Desert Storm, and the Iraq war.

Sgt. Debra Kay Mooney, of the Chicksaw tribe, helped organize a powwow in Iraq's combat zone in 2004. The group had five weeks to organize and put on the two-day powwow, and Native Americans from all over Iraq attended. They played Indian games, like stick ball (formed from broomsticks) and tomahawk throws (tomahawks formed from metal truck doors). Since a drum is essential for the singing and dancing, a drum was fashioned from half of a 55-gallon oil drum, with the canvas head salvaged from a cot. The drum, a ribbon shirt and Sgt. Mooney's powwow dress are on display at the museum. It was a powerful experience.

## NCSS Conference Speaker

Judy Woodruff, broadcast journalist and regular co-anchor of the PBS New Hour, was the NCSS closing conference speaker on December 4, 2011. She thanked social studies teachers for their most valuable contribution, giving students the opportunity to question and providing them with the skills to do so. She urged teachers to get students involved in their communities and to tackle issues that would allow them to make a real difference. Audience questions focused on the impact of NCLB on teachers and students. Mrs. Woodruff responded that she would communicate concerns to the PBS education correspondent, John Merrow. She also urged attendees to determine the important people in local media outlets and to spend time with them, communicating successes and challenges, without assuming that they have the same level of knowledge as those who are in the classroom daily.



**CCSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE: April 13, 2012**  
**THEME: From Civil War to Civil Rights to Civil Discourse and Civic Life**

**WHAT HAS CHANGED AND WHAT HAS NOT?**

**What has changed?**

- Biggest change is **LOCATION**. It will be held at **the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver Tech Center** located at 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, directly off I-25 South. If you want to stay overnight, you will find the rates significantly reduced to \$89.00 per night.
- There will be a limited number of registrants, so log onto [www.cosocialstudies.org](http://www.cosocialstudies.org) soon to complete early registration.
- Continental breakfast will be provided in 3 different locations at the hotel – look for signs.
- The presenter conference registration fee has been reduced by half.
- *Hosted by the Wyoming Geographic Alliance in collaboration with the Colorado Geographic Alliance, there will be a giant Map of North America (35 X 25 feet) on display in the atrium. Stop by to find out how you might be able to have the map visit your school/district.*
- Free and extensive parking on the west side of the hotel
- More opportunity for wireless internet connectivity

**What hasn't changed?**

- Registration fees are the same as 2010! No inflation.
- Lunch is included
- Features keynote speaker, presentation of awards honoring teachers and programs, time to spend in the exhibit area and network with colleagues
- Strong content and skills based presentations with ideas you can use immediately upon returning to your classroom
- Certificate of participation or college credit will be available
- Book bag and other goodies will be distributed at registration when you check in as usual.

**Lodging Information:**

Need a room for the night when you come for the annual CCSS conference? Call the Doubletree by Hilton at 7801 E. Orchard RD, Greenwood Village. Their number is 303-779-6161. **When you book tell them "LCU" code for our rate.**

Look forward to seeing everyone at the conference. There will be some new presenters and new exhibitors as well as some dynamic returnees.

**COLORADO COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES 25th ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
APRIL 13, 2012 DOUBLETREE BY HILTON DENVER TECH CENTER  
7801 E. Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, CO 80111**

**From Civil War to Civil Rights to Civil Discourse and Civic Life** When we think of Civil War, we focus on this nation in the 1860s and/or on similar conflicts in other nations; for Civil Rights, we might hone in on the 1960s and the actions of Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. For both, we think of the people involved, as well as events and issues that were important. Civil Discourse spotlights students, pre-k-12, who must be prepared to view, construct, and interpret the events and issues they encounter now and in the future, in order to participate fully in Civic Life. These could include, but are not limited to, recent developments in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and other nations as well as issues of piracy, nationhood, state/national/global debt, terrorism, immigration, and politics. We must also consider Civil Discourse among all educators involved in the implementation of the Academic Standards and preparation for assessment.

**EARLY REGISTRATION BY MARCH 12TH**

\_\_\_ \$75.00 for current CCSS member (email [djohnsontucker09@gmail.com](mailto:djohnsontucker09@gmail.com) if unsure)

\_\_\_ \$85 for non-CCSS members, includes a one year membership

\_\_\_ \$25 for college/university full-time pre-service/licensure students with a one year membership to CCSS

**Signature of University instructor Required** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructor's Institution** \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER MARCH 12TH THE COST WILL BE \$85.00 FOR CCSS MEMBERS AND \$95.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS,  
WHETHER ONLINE, OR BY MAIL**

**REGISTRATION FORM (\* REQUIRED FIELDS)**

**PARTICIPANT'S E-MAIL (PRINT)\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME OF SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME MAILING ADDRESS\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE\*** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU DO NOT INDICATE A MEAL REQUEST, YOU WILL BE SERVED THE SELECTED MENU.**

**I NEED A VEGETARIAN MEAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**I NEED A GLUTEN FREE MEAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS CONTACT:** [djohnsontucker09@gmail.com](mailto:djohnsontucker09@gmail.com) OR CALL (303) 949-8794

## Colorado Council for the Social Studies Membership Form

DUES: We are encouraging you to make a commitment for one, two or three years, if possible, and receive a break.

New dues structure is:

\_\_\_ One Yr: \$25 \_\_\_ Two Yrs: \$40 \_\_\_ Three Yrs: \$60

Retired teachers and pre-service students are: \$20 a year \_\_\_

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

\*NAME

\*Home Mailing address

\*City State Zip Code

\*SCHOOL

\*SUBJECTS AND GRADE LEVEL TAUGHT

\*\*PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS(absolutely necessary and please print)

COMPLETE THIS FORM and mail to Dorsee Johnson-Tucker 1789 S. DeFrame Street, Lakewood, CO 80228.

You may pay online at [www.cosocialstudies.org](http://www.cosocialstudies.org) or mail a check with the form made out to CCSS

### **NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES??**

You can join NCSS and the Colorado Council for the Social Studies together!! Complete this registration form , pay CCSS \$79 for comprehensive NCSS membership, OR \$66 for a regular NCSS membership and get your first year of CCSS membership included. You can pay online at [www.cosocialstudies.org](http://www.cosocialstudies.org) or mail check as stated above.