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DAILY SCHEDULE

Tuesday—November 15, 2005

- 3:30–4:30 p.m.** **Executive Committee Board Meeting** Jay McShann B
- 4:30–5:30 p.m.** **New Member Orientation** Jay McShann B
Facilitator: Lewis Huffman
- 5:45 p.m.** **Meet in the Lobby for bus ride to the Arabia Steamboat Museum**
- 6:30 p.m.** **Opening Dinner** Arabia Steamboat Museum
Cocktails, Dinner, Museum Tour
Facilitator: Lynn Stanley
Sponsored by Holt, Rinehart and Winston

The steamer Arabia was lost to the Mississippi River in 1856 and rediscovered 132 years later. Much of the cargo survived and is a focus of the museum tour. The Arabia Steamboat Museum offers a glimpse of ordinary nineteenth century life.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday—November 16, 2005

- 7:30–8:00 a.m.** **Registration** 3rd Floor Foyer
- 8:00–9:15 a.m.** **Breakfast** Mary Lou Williams A & B
Topic to be announced
Speaker: Dirk Johnson
Facilitator: Pat Concannon

Sponsored by Newsweek
- 9:15–10:30 a.m.** **Business Session 1** Big Joe Turner B
- 10:30–10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:45–Noon** **The New Bloom’s Taxonomy** Big Joe Turner B
Speaker: Dr. Lorin W. Anderson
Facilitator: James Bryant

The presentation will focus on the structure of the revised Bloom’s taxonomy and the implications of the revised taxonomy for developing and understanding standards in social studies. Opportunities for increased validity of assessments, improved quality of instruction, and enhanced curriculum alignment will be explored.
- Noon–1:15 p.m.** **Lunch** Mary Lou Williams A & B
Facilitator: Chris McGrew

Sponsored by Gibbs Smith, Publisher
- 1:15–2:00 p.m.** **Surveys of Enacted Curriculum** Mary Lou Williams A & B
Speakers: Lewis Huffman and Andrea Morgan

The Surveys of Enacted Curriculum are research-based tools that help schools collect, report, and use data on what content is taught and how it is taught. The surveys and reporting tools provide an objective approach for analyzing instruction in relation to content standards. The presenters will discuss initiatives in their own states. Information will also be shared about a possible national program sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday—November 17, 2005

8:00–9:15 a.m. **Breakfast** Mary Lou Williams A & B
Facilitator: Bill Gerling
Sponsored by George F. Cram Company

9:15–10:15 a.m. **Business Session 2** Big Joe Turner B
Special Guest: Jeff Passe—President, National Council for the Social Studies

10:15–10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30–Noon **Chautauqua**
Facilitator: Connie Manter

State Partnerships Lester Young A
Speakers: Joann Larson and Lawrence Paska

Learn how New York has established and maintained a supportive and ongoing relationship between the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the state professional organizations. Topics include annual statewide summits, how NYSED provides statewide updates to educators through its council presentations and its social studies website, and how NYSED directly involves classroom teachers in a variety of state-level curriculum and assessment assignments.

Maryland Research Lester Young B
Speaker: Marcie Taylor Thoma

This session will discuss research recently conducted by the Maryland Department of Education about the impact of *No Child Left Behind* on the social studies curriculum, instruction, and assessment across the nation.

Conceptual Thinking Jay McShann A
Speaker: James Page

The presenter will share some of his findings on the role of conceptual thinking in standards, the emphasis in the disciplines, and as the primary element in all thinking skills. These instructional strategies work across grade levels and all disciplines.

Chautauqua continued on next page

Street Law Jay McShann B
Speakers: Lee Arbetman and Peter Kavouras

This session will focus on three of Street Law’s most popular resources for high school social studies teachers: the Street Law textbook, the Landmark Supreme Court Cases Web site (www.landmarkcases.org), and the Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers (now in its eleventh year). Handouts will be provided.

Noon–1:30 p.m. **Lunch** Mary Lou Williams A & B
Facilitator: Steven Weber

Sponsored by Ignite! Learning

1:30–2:30 p.m. **Economics Sizzles with Technology** Big Joe Turner A
Speaker: John LeFeber

Two new collections of lessons and strategies developed by the Global Association for Teaching Economics (GATE) and the National Council on Economic Education will be discussed. Activities for teaching economics in grades K–12 will be provided as well as a correlation to all state standards.

2:30–4:00 p.m. ***The Bill of Rights for Real Life:*** Mary Lou Williams A & B
**Connecting Non-College-Bound Youth
in Civic Engagement**
Speaker: Kim Ash

Through large-group discussions, and small-group activities, participants gain tools to help lead non-college-bound students toward a stronger and more explicit engagement in civil society. Materials contain historic content, plus contemporary, real-life applications. Teachers receive a sample of “The Bill of Rights and Expression” unit from *The Bill of Rights for Real Life* curriculum.

4:00–4:15 p.m. **Break**

4:15–5:35 p.m. **Business Session 3** Mary Lou Williams A & B

6:30 p.m. **Closing Dinner** Mary Lou Williams A & B
Facilitator: Karen Todorov

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Gift Exchange Mary Lou Williams A & B
Facilitator: Marcie Taylor Thoma

DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday—November 18, 2005

7:30–9:00 a.m. **Executive Committee Board Breakfast** Big Joe Turner

9:30 a.m. **International Education Panel** To be announced
with International Assembly
Panelists: Chris McGrew, Larry Starr, and Marcie Taylor Thoma

Noon–2:00 p.m. **Lunch with the National Social Studies** Basie A & B
Supervisors Association (NSSSA)
Speakers: Walter Parker and Emily Schell
Facilitator: Chris McGrew and Mert Martins

Sponsored by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill

The speakers will discuss curriculum changes that have taken place in the past thirty years and other topics related to teaching the social studies today.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

LORIN W. ANDERSON is a distinguished professor of curriculum studies at the University of South Carolina, where he has served on the faculty for thirty-two years. His research interests include the education of economically disadvantaged students and teacher decision-making. His most recent books are *Increasing Teacher Effectiveness* (Paris: UNESCO, 2004) and *Inquiry, Data, and Understanding: A Search for Meaning in Educational Research* (London: Routledge Falmer, 2004).

LEE ARBETMAN is director of U.S. Programs for Street Law, Inc., and co-author of the *Street Law* textbook (7th edition, Glencoe, 2005). He is a former secondary school social studies teacher and has also taught social studies methods to pre-service teachers. He and Diana Hess direct the Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers. Lee has received the prestigious Isidore Starr Award from the American Bar Association for his contribution to civic education.

As vice president of marketing, **KIMBERLY ASH** develops and implements The Bill of Rights Institute's marketing program. She leads efforts to research new products, explore partnering opportunities, and create strategies to promote the Institute's mission. Prior to joining the Institute, Kimberly worked as marketing manager at the Close Up Foundation for four and a half years, promoting its publications and educational travel programs. She also worked at Congressional Quarterly for almost seven years promoting its seminars, textbooks, newsletters, and weekly magazines. Kimberly graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and earned her B.A. in English and history.

BERT BOWER is CEO and president of Teachers' Curriculum Institute (TCI). His corporation is dedicated to training and supporting social studies teachers in a series of innovative teaching strategies that allow students with diverse learning styles to "experience" history. Bower taught social studies for eight years at Mt. View High School in Mt. View, California; authored several social studies textbooks for D. C. Heath and Company in Lexington, Massachusetts; and received a doctorate in social studies education from the Stanford University School of Education. He is co-author of both *Bring Learning Alive! The TCI Approach for Middle and High School Social Studies* and *Social Studies Alive! Engaging Diverse Learners in the Elementary Classroom*.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS *(Continued)*

S. G. GRANT is currently an associate professor in social studies education at the University of Buffalo. His research includes work as a co-principal investigator of Reading Historical and Literary Document Projects; project director of Teacher Learning and Assessment Project and the Global History Project. He has received the Exemplary Research in Social Studies Award by the National Council for the Social Studies in 2004, and the LAI Distinguished Faculty Award from the University of Buffalo in 2000. In 2004, he published a book titled *History Lessons: Teaching, Learning, and Testing in U.S. High School Classrooms*.

DIRK JOHNSON came to *Newsweek* after sixteen years at *The New York Times*, most recently as a national correspondent based in Chicago. He joined the newspaper in 1985 as a metropolitan reporter in Stamford, Connecticut, and also served as Denver bureau chief. While at *The New York Times*, Johnson covered the shootings at Columbine High School and in Jonesboro, Arkansas; the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City; political and racial strife in Chicago; the Illinois governor's moratorium on the death penalty; and various national political races. He recently wrote about the nation's unprecedented economic prosperity through the pained eyes of a teenage girl living in a trailer park. Johnson is a five-time winner of *The New York Times's* Publisher's Award, and in 1994, Simon & Schuster published his book *Biting the Dust: The Wild Ride and Dark Romance of the Rodeo*.

ANDY WEISS works at Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, where he has been involved with NAEP for the past nine years. As the NAEP social sciences coordinator, Andy works directly on and oversees the work of other ETS staff on the four NAEP social science assessments in U.S. history, civics, world geography, and economics. Before NAEP, Andy taught U.S. history part-time at Cornell and Princeton Universities, and spent altogether too long trying to complete his dissertation on anticommunism and communism in the New York City public schools.

EVALUATION FORM

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*To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements
about the quality of the CS4 program we have presented?*

DISAGREE — — AGREE

The annual meeting addressed some of my personal leadership needs.

1 2 3 4

Comments:

The information provided will be useful for my state activities.

1 2 3 4

Comments:

The time used for the meeting was well structured.

1 2 3 4

Comments:

The sessions provided useful information to share and/or use in my state.

1 2 3 4

Comments:

The overall administration of the meeting was effective.

1 2 3 4

Comments:

The presenters were knowledgeable and well informed about their topics.

1 2 3 4

Comments:

EVALUATION FORM *(Continued)*

The depth of the content presented during the sessions was satisfactory. 1 2 3 4
Comments:

The breadth of the content presented during the sessions was satisfactory. 1 2 3 4
Comments:

There were sufficient opportunities to ask questions, discuss issues, and network during the annual meeting. 1 2 3 4
Comments:

The level of interaction with other participants was satisfactory. 1 2 3 4
Comments:

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