Join your friends and colleagues from across New York State!
With dozens of sessions across the three days, there will be something for everyone. Whether you are a 7-12 social studies teacher, elementary teacher, an administrator, a librarian or literacy specialist, there is bound to be a session for you!

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Convention Highlights

Thursday, March 12, 2020

- **Breakfast Keynote:** Dr. Richard Bell author of *Stolen: Five Free Boys Kidnapped into Slavery and Their Astonishing Odyssey Home*
- **News Media Literacy: Discovering the Truth in a "Fake News" World**  
  Mary Miller, New York News Publishers Association
- **Liberation and Legacy: A Humanities-Based Approach to Examining the End of World War,**  
  Allison Weller, Copiague Public Schools/Teachers College
- **Civic Engagement: From Your Classroom to Their Community**  
  Kathleen Bellino, Arlington High School
- **Increase Engagement Through Game Based Learning**  
  Arlene Garcia, White Plains High School
- **Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote Through Documents**  
  Christopher Zarr, National Archives at New York City
- **Lunch Keynote:** Dr. Jennifer Lemak & Ashley Hopkins-Benton authors of *Votes for Women: Celebrating New York’s Suffrage Centennial*
- **Redlining, the Color of Law by Richard Rothstein, and Civic Engagement**  
  Ruben Martinez & Amber Lee, New Visions Charter HS for Advanced Math and Science II
- **Social Studies Teachers as Agents of Social Justice**  
  Tandra Birkett, Teachers College Columbia University; Starr Butler, NYCHS for AECI
- **The Longest Hatred: A Look at the History of European Antisemitism**  
  Goldberg, Institute for Curriculum Services
- **Dinner with Heroes: Leveraging the Arts in a Social Studies Classroom**  
  John Castaldo, High School for Public Service: Heroes of Tomorrow
- **What Happens When We Teach Reading in Social Studies?**  
  Christina Saylor, Highland High School
- **President’s Reception at the New York State History Museum**

Friday, March 13, 2020

- **Breakfast Keynote:** Dr. Charles Dew author of *The Making of a Racist: A Southerner Reflects on Family, History, and the Slave Trade*
- **Public Policy and Civic Engagement: Implementing “Project Citizen” with MS Students**  
  David A. Scott & Brianne Furstein, Northport-East Northport UFSD
- **Online Toolkit for the New Essays**  
  Gretchen Bedard, Hoosic Valley CSD
- **Exploring Concepts of Race, Racism, and Racial Justice in Children’s Books**  
  Lin Lin, SUNY at Cortland
- **Using Family History to Connect to Global History Themes**  
  Kathryn Shaughnessy, St. John’s University
- **Stepping Into Action: Going Beyond Building Awareness**  
  Brooke Wallace, Generation Citizen
- **2020 NYSCSS Awards Luncheon**
- **Featured Speaker: A Call for Full Inclusion of Exceptional Learners in Social Studies**  
  Darren Minarik, Virginia Inclusive Practices Center at Radford University
- **The FUNdamentals of Economics**  
  Robert Thomaris, Jean Maine-Motes, & Vicki McCullough, Indian River High School
- **Using Children’s Literature as a Tool to Teach Geography**  
  Stephen Sullivan, Sacred Heart Academy

Saturday, March 14, 2020

- **Eight 90 Minute Clinics for deep dives into history, pedagogy, and regents exams**