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The Mississippi Council for the Social Studies is a state affiliate of the National Council for the Social Studies. The purpose of this organization is to promote social studies as the key subject in developing good citizenship, to provide a link among educators interest in social studies and to aid the development of social studies educators professionally.

## Join MCSS for the Fall Conference October 16-17, 2014 at the Pearl River Resort, Choctaw, MS



MCSS is proud to announce the annual conference will be held on October 16-17, 2014 at the Pearl River Resort. Sessions will cover Government, Economics, Civics, History, Geography, Primary Sources, Common Core Standards, and Civil Life. Please plan to join us at Pearl River Resort.

Registration information can be found at the MCSS website and on page 2 of the newsletter.

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## NEWSEUM OFFERS TEACHERS SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES

One of the newest museums in Washington, DC is the NEWSEUM. The NEWSEUM focuses on the blending of news and history. Their mission is to "champion the five freedoms of the First Amendment through education, information, and entertainment."

The NEWSEUM offers permanent and rotating exhibits. One of the most interesting permanent exhibits is The Story of News that includes front pages of many famous historical events.

The NEWSEUM also offers resources to teachers. They

offer summer workshops, but also have a digital classroom with resources available for teachers. Take time to check out what the NEWSUEM has to offer you at <http://newseum.org/education/index.html>

**BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW FOR THE FALL 2014 MCSS CONFERENCE AT THE PEARL RIVER RESORT**

### Hotel Registration Information

#### PEARL RIVER RESORT

**CONFERENCE RATE=** 79.00 per night

Check in October 16.

Check out October 17.

#### To make a reservation call:

1-800-44-PEARL

Or 601-663-0066

When you contact the PEARL RIVER RESORT tell them you are with the MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES and give them the booking code: **GMCSS14.**

**The cut off date for the conference rate is September 23, 2014.**

**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES  
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
Conference Theme: Social Studies at the Crossroads: Common Core, C3 and Citizenship  
Pearl River Resort, Choctaw, Mississippi  
October 16-17, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  Elementary School Teacher     Middle School Teacher     Secondary School Teacher  
 College Instructor     University Professor     Pre-Service Teacher  
 School Administrator     Vendor     Other

Circle the Congressional District in which you vote:    CD 1    CD 2    CD 3    CD 4

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

**I. Conference Pre-Registration (October 1 postmark deadline):**

To pre-register for the conference, enter \$70.00 on this line. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Note: Lifetime MCSS Members enter \$45.)

**II. Conference Registration (after October 1):**

To register by mail after October 1 or to register on site, enter \$80 on this line. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Note: Lifetime MCSS members enter \$55.)

**III. Payment of Membership Dues:**

Renew your membership for \$5.00 (separate from conference fee). \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* **Please note:** Conference registration includes the welcome reception on Thursday evening, all conference sessions, the luncheon and business meeting on Friday.

**Mail this form along with a check, money order, or pre-approved purchase order to:**

MARLO HENDRIX, MCSS TREASURER  
159 HIGH FOREST LANE  
TUPELO, MS 38801

\*\*\* *Checks, money orders, and purchase orders must be made payable to MCSS.* \*\*\*

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- ❖ To pay by purchase order, a pre-approved purchase order must accompany your registration form when it is submitted to the Treasurer. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- ❖ Requests for cancellation of registration and refund of monies paid must be made in writing to the MCSS Treasurer two weeks prior to the conference.

**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**FALL CONFERENCE 2014**  
**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

What: MCSS Fall Conference

Where: Pearl River Resort, Choctaw, Mississippi

When: October 16-17, 2014

Proposals are due no later than September 15, 2014

Conference Theme: **Social Studies at the Crossroads: Common Core, C3 and Citizenship**

Submit proposals at <http://goo.gl/Z36nZH>

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**Lesson plan competition**

This year we are having a lesson plan competition. Submit your best social studies lesson to Steven White. Awards will be given for best elementary (K-5), middle level (6-8), and secondary (9-12) lesson plans. Winners will be recognized at the Friday luncheon.

Submit your best social studies lesson plan to Steven White at [srwhite38@hotmail.com](mailto:srwhite38@hotmail.com).

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Dr. Jesse Palmer in Budapest, Hungary

## Mississippi Council for the Social Studies

# The Jesse Palmer Social Studies Educator of the Year Award

The Mississippi Council for the Social Studies invites nominations of educators to be considered for the 2014 Jesse Palmer Social Studies Educator of the Year Award. Established in memory of Dr. Jesse Palmer, this award is given each year to an educator who demonstrates exemplary knowledge, skills, and dispositions in promoting quality social studies education in Mississippi schools.

To be considered for this award, an educator must have at least three years teaching experience, be currently involved in a social studies related profession, and submit an application packet that includes the following:

### I. Vitae

- A. Name and current information (address, phone number, e-mail)
- B. Current and past education related employment
- C. Educational background (degrees, specialized training, other)
- D. Positions of leadership held (professional, civic, other)
- E. Honors and awards received
- F. Participation in professional organizations (memberships, service, other)
- G. Workshops, seminars, professional development of note
- H. Other relevant information as deemed appropriate

### II. Questionnaire (Answer each of the following in a paragraph or more)

- A. Why did you choose to become a professional educator?
- B. What is your philosophy of teaching?
- C. What is your approach to social studies education?
- D. In what ways do you go "above and beyond" to be the best professional you can be?

### III. Supporting documentation

- A. Letter of recommendation from a current supervisor
- B. Letter of recommendation from a current colleague
- C. Letter of recommendation from a current or former student

To be considered as an award recipient for this calendar year, application packets must be emailed to Steven White at [srwhite38@hotmail.com](mailto:srwhite38@hotmail.com).

#### From the Executive Director:

Hello, I hope that everyone had a great summer and you are having a great school year so far. Social Studies is at a cross roads, CCSS offer us an opportunity to reassert the integral role of social studies in the K-12 curriculum. In July, I visited the United States Capitol and was able to meet with Congressman Gregg Harper and Senator Roger Wicker about the importance of social studies education. I am glad to report that both Congressman Harper and Senator Wicker are very supportive of social studies education and committed to fighting for legislation that will help us use social studies to build effective citizens.

Dr. Kenneth V. Anthony