



MCSS NEWSLETTER

MCSS FALL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NATCHEZ

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Conference Notes...

- Pre-register before October 1 and save \$10!
- A block of rooms is being held at the Eola Hotel. To make your reservation, call 1-866-445-3652. Use the MCSS code "Social" to receive the conference rate of \$79.
- CEU's will be offered to interested conference participants. The cost will be \$10 for .5 CEU's. In order to receive the CEU's, individuals must attend all conference sessions. No partial credit will be awarded.

The 2006 Mississippi Council for the Social Studies Fall Conference will be held on October 16-17 at the Natchez Convention Center. As one of the oldest and most historic cities in the South, Natchez boasts a vast array of fascinating places and things to do, and attendees at this year's MCSS conference will experience a taste of what Natchez has to offer!

Beginning at noon on Monday, an optional pre-conference excursion to the Natchez City Cemetery will be made available to early bird arrivals. MCSS members are encouraged to arrive early and participate in this interesting and fun outing. The conference will officially begin immediately following the cemetery field trip with a General Session at the Convention Center. Concurrent sessions and vendor displays will run throughout Monday afternoon, and a welcome reception will be held that evening at Rosalie.

Concurrent sessions and vendor displays will continue on Tuesday morning, and Walt Grayson, host of Mississippi ETV's *Mississippi Roads* program, will be the keynote speaker during the morning plenary session.

The conference will conclude on Tuesday with the annual luncheon and business meeting, during which time officer and delegate elections will be held. Special guests for the luncheon will be The Honorable William Winter and his wife Elise.

Other activities planned for the conference include an optional tour of Longwood, an opportunity to meet Mississippi author and Natchez native Ellen Douglas, and an appearance by Andrew Jackson (yes, THAT Andrew Jackson!).



To learn more about the conference, see the preliminary program inside, or contact Wendy Tucker (wendy.tucker@rcsd.ms), Jennifer Nance (jenniferfnance@hotmail.com), or Susie Burroughs (susie.burroughs@msstate.edu).



Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.
Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)

Mississippi Roads' Walt Grayson to Address MCSS Membership

Walt Grayson of Mississippi ETV's *Mississippi Roads* program will be the keynote speaker for the 2006 conference

plenary session, which will be held on Tuesday morning, October 17. With five generations of his family buried in Mississippi soil, the well known writer and broadcaster has Mississippi roots that run deep.

Grayson was born and raised in Greenville. His interest in broadcasting began while he was in high school

when he got a job as an announcer for WJPR, the Greenville radio station. His first television experience came as a weekend weather fill-in and an occasional travel feature reporter.



In 1984, Grayson took a job at Jackson's NBC affiliate, WLBT-TV, as a weather anchor. In addition to the

weather, he takes viewers on a "Look Around Mississippi" on the Friday 5 and 10 p.m. reports. He also writes and hosts the Mississippi ETV program "Mississippi Roads" and contributes a monthly column, "Mississippi Seen," for *Today in Mississippi*, the newspaper for the Electric Power As-

sociations of Mississippi. In 1998, Grayson wrote the text for *Jackson: The Good Life*, a coffee-table book on the sights and sounds of Mississippi's capital city.



Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.
Horace Mann
(1796-1859)

What do maps and tombstones have in common?

Both can be used to teach about geography!!!

To learn how you can use your local cemetery to teach geographic concepts, join Mississippi Geographic Alliance TC's June Hollis and Martha Hutson for a tour of the Natchez City Cemetery on Monday, October 16, 2006.

No pre-registration is required and there is no cost for the excursion.

To participate in this pre-conference excursion, arrive at the Natchez Convention Center at noon. We will travel as a group to the cemetery.

Wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes—a requirement for this experience to "listen" to the tombstones! This pre-conference "graveyard shift" is something you'll never forget!!!

NCSS Annual Conference to be Held in Washington, D.C.

The 86th NCSS Annual Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 1-3 at the Washington Convention Center. The theme for the conference is *Social Studies: Promise and Practice*.



NCSS, founded in 1921, is devoted solely to social studies education.

Plenary session speakers will include Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a noted African American Scholar; Eleanor Clift, contributing editor to Newsweek magazine; John Stossel, Emmy-award winning ABC anchor; Professors James Campbell and James Horton from

Brown University and George Washington University, respectively; and Linda Fasulo, United Nations correspondent for NBC.

In addition to the plenary sessions, the conference will offer attendees hundreds of concurrent sessions and vendor displays and a host of off-site excursions. If you've never experienced an NCSS conference, let this be the year that you attend your first conference! To learn about the conference and other benefits of becoming an NCSS member, visit www.ncss.org.



*Count no day lost
in which you
waited your turn,
took only your
share, and sought
advantage over
no one.*

Robert Brault

Call for 2007 Board of Directors Nominations

Elections will be held during the annual business meeting at the fall conference for President, Vice President, and District Directors from each of the four congressional districts. Having been elected last year to a two-year term, the following Directors will remain on the Board: CD 1: Dr. Kathy Clayton, CD 2: Bill Patrick, CD 3: Kim Este, and CD 4: Gayle Greene-Aguirre.

Nominations are now being accepted for candidates for the fall ballot. To nominate yourself or someone else to be considered by the Nominating Committee as a potential candidate for the MCSS Board, submit the following information:

- (1) the position the nominee would like to be considered for (i.e., officer position or Congressional District Director)
- (2) the name and contact information of the nominee (address, telephone, e-mail)
- (3) a brief description of the nominee's qualifications for the position
- (4) names and contact information of two professional references

Mail this information to:

Dr. Susie Burroughs

Chair, Nominating Committee

Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction - Box 9705; Mississippi State, MS 39762

Deadline for nominations: September 15.

Nominees will be notified of their candidacy status by October 1.



*I hope our
wisdom will grow
with our power
and teach us that
the less we use
our power the
greater it will be.*

Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826)

**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP FORM**
Conference Theme: *Social Studies: Promise and Practice*
Natchez Convention Center — Natchez
October 16-17, 2006

(Please type or print.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Check One: _____ Elementary _____ Middle/Junior High _____ High School
 _____ College/University _____ Pre-service/Student _____ Other

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

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

I. To pre-register for the conference - postmark deadline October 1:

To pre-register for the fall conference, MCSS regular members enter _____
\$60.00 on this line. Lifetime MCSS Members enter \$40.

II. To register for the conference - after October 1:

To register by mail after October 1 or to register on site, MCSS regular _____
members enter \$70 on this line. Lifetime MCSS members enter \$50.

***** Please note:** Pre-registration or registration for the conference includes the Monday evening welcome reception, all conference sessions, the luncheon and business meeting on Tuesday, and membership dues for 2007.

III. To renew your MCSS membership only:

If you will be unable to attend the fall conference but would like to renew _____
Your MCSS membership for the 2007 year, enter the appropriate amount
on this line. (Regular: \$20—Retired or Student: \$10—Lifetime: \$100)

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

Joyce Newell; MCSS Treasurer; 1209 Winwood Drive; 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 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
Conference Theme: *Social Studies: Promise and Practice*
Natchez Convention Center — Natchez
October 16-17, 2006

Monday, October 16

- 10:00-11:00 MCSS Board Meeting
11:00-1:00 On-Site Registration
12:30-2:00 Optional Pre-Conference Excursion to the Natchez City Cemetery
2:30-3:00 Opening General Session
3:00-3:50 Concurrent Sessions #1
4:00-4:50 Concurrent Sessions #2
5:00-6:00 On-Site Registration
6:00-8:00 Welcome Reception at Rosalie Mansion

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:30-8:30 On-Site Registration
8:30-9:20 Concurrent Sessions #3
9:30-10:20 Plenary Session
9:30-11:20 Optional Excursion to Longwood
10:30-11:20 Concurrent Sessions #4
11:30-1:00 Luncheon, Business Meeting, and Closing Session

Concurrent Sessions

- First Timer's Session
- Mississippi History NOW
- Mississippi Musical Machinations
- The Secrets of Successful Social Studies: Keep Them Thinking!
- Thinking Globally: Teaching Your Students About the Real World of Economics
- National History Day in the Classroom
- A Story of Two Brothers in World War II
- Experiencing George Washington: The George Washington's Teachers' Institute at Mount Vernon
- Fact or Fiction: Analyzing Movies in the Social Studies
- Literacy... It's More than a Word
- Teaching the Five Themes of Geography Using Hurricane Katrina
- Promote the Vote 2006: "Building Community through Civic Engagement"
- "Tracing Our Trace" - The Natchez Trace Project
- Telling the Truth About History!
- Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund
- Dollars and \$ense
- Students Teachers' Attitude Toward the Social Studies
- Connecting Mississippi Studies with the SAT
- New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music Tour—Ideas for Teachers
- Strange Things in Geography

**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 2006 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 of 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 contact information (address, phone number, e-mail)
- B. Current and past education-related employment
- C. Educational background (degrees held, 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 (organized, presented, attended)
- 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 postmarked no later than September 1 and mailed to:**

MCSS Awards Committee
Steven White, Chair
1232 Barnett Bend Drive
Brandon, MS 39047

Questions about this application process should be e-mailed to Steven White at srwhite38@hotmail.com.

Rosalie Mansion—A National Landmark Overlooking the Mighty Mississippi

The 2006 MCSS Fall Conference welcome reception will be held at Rosalie Mansion. Built in the Federal Style of architecture, Rosalie is one of the South's most beautiful antebellum homes. The mansion sits on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River on the site chosen by the French in 1716 as the first settlement on the river. Named "Fort Rosalie" in honor of the lovely Duchess de Pontchartrain, the mansion is currently owned and operated by the Mississippi State Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Rosalie was built by Peter Little who was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1781 and came to Natchez near the end of that century. He invented the steam circular saw and established the first sawmill in the Natchez Territory. In 1806 Peter married Eliza Lowe, and it was for Eliza that Peter built Rosalie. The house was built of cypress and mahogany, all cut in Little's sawmill. Little died without a legal will, and the house was sold at public auction to Andrew Wilson in 1857.

During the Civil War, Rosalie was occupied by Union forces. General Walter Gresham had the furniture and other items stored in the attic. The dining room, which the Union soldiers used as their mess hall, was the only room damaged during the war. Rosalie never had an indoor kitchen. It was located in a two-story brick building behind the house. Food was prepared in a fireplace, carried in covered dishes through the latticed passage, and handed to dining room servants through the window.

Rosalie was purchased by the Mississippi State Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1938. Part of the agreement to sell was that the Wilson family descendants would be allowed to live there until their death. Thanks to the efforts of the Mississippi DAR to restore and maintain Rosalie, the mansion and its history continues to be shared with the public. The MCSS Board of Directors cordially invite you to join us at Rosalie this fall and enjoy this historic landmark.

Longwood—The Unfinished “Oriental Villa” of Dr. Howard Nutt

On Tuesday morning, MCSS conference attendees will be given the opportunity to tour Longwood, the unfinished “Oriental Villa.” The eight-sided castle was begun in 1860, but work halted in 1861 when the Confederate bugles echoed across the South. The Pennsylvanian artisans at work on the palace heeded Mr. Lincoln's call-to-arms, dropped their saws and hammers, and headed North to pick up rifles and bayonets, never to return.

The house is unusual, with its octagonal design and sixteen-sided cupola topped with a Byzantine onion-shaped dome; yet its novelty and luxury reflected the wealth, prestige, and creativeness of its owner, the affluent Dr. Howard Nutt. Of the

home's envisioned thirty-two rooms, only nine on the ground floor were completed. When the war that suddenly burst upon the nation deprived him of his workmen, Dr. Nutt dejectedly settled his family into the lower floor.

Although a Union-sympathizer, the doctor saw a million dollars' worth of rich cotton land burned or confiscated by Union soldiers. A broken man, he died of pneumonia in 1864 leaving, still incomplete, his Longwood, "the remembrance of Eastern magnificence which looms up against the mellowed azure of a Southern sky."

MCSS members will travel as a group to Longwood. Cost of the trip will be \$7.00.

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Workshop dates:

September 1—North Mississippi

September 8—Starkville

September 15—Delta and Jackson

More workshop dates to be announced.

CEU's available and lunch provided.

To sign up: 601.961.4408 or mscouncil@mscee.org

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Workshop dates and times:

Sunday, October 15—1:00 until 6:00 and

Monday, October 16—8:00 until 1:00

Appropriate for teachers of grades 4-12.

Receive **Project Citizen** materials,

CEU's available, and lunch provided on Monday.

To sign up: 662.325.7124 or susie.burroughs@msstate.edu