



MCSS NEWSLETTER

FALL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT MERIDIAN'S MSU RILEY CENTER

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To begin making your plans **now** to attend this year's Fall Conference...

- Send in your pre-registration **now** and save \$10!
- Pre-register to obtain your MCSS group discount number for Drury Inn & Suites in Meridian
- Submit a session proposal **now** to share teaching resources and strategies!
- Invite your colleagues **now** to come along!
- For more information, see the Pre-registration form on page 5.

MCSS' annual conference will be held at Mississippi State University's Riley Center in Meridian October 14-15. The Center houses Meridian's historic Grand Opera House, one of only a dozen or so ever constructed in the world. The conference happily coincides with Meridian's sesquicentennial anniversary with the added plus of myriad historical sites in the area.

The Sam Dale State Park is the burial site for Mississippian, Major General Samuel Dale, prototype for both Kentucky's Daniel Boone and Tennessee's Davy Crockett.

Another state landmark is Stuckey's Bridge across the Chunky River. Nearby is Dunn's Falls where a certain haberdasher by the name of John B. Stetson got his start.

The only two gristmills extant in the state are located near Meridian and corn is regularly ground on Saturdays.

The city has an excellent museum of art and is home to the oldest continuously operated restaurant in the state. There is a pictorial display at the airport honoring the Key Brothers, aviation pioneers in the state.

At present, tours are set for The Jimmie Rodgers Museum, The Denzel Carousel, and the Merrehope and Williams homes. Others are in the making.

Jimmie Rodgers is the Father of Country Music and the *ONLY* musician who was voted into four national music halls of fame (Country, Rock and Roll, Songwriters and Blues).

The Denzel Carousel is the only one in operation in the entire world. Thirty-seven horses are spotted around the city in his honor. Both the Merrehope (c. 1858) which survived Sherman's Campaign and Williams (1886) are tour homes with ghost stories.

Rose Hill Cemetery is the interment site for the city founders and countless characters of repute including the King and Queen of the Gypsies. We are in for an extra special treat on Thursday evening as some two dozen costumed storytellers regale us with their "Tales from the Crypt."

The Drury Inn and Suites has offered us a group rate. All rooms include free broadband access, one-hour free long-distance telephone usage, a full breakfast, and hot snacks with beverages from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Your group reservation number will be furnished upon receipt of your conference registration and payment.

Meridian gives us the chance to combine business and pleasure by providing a fun and exciting experience for all, together with the opportunity to secure _____ professional development ceu's. There will be breakout sessions especially geared to our sister organizations, the Mississippi Geographic Alliance and the Mississippi Council for Economic Education. There will also be sessions for gifted teachers.

Mark your calendar now for October 14 - 15! This is one conference you won't want to miss!

Ponderings from the President

Motto

“Greetings and felicitations one and all. Only two months remaining and the days are flying by. I and my colleagues on your board endeavor to bring you a program filled with excitement and interest for teachers at all levels and all areas of social studies.

Meridian is an exciting city filled with history and imbued with innumerable evocative tales. Myriad lessons can be learned and passed along to our students. There are scores of success stories of its people and it is propitious that we are able to be there during its sesquicentennial year.

We are equally fortunate to have secured Meridian native Mr. Hartley Peavey, Founder and CEO of Peavey Electronics, as our keynote speaker. Mr. Peavey is a dynamic speaker with a heart for teachers and a lifelong desire to make a positive difference towards the betterment of education.

The Drury Inn and Suites is offering MCSS an excellent group rate with many amenities not often found in hotels.

Costumed members of the Meridian Chapter of Storytellers, Tall Tales and Reminisces, will regale us with the stories of some two-dozen denizens of the city cemetery as we visit their habitat on Thursday evening.

Speaking of ghosts, I’m given to believe that on Friday morning we shall experience an extremely rare incarnation of “The Lady” while visiting her domain—The Grand Opera House—where her portrait has graced the curtain for the past one hundred and twenty years.

Fabulous door prizes, more than a few tours from which to choose, and some two-dozen break-out sessions of interest to geography, economics, government and history teachers assure a wealth of choices. Every adventure and experience promises to make this conference different from anything in which you have participated in the past.

Your board has worked extremely hard—and continues to do so—to make this conference “..the most unforgettable conference I ever attended,” and we’re still not done!

Our goal is to achieve the highest attendance in the history of MCSS. THINK 200!!

See you in Meridian.
Bill Patrick, President



The past is never dead. It's not even past.

William Faulkner
(1897-1962)



There is no past that we can bring back by longing for it. There is only an eternally new now that builds and creates itself out of the best as the past withdraws.

Johann Wolfgang
Von Goethe
(1749-1832)

It's all in the family...

Mississippi Geographic Alliance has announced an extra day of training on Saturday, October 16th. The subject is Anne Frank and will be of interest to geography, history and English teachers. .6 FREE ceu's are offered and attendance is free to MGA members. Check MGA's website for details and to sign up.

News From the National Council for the Social Studies

The 90th National Council for the Social Studies Conference was held in Atlanta on November 13-15. MCSS members in attendance included Susie Burroughs, Bill Patrick and Whit Grace. While in Atlanta, MCSS President Patrick served as the MCSS House of Delegates representative.



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

The 2010 NCSS Conference will be

held in Denver on November 12-14 at the Colorado Convention Center. The theme of the conference will be *Vistas, Visions & Voices*.

With over 25,000 members, NCSS is the leading professional organization for social studies educators. To learn more about the annual conference and other member benefits, visit www.ncss.org.



A man cannot free himself from the past more easily than he can from his own body.

Andre Maurois
(1885-1967)

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Call for 2011 Board of Directors Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 MCSS Board of Directors. To nominate yourself or someone else for consideration by the Nominating Committee as a potential candidate for the MCSS Board, submit the following information:

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

Mail this information to:

Nominating Committee

Steve White, Chair

P.O. Box 5665

Brandon, MS 39047-5665

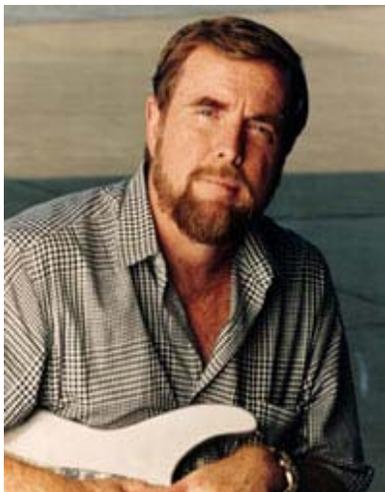
Deadline for nominations: September 1

New and pre-service teachers, coaches, and members of diverse ethnic and racial groups are especially encouraged to consider running for a board position. For information on the responsibilities of officers and directors, please contact any member of the current BOD.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Founder and CEO of Peavey Electronics, Mr. Hartley Peavey, will be our keynote speaker. Mr. Peavey is a native of Meridian and a product of Meridian Public Schools. The 1965 MSU grad now heads up one of the largest privately owned businesses in the state. With 31 plants in the state of Mississippi employing over 2000 people, there is also a Peavey plant in Corby, England.

Mr. Peavey's formative years came during the '50s where he was very much a product of the times. Beginning with the advent of Ike Turner and Rock and Roll, and continuing through the Elvis years, his life was forever changed when he attended a Bo Diddley concert in Laurel in 1957. He says, "From that time I always wanted to be a guitar player." Begging his father for an electric guitar, he was told that it would become a consideration only after he learned to play.



Many of the world's foremost Musicians—from to Van Halen, Ted Nugent and Lynyrd Skynyrd to Marty Stuart, Merle Haggard, and The Kenny Chestney Band—use Peavey guitars, sound systems and other equipment.



Being an impatient teenager and unwilling to wait, he modified a classic guitar to accept steel strings and built his own pickup because he couldn't afford one. Next he asked his dad for an amplifier. Given the same answer, he did what any red-blooded would-be guitarist would do—he built his own. Driven by the lack of affordable guitars, amps and sound equipment, he decided then and there "to build the best musical equipment possible at fair and reasonable prices."

He began Peavey Electronics in 1965, and, the rest, as they say, is history.

A multi-award winner across the margin of the music field including the musical industry's highest honor—the coveted Musicmesse International Press Award's Lifetime Achievement Award, Mr. Peavey heads one of the largest and most diversified manufacturers of professional music instruments and audio equipment. In its 45th year, the Meridian, Mississippi based company boasts a product line of more than 2000 components distributed in more than 130 countries.

"Our goal," states Mr. Peavey, "was (and still is) 'to be the best,' even though that means being different."

**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Conference Theme: *Vistas, Visions & Voices*
MSU Riley Center—Meridian, Mississippi
Thursday & Friday—October 14-15, 2010

(Please type or print.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

E-mail Address _____

Check One: Elementary Middle School High School
 College/University Pre-service Teacher Other

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

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

I. To pay your annual dues ONLY: _____

To pay your annual dues enter Student/Retired-\$15; Active-\$25 on this line

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

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

III. To register for the conference - after October 1: _____

To register by mail after October 1 or to register on site, enter **\$95** on this line
 (Lifetime MCSS members enter **\$70.**)

***** Please note: Conference registration includes the welcome reception, all conference sessions, the luncheon and business meeting, and membership dues for 2010.**

**Mail this form along with a check, money order, or pre-approved purchase order to:
 Joyce Newell; MCSS Treasurer; 1209 Winwood Cove; 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.

MCSS Fall Conference—Tentative Schedule

Thursday, October 14

8:00- 6:00 Registration

8:00 Vendor Set-up

(Note: there will be strands for geography and economics all day)

8:30- 9:20 Concurrent Sessions

9:30-11:20 Field Trips

9:30-10:20 Concurrent Sessions

10:30-11:20 Concurrent Sessions

11:20-12:30 Lunch

12:30- 1:20 Concurrent Sessions

1:30- 2:20 Concurrent Sessions

2:30 - 3:20 Concurrent Sessions

3:30 - 4:20 Concurrent Sessions

5:00 - 7:00 Reception

7:00 - 9:00 Rose Hill Cemetery Tour (Costumed Portrayals)

Friday, October 15 (All functions on Friday will take place in the Grand Opera House)

8:00 - 8:30 Meet your District Representative

8:30 - 8:50 A visit from “The Lady” in the Grand Opera House

9:00 - 9:50 Keynote Speaker: **Mr. Hartley Peavey**, President and CEO of Peavey Electronics, Meridian, Mississippi

10:00 - 10:50 World Premier of the Historical Musical Drama “*Dead Men Do Tell Tales*” featuring an internationally renowned keyboardist and an internationally renowned mezzo-soprano

11:00 - 1:00 Luncheon with Meridian’s Mayor and the Meridian Naval Air Station’s Base Commander

Featured Author

Meridian’s own, Anne McKee, has compiled and annotated a collection entitled “Historic Photos of Mississippi” published by Turner Publishing Company. Anne will have a table set up at the reception. We also owe Anne a vote of thanks for setting up the cemetery tour.

FYI

The conference begins at 8:30 on Thursday. In order to offer you the maximum possible credit for CEU’s there will be no opening general session. For the first time ever we are offering 1.7 CEU’s but you must attend a function each hour to gain credit. (In addition, the Mississippi Geographic Alliance will make another .6 CEU’s available on Saturday providing a possible total of 2.3 for the weekend.)

Introducing Your Officers...

President Bill Patrick has been a member of MCSS for 8 years and has previously served as the Congressional District 2 Director. Certified in English and social studies, Bill taught for 15 years. Currently in retirement, he was certified to teach Advanced Placement courses in literature and social studies. **President Elect Marlo Hendrix** has taught 8th Grade history and Pre-AP History for 13 years at Tupelo Middle School. In 2005 Marlo was named Mississippi Historical Society History Teacher of the Year. She has attended several workshops and seminars across the country, including the George Washington Teacher's Institute at Mount Vernon. Marlo is the yearbook advisor and cheerleader coach. **Vice president Clay Purvis** is currently the Assistant Princi-

pal at Morton High School, and will be the Principal beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. The married father of 3 has been at Morton High for 9 years, teaching social studies for 8 of those years..

A 37-year veteran teacher and MCSS member for over 27 years, **Secretary Bettye Chamberlain** teaches history and geography at Charleston Junior High. A devoted member of MCSS, Bettye has served as the organization's secretary for over a decade.

A member of MCSS since the early 1990s, **Treasurer Joyce Newell** teaches geography and history at Saltillo High School and Itawamba Community College. As treasurer, Joyce has the important task of overseeing the organization's fiscal matters.

Past President Kim Este

teaches at the Mississippi School of the Arts in Brookhaven. She has been an active member of MCSS since joining the teaching profession nine years ago. An avid traveler, Kim has conducted numerous sessions around the state informing teachers of fellowships, grants, and other opportunities for teacher travel. She is also a Mississippi Department of Education consultant.

The MCSS Executive Director, Susie Burroughs, is the interim department head of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education at Mississippi State University. Susie taught social studies and social science courses at the middle, secondary, and two-year college levels prior to joining the faculty at MSU.



The one charm of the past is that it is the past.

Oscar Wilde
(1854-1900)



The past is not a package one can lay away.

Emily Dickinson
(1830-1886)

2010 Dates to Remember

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- September 1: Deadline for Palmer Award Applications
- September 15: Deadline for BOD Nominations
- October 1: Deadline for Conference Pre-Registration
- October 14-15: MCSS Annual Conference—MSU Riley Center, Meridian
- November 12-14: NCSS Annual Conference—Denver, CO
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For information about these and other MCSS/NCSS events, contact Bill Patrick at bolep02@aol.com or Susie Burroughs at susie.burrough@msstate.edu or visit the MCSS web site at www.msstate.edu/org/mcss

MCSS on Facebook

MCSS has gone viral! Check out our new MCSS Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=255283088477&ref=ts> for up to the minute information on our organization and the upcoming Fall Conference. Our Facebook page will provide an important networking opportunity for educators around the state, a place where you can post your ideas and tips for effectively teaching social studies content. The on-line forum is a great place to start a conversation among other teaching professionals about what does and does not work in the classroom, a place to be heard. But remember, the site is only as good as we make it! So go on-line today and join the conversation. Share lesson plans and ideas for powerful, authentic social studies education. Share your passion with dedicated professionals just like you. We look forward to hearing what you have to say!



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**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES
THE JESSE PALMER SOCIAL STUDIES
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Established in memory of Dr. Jesse Palmer, this award is given annually to an educator who demonstrates exemplary knowledge, skills, and dispositions in promoting quality social studies education.

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: name and contact information, current and past education-related employment, educational background, positions of leadership held, honors and awards received, participation in professional organizations, workshops, seminars.
- II. Questionnaire (Answer each of the following in a paragraph or more.) Why you chose to become a professional educator, your philosophy of teaching, and in what ways you “go above and beyond” to be the best professional you can be
- III. Supporting Documentation: Letters of recommendation from (1) current supervisor, (2) a current colleague, and (3) 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:

Clay Purvis, Chair, Morton High School, 238 East 4th Ave, Morton, MS 39117