



# MCSS NEWSLETTER

## MCSS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT TUPELO'S BANCORP SOUTH CENTER

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

- Mail your pre-registration **now** and save \$10!
- Call the Hilton Garden Inn **now** and request the MCSS conference rate of \$90.
- Invite your colleagues **now** to come along!
- For more information, see the pre-registration form on page 5.

The Mississippi Council for the Social Studies will hold its 2011 conference at the Bancorp South Conference Center in Tupelo on October 17-18. The conference proper will begin 1:00 on Monday afternoon and will conclude at 1:00 on Tuesday. Current and prospective members are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Mississippi Council.

The conference hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn, which is located in the heart of historic downtown Tupelo adjacent to the Bancorp South Center. A special conference rate of \$90, double or single occupancy, has been secured for all conference attendees.

With a conference theme of *Dimensions of Diversity*, this year's annual meeting of the Mississippi Council will focus on the rich diversity of who we teach, what we teach, and how we teach in social studies classrooms. In keeping with this overarching conference goal, some twenty break-out sessions will be offered to conference participants, sessions that will vary widely in the range of the presenters' personalities, the subject matter addressed, and the delivery techniques.

Early bird arrivals for the conference will be offered opportunities on Monday morning to participate in a pre-conference clinic and an off-site excursion. The pre-conference clinic will be conducted by George Washington's Mount Vernon. The off-site excursion will be to the Natchez Trace Parkway and Visitors Center. Lunch will be provided to participants. There will be no cost for either of these options.

Other highlights of the conference will include a plenary session, the annual business luncheon, and a book signing by Mississippi author Curtis Wilkie.

Classroom teachers can obtain Continuing Education Units for their participation in the conference. Those interested in securing CEU's must be in attendance at the Opening Session on Monday to learn details about how to obtain the CEU's.

For more information about this year's conference, contact MCSS President Marlo Hendrix at [mhendrix17@gmail.com](mailto:mhendrix17@gmail.com) or visit [www.mcass.org.msstate.edu/](http://www.mcass.org.msstate.edu/). See you in Tupelo!

## *Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People*



*Loyalty to a petrified opinion never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul.*

Mark Twain,  
author  
and humorist

(1835-1910)



*It is not what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable.*

Moliere,  
actor  
and playwright

(1622-1673)

Now that the Common Core Standards have been adopted and a timeline set for their implementation in Mississippi schools, literacy education is being emphasized in K-12 curriculum and instruction—not just in language arts classrooms but in all classrooms, including social studies classrooms. Using trade books as a resource that center on social studies content is an effective approach for integrating supplementary reading into social studies units of instruction. The question for teachers, however, is how to locate high quality, developmentally appropriate books for their students.

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) has the answer to this question! The NCSS Book Review Committee, in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC), has since 1972 developed an annual annotated bibliography of social studies themed books for young people.

Members of the committee read hundreds of books each year, selecting only those that meet the criteria set forth by the NCSS and the CBC. Books that appear on the list must meet one or more of the following stipulations: have an emphasis on human relations, represent diverse groups, be sensitive to cultural experiences, present an original theme or a new approach to a

traditional topic, be easily readable, be of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, when appropriate, have illustrations that enrich the text. Every book that is added to the "Notables" list is reviewed by multiple reviewers, and then a vote is taken as to whether or not the book should make the list.

The list developed by the committee provides teachers the information needed to determine which books would be appropriate for their students. The list also includes information about the publishers of the books and how copies may be obtained. Book titles are categorized by subject matter, and the books are correlated by their subject matter to the themes set forth in the NCSS National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies. The Notable Trade Books for Young People list is published each year as an insert to the May/June issue of *Social Education*, a leading publication of NCSS. Subscription to *Social Education* is one of several member benefits offered to educators who join NCSS. Back orders of the journal may be purchased by non-members. Additionally, most collegiate and university libraries in the state hold institutional memberships to the journal, so check your local or online libraries holdings for copies of the most recent "Notables" lists.

### *Conference Participants to Visit the Natchez Trace...*

The off-site excursion will take participants to the Natchez Trace Visitors Center where Natchez Trace educational specialists will inform teachers of the importance of the Natchez Trace and how to bring the Trace into their classrooms. Lunch will be provided to participants. E-mail Marlo Hendrix at [mhendrix17@gmail.com](mailto:mhendrix17@gmail.com) prior to October 14 for lunch reservations.

## National Council for the Social Studies to Hold Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The 91st National Council for the Social Studies Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. on December 2-4 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The theme of this year's conference will be *Dimensions of Diversity*.



*Creating Effective Citizens*

Highlights of the conference will include nationally known keynote speakers such as Diane Ravitch, over 400

break-out sessions on social studies-related strands, including a literacy strand; and off-site excursions to notable historic sites of interest in the D.C. area.

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](http://www.ncss.org).



*We have, I fear,  
confused power  
with greatness.*

Stewart I. Udall,  
politician

(1920-2010)

## Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 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:**

Dr. Susie Burroughs  
Chair, Nominating Committee;  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction  
Box 9705; Mississippi State, MS 39762

**Deadline for nominations: October 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.*

## 2011 MCSS Board of Directors

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Kenneth Anthony (2011)

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**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES  
FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
Conference Theme: *Dimensions of Diversity*  
**Bancorp South Conference Center—Tupelo, Mississippi**  
**October 17-18, 2011**

(Please type or print.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Circle the CD 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 (any time 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 ONLY:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you will not be able to attend the conference but would like to renew your membership or would like to become a new member, enter \$25 on this line.

(Note: Students and retirees enter **\$15.**)

**\*\*\* Please note:** Conference registration includes the welcome reception on Monday evening, all conference sessions, the luncheon and business meeting on Friday, and membership dues for the 2012 calendar year.

Mail this form along with a check, money order, or pre-approved purchase order to:  
ANGELA SANDERS; 124 WATERSEDGE DRIVE; OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 39564-5123

**\*\*\* 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 Conference Program (Draft)

### Monday, October 17

- 8:30-1:00 Registration  
 9:00-1:00 Vendor Set-up  
 8:45-10:45 Pre-Conference Clinic  
 11:00-12:45 Off-Site Excursion to the Natchez Trace Parkway (Lunch included)  
 1:00-1:50 Opening General Session  
 2:00-5:00 Vendor Alley Open  
 2:00-2:50 Concurrent Sessions #1  
 3:00-3:50 Concurrent Sessions #2  
 4:00-4:50 Concurrent Sessions #3  
 5:00-5:50 Concurrent Sessions #4  
 6:30-8:30 Welcome BBQ Dinner with  
     Courtesy of McGraw Hill  
     Special Guest: Curtis Wilkie, Author of *The Fall of the House of Zeus*

### Tuesday, October 18

- 8:00-11:30 Vendor Alley Open  
 8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast Courtesy of MGA  
 8:30-9:20 Concurrent Sessions #5  
 9:30-10:20 Plenary Session  
 10:30-11:20 Concurrent Sessions #6  
 11:30-1:00 Luncheon and Business Meeting  
     Luncheon Courtesy of Mississippi Council for Economic Education  
     Special Guests: The Cora Family

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### Concurrent Sessions—A Sampling

- Foldables—Hands-On 3-Dimensional Graphic Organizers  
 Social Media: Educational Uses  
 Strange Things in Geography  
 Recreation of Old Photographs: An Idea for Field Trips  
 Geography on a Shoestring  
 A Kid Like Me From Across the Sea  
 Voices from the Past: Using Primary Sources  
 Five Themes of Geography of My Hometown  
 Mary McLeod Bethune and Cai Yuanpei: Diverse Educators of the Third Kind  
 Understanding Major Global Transformations through Geography  
 Social Studies: Think Outside the Textbook  
 Strategies for ELL & Struggling Learners in the Social Studies Classroom  
 Musical Geography  
 The New Virtual Economics CD-ROM is Here!  
 We the People: Expanding Civics Education in Mississippi  
 National Board Certification: A Treasure Worth Seeking  
 American Indian Mound CSI

**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 2011 Jesse Palmer Social Studies Educator of the Year Award. Established in the 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. Vita**

- 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 October 1 and mailed to:**

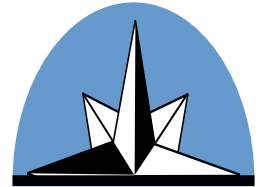
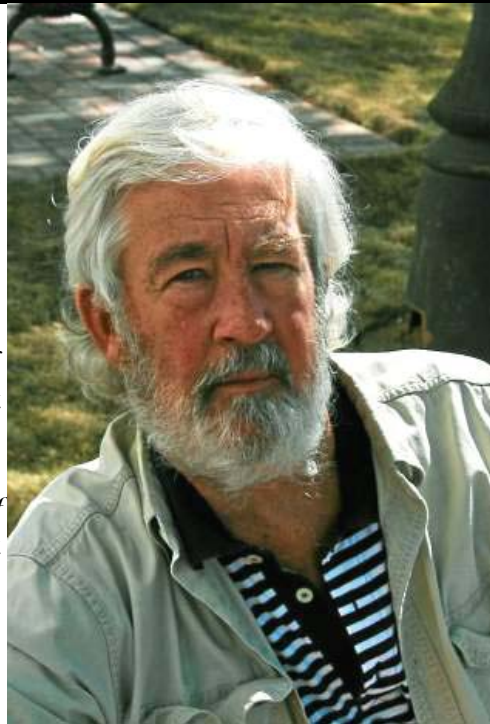
MCSS Awards Committee  
David Houston, Chair  
2016 Bayberry Drive  
Flowood, MS 39232

**Questions about this application process should be e-mailed to David Houston at  
history76@att.net.**



## *In the Author's Corner....*

Journalist and author Curtis Wilkie will be a special guest at the MCSS Conference. Born in Greenville in 1940, Wilkie graduated from Ole Miss in 1963 with a degree in journalism. He has worked for several newspapers, including the Clarksdale Press Register, the News-Journal in Wilmington, Delaware, and the Boston Globe from 1975-2000 where he was a national and foreign correspondent. He has been a member of the Ole Miss Journalism faculty for the past 10 years, and serves as a fellow at the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics. He is co-author of *Arkansas Mischief* and the author of *Dixie*. His most recent work is *The Fall of the House of Zeus*, which chronicles the rise and fall of Mississippi lawyer Richard "Dickie" Scruggs. Wilkie lives in Oxford and New Orleans.



*It is fortunate to be of high birth, but it is no less so to be of such character that people do not care to know whether you are or are not.*

Jean de la Bruyere,  
Essayist  
and moralist

(1645-1696)

### **2011 DATES TO REMEMBER...**

- October 1—Deadline for Palmer Award Applications
- October 1—Deadline for BOD Nominations
- October 1—Deadline for Conference Pre-Registration
- October 17-18—Fall Conference in Tupelo at Bancorp South Conference Center
- December 2-4—NCSS Annual Conference in Washington, DC

For information about these and other MCSS/NCSS events, contact Marlo Hendrix at [mhendrix17@gmail.com](mailto:mhendrix17@gmail.com) or Susie Burroughs at [SBurroughs@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:SBurroughs@colled.msstate.edu) or visit the MCSS web site at [www.msstate.edu/org/mcss/](http://www.msstate.edu/org/mcss/).

### **MCSS IS ON FACEBOOK!!!**

Are you on Facebook? If so, if you haven't already, search for the Mississippi Council and "like" our page! Then put a post on our wall and let us hear what you have to say about social studies education!

The MCSS Facebook page was envisioned by and created by the MCSS Board of Directors as a free, social networking opportunity for social studies educators around the state. While it is primarily intended for use by MCSS members, we encourage anyone interested in social studies education to use the MCSS Facebook as tool to learn about what's happening, and not happening, in social studies education today. Happy Facebooking!



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## *IN MEMORIAM...*

SPIRO PETE CORA  
JANUARY 7, 1935—SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Members of the Mississippi Council for the Social Studies join with the family of Spiro Cora, longtime member and friend of the Mississippi Council for the Social Studies, to mourn his passing. While his colorful and congenial presence will be sadly missed at this year's conference, the Council will join together to celebrate his life, his passion for social studies, and the legacy he leaves behind.