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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.

Dr. Dennis Mitchell to Highlight MCSS Conference Reception at Pearl River Resort October 16-17

Dr. Dennis Mitchell, Professor of History at Mississippi State University at Meridian and author of *A New History of Mississippi*, will be the guest author during the 2014 MCSS Conference.

“Creating the first comprehensive narrative of Mississippi since the bicentennial history was published in 1976, Dennis J. Mitchell recounts the vibrant and turbulent history of a Deep South state,” according to the University Press of Mississippi. “The author has condensed the massive scholarship produced since that time into an appealing narrative, which incorporates people missing from many previous histories including American Indians, women, African Americans, and a diversity of other minority groups. This is the story of a place and its people, history makers and ordinary citizens alike. Mississippi’s rich flora and fauna are also central to the story, which follows both natural and man-made destruction and the major efforts to restore and defend rare untouched areas.”

Dr. Mitchell will speak at the opening reception of the MCSS annual conference Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30. He also will be available to sign copies of his new book and copies of the book will be available for purchase.



“We are pleased to have such an accomplished Mississippi scholar joining us for the conference this year,” said MCSS President Chuck Yarborough. “Dr. Mitchell’s work offers Social Studies teachers across our state and region valuable resources for classroom use. To have him interact directly with our conference attendees is absolutely fantastic.”

In addition to his most recent book, Dr. Mitchell is also the author of *A Rich Past A Vibrant Future: The History & Renovation of the Marks Rothenberg and Grand Opera House Buildings*; *Mississippi Liberal: A Biography of Frank E. Smith* and *Mississippi: Portrait of an American State*, among others.

30th ANNUAL MDAH SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER’S WORKSHOP

The Annual Social Studies Teachers Workshop will be held at the Old Capitol Museum on Friday, November 7. This year’s subject is *Turn-of-the-Century Mississippi*. The coming of the twentieth century saw great changes throughout Mississippi—social, economic, and industrial.

The state’s constitution was rewritten and adopted in 1890 to codify the privileges of white men and institutionalize the impediments to women and African American citizens. The United States and Mississippi were drawn into a world war. Natural disaster ravaged the fertile Delta

counties. And a new, native art form was born in the blues.

Come to the Old Capitol Museum and learn more about this time in Mississippi’s history and how to use the information in your classrooms. Political analyst Jere Nash will speak about the rise of Jim Crow in Mississippi and Dr. Pamela Tyler from the University of Southern Mississippi will discuss woman suffrage in Mississippi. Additional presentations will cover the Mississippi State Capitol and teaching genealogical research, the blues, the 1927 flood, and prohibition in Mississippi.

A .5 CEU credit will be issued through Mississippi College to those attending all workshop programs. Cost is \$40.00. Download the registration form and schedule by following this link <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/teachers/professional-development/>. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Museum Division education staff at 601-576-6800 or outreachprograms@mdah.state.ms.us. Deadline for registration is October 24, 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 _____

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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.

**MCSS Annual Conference 2014
Pearl River Resort
October 16 & 17
At-A-Glance**

Thursday, October 16

2:00-5:00 P.M.	Registration
3:00-5:00 P.M.	Off Site Field Trips
5:00-6:00 P.M.	Opening Session
6:30-8:00 P.M.	Welcome Reception
3:00-6:00 P.M.	Vendor Alley

Friday, October 17

7:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M	Registration
7:30-8:30 A.M.	Breakfast with Vendors
8:00-8:30 A.M.	General Session
8:30-9:20 A.M.	Concurrent Session #1
9:30-10:20 A.M.	Concurrent Session #2
10:20-10:30 A.M.	Break
10:30-11:20 A.M.	Concurrent Session #3
11:30-1:00 A.M.	Luncheon
1:00-1:50 A.M.	Concurrent Session #4
2:00-3:00 A.M.	Board Meeting

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**.

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Meet the Board Members



Alice Carolus, a graduate of Mississippi College, is a member of the Mississippi Council for the Social Studies, the National Council for the Social Studies, the National Council for Geographic Education and the Mississippi Geographic Alliance. Alice serves as an MGA Teacher consultant. She also teaches Mississippi Studies and World Geography at Amanda Elzy High School in Greenwood, Mississippi.



Claire E. Gwaltney joined the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in 2013 as the museum division outreach programs coordinator. In this role she manages the popular traveling trunk program which reaches approximately 10,000 Mississippi school-children each year and contributes educational materials to the MDAH website including lesson plans aligned to Common Core Curricular and Mississippi Department of Education frameworks. These and more can be accessed via the "Learn" tab on the MDAH website at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/>. Based in Jackson, Claire can be reached at 601-576-6997 or cgwaltney@mdah.state.ms.us.



Gayle Greene-Aguirre, Board Secretary, is a lifetime member who has previously worked on the Board as the Southern Region Rep. For the past 17 years she has taught World History and has served as the Honors Program Director at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston Campus. Before coming to Gulf Coast Gayle was the Department Chair of the Social Studies Dept. at St. Martin High School, where she also taught Spanish. A native of Lowell, Massachusetts, Gayle is also a retired Army Ordnance Officer. She and her husband of 35 years, Gilbert Aguirre, presently reside in McHenry where they are heavily involved in animal rescue and community service projects in Stone and Harrison Counties.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History Resource on the Twentieth Century

Regular readers of the MDAH Educator E-News and the Mississippi History for Teachers Facebook page may recall the education staff's foray into gardening last summer. We were working on a teaching unit about the *World War II Home Front in Mississippi* which meant that we naturally had to test out a science-based activity about how to grow Victory Gardens in terrariums. Happily, not only the garden but the six-day unit was a huge success, and the latter is now available for free on the MDAH website.

The teaching unit uses a combination of social studies, language arts, math, and science activities to look at topics such as prop-

The unit is also filled with a wide variety of primary source documents including letters from Mississippians serving overseas, newspaper clippings, cartoons, and Schools at War scrapbook photographs from across the state.

Because the World War II teaching unit ends with an activity titled "Civil Rights in a Post-War World," it is appropriate that the second teaching unit completed this year is titled *Civil Rights in Mississippi*. This six-day teaching unit provides an overview of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement from the 1950s into the 1970s. Key people and events, such as the murder of Emmett Till and Fannie Lou Hamer's speech at the National Democratic Convention are analyzed along with the

lesser-known stories of Dr. Gilbert Mason's Biloxi wade-ins and the work of postman-turned-lawyer Jack Young and his wife Aurelia.

These teaching units join two previously completed teaching units titled *Slavery in Mississippi* and *Freedom Riders: Journey for Change*. All are in alignment with Mississippi Department of Education frameworks and Common Core Curriculum. They are adaptable for grades 4-12 and may be found at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/new/learn/classroom-materials/lesson-plans-and-teaching-units/>