



## January 2011 Newsletter

### ***Seize the Moment***

There are so many great opportunities for social studies teachers that I cannot possibly list them all, but one of the best parts of my job is when I find out Utah teachers are applying for and being accepted into these opportunities. I hope some of you can seize the moment. There are local, national, and international opportunities below, and some of these deadlines are coming fast and furious.

Happy New Year!

Robert Austin, USOE

### **Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference (RMPA)**

January 7 (this Friday), is the faculty paper/poster submission deadline for RMPA 2011 at the Salt Lake City Radisson. Information about the conference is at <http://psych.colorado.edu/~dmartich/rmpa/convinfo.htm>, the submissions page link is at <http://psych-srv3.colorado.edu/~dmartich/rmpa/>, and submission/program questions may be directed to [diane.martichuski@colorado.edu](mailto:diane.martichuski@colorado.edu). The abstract word count limit is only 50 words, and the summary word count range is 500-1000 words.

### **Go to Germany!**

The GOETHE Institut Trans-Atlantic Outreach Program offers all-expense-paid trips to Germany for educators. Application: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/lp/pri/top/txl/app/enindex.htm>

### **Go to Greece, Italy, India, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, or Thailand!**

The **Educational Seminars Program** includes fully-funded, short-term international exchange programs for teachers and school administrators. We are looking for applicants to fill openings for administrators for

**Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Thailand;** and teachers for **Greece, Italy, India and Thailand.** Participants will engage in professional development, shadow their international colleagues, network with educational leaders in the country, and/or develop joint classroom projects and school partnerships supportable through the program's follow-on grants program. Applications and information on the various different programs are available at [www.americancouncils.org/es](http://www.americancouncils.org/es). For more specific questions about Educational Seminars Programs, please contact [edseminars@americancouncils.org](mailto:edseminars@americancouncils.org).

Program Application Deadlines for ES are as follows:

- **January 11: Greece, Italy and India**
- **March 28: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Thailand**

These programs are supported and fully funded through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and are implemented by American Councils for International Education.

Kyle Assad, [www.americancouncils.org/es](http://www.americancouncils.org/es) T: 202-833-7522/F: 202-833-7523

## Still More Possibilities With March Deadlines:

**International Educational Seminar** for U.S. teachers interested in hosting a Thai teacher in 2011 then traveling to Thailand for a reciprocal visit in summer 2012. For details please visit:

<http://www.americancouncils.org/educationalSeminarsSearch.php>

**Teachers for Global Classrooms**, a new program for secondary teachers of English, Social Studies, Math, and Science provides professional development online and in Washington D.C. in 2011 followed by a two week international program in Spring/Summer 2012 in Africa, Asia, Latin America, or Eastern Europe. Please register to receive updates on program details and deadlines: <http://www.irex.org/programs/tea/tea%20us.asp>

**International Educational Seminars** for elementary and secondary principals, assistant principals, and department chairs. Participants host an administrator from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, or Thailand in 2011 then are hosted by this colleague on a reciprocal visit in summer 2012. <http://www.americancouncils.org/educationalSeminarsSearch.php>

Additional information on all programs is also available from the Teacher Exchange Branch at the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Please visit <http://exchanges.state.gov/globalexchanges/programs.html> or contact us at (202) 632-6338 [Teacherexchange@state.gov](mailto:Teacherexchange@state.gov).

## Germany, Yet Again!

There is an annual Holocaust travel program for teachers that goes to Israel, Poland, and now, Germany. Known as the Vladka Meed trip, this year's program is scheduled for July 3 - 25, 2011. This seminar is for secondary school teachers who implement Holocaust studies in their classrooms. Cost to the applicant is \$3,000, which includes round-trip travel, trips to historic sites, hotel accommodations (2 to a room) and 2 meals daily.

Program Goals:

- To advance education in U.S. secondary schools about the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance

- To deepen teachers' knowledge and strengthen their ability to implement Holocaust studies in their classrooms
- To teach each new generation about the Holocaust and Jewish resistance, so that they will know, understand and never forget
- To further educational activities which use the lessons of the past as warnings for the present, and the future

Contact Stephen Feinberg at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum ([sfeinberg@ushmm.org](mailto:sfeinberg@ushmm.org) or 202.488.0456).

Applications are available online from the Jewish Labor Committee at

[http://www.jewishlaborcommittee.org/2008/11/2011\\_holocaust\\_jewish\\_resistan.html](http://www.jewishlaborcommittee.org/2008/11/2011_holocaust_jewish_resistan.html)

## Social Studies Methods Classes

Check out the social studies courses available on Ontrack, the USOE Professional Development portal.

<http://usoe.truenorthlogic.com/>

1. Your user name is first name.last name as it appears in CACTUS. Your password is your Cactus **number**. You can go to [www.uen.org](http://www.uen.org) to find your CACTUS number, and if you have a myUEN page you can log onto OnTrack right from there under USOE resources, and if you still have log-in problems, you have contact people on the log-in page to contact.
2. Under the Professional Learning tab you can search for courses The methods classes are #625
3. View the sections and choose the one(s) you want to
4. Clickt "register".
5. Choose "confirm or next"
6. Choose the type of credit you desire.

While on the OnTrack site, you may want to check out the other resources it offers, including other Professional Development opportunities and the new links to PD360.

## Apply for C-SPAN's 18th Annual Teacher Fellowship! Deadline: February 11, 2011

C-SPAN invites you to apply for an opportunity to participate in its 2011 Teacher Fellowship Program. We are looking for teachers of social studies or related subjects, as well as media/ technology teachers in grades 6-12. Applicants should be C-SPAN Classroom members who are able to demonstrate successful, innovative methods of integrating C-SPAN's programming and resources into their teaching practices.

This Fellowship, which is a project of the C-SPAN Education Foundation, is open to teachers in public or private schools.

C-SPAN's 18th Annual Teacher Fellowship Program:

- [More Information](#)
- [Application](#)

The application deadline is **February 11, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact us at [educate@cs-pan.org](mailto:educate@cs-pan.org).

## National History Clubs

Their newsletter is available here: <http://www.nationalhistoryclub.org/documents/Fall10.pdf>

This Issue contains an article by Joe Petrowski, CEO of Cumberland Gulf Oil Group, a special offer for history clubs from [Making History II: The War of the World](#), information about the [National Council for History Education's](#) annual conference, and highlights from all over the country. [www.nationalhistoryclub.org](http://www.nationalhistoryclub.org)

## The Larry H. Miller Education Project Deadline January 7

Applications are now being accepted for the Zions Bank History Seminars, part of the Larry H. Miller Education Project. This phenomenal opportunity for Utah teachers continues the personal commitment Larry Miller had to promoting the study of history and to supporting the professional development of Utah teachers. There will be one field study this year studying the American West (including three days of canoeing on the Missouri River, retracing the Lewis and Clark expedition). Here is the link for more information and to apply. These are extremely popular opportunities, so make sure you get your application in by the **January 7th** deadline. [www.millereducation.org](http://www.millereducation.org)

## Nominate a Teacher for the National History Teacher of the Year

New York, NY (Date, 2010) – The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for the annual \$10,000 National History Teacher of the Year Award, given to the best American history teacher in the United States. The National History Teacher of the Year is chosen from outstanding history teachers in each state, district, and U.S. territory. The award is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, Preserve America, and HISTORY™ (the History Channel).

Nominations for the National History Teacher of the Year can be made by a student, parent, colleague, supervisor (including department head, principal, superintendent, curriculum director), or other education professional familiar with the teacher's work. State winners receive \$1,000 and an archive of books and other resources for their school. Each winner is honored in a ceremony in his or her home state.

**In 2011, the Gilder Lehrman Institute will honor an elementary teacher of grades K-6.**

To nominate a teacher and learn more about the award, visit [www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy) or contact the Gilder Lehrman National History Teacher of the Year coordinator at [nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org](mailto:nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org) or 646-366-9666

The nomination deadline is **February 1, 2011**. It is easy to nominate someone!

# Utah Geographic Alliance News

*Utah Geographic Alliance Spring Conference: It's an Amazing World!*

Mark your calendars and save the date for the Utah Geographic Alliance Spring Conference on **Saturday, March 26, 2011**, at the Miller Conference Center at Salt Lake Community College in Sandy.

The conference will run from 9 am - 4:30 pm, and will include lunch and a continental breakfast, workshop sessions full of the latest information and best teaching practices, and chance to meet with colleagues and vendors from around the state. Early registration is still only \$35 (if received by March 12). Pre-service teachers can still register for \$10. Once again, teams of three or more from the same school can attend for \$100. If you would like more information, or are interested in volunteering or presenting, please contact Kevin Poff (Conference Chair).

[kpoff@dmail.net](mailto:kpoff@dmail.net) or 801-451-0490.

## And Finally...

Here are some interesting tidbits I have come across, or have had sent to me:

## Ruby Bridges Returns to Her School

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/11/12/eveningnews/main7049471.shtml?tag=mncol;lst;1>

## Utah Studies Teachers!

Dawn Hauser in Granite forwarded this great tribute to living "Life Elevated."

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=der-21wmljw&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=der-21wmljw&feature=youtube_gdata_player)

## Sir Ken Robinson is Coming to Utah January 15

If you have never heard Ken Robinson talk about creativity, it is well worth checking out. You can find him on TED, and here is a link to Ken Robinson's TED talk, animated:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U>

Dr. Robinson will be speaking in Park City.

