

# The Nebraska Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference

Program

**June 26, 2014**

## Globalization



## The Civic Mission of Schools at Home and Abroad

*Nebraska State Council for the Social Studies*

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Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center

Omaha, NE

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7:30–8:25      **GEON Clinic: Geographic Information System (GIS) using ArcGIS Online**

8:00      **Registration/Continental Breakfast/Visit Vendors**

8:30      **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Thomas Gouttierre**

9:15      **Vendors/Break Time**

9:30      **Breakout Session 1**

9:30–11:30      **GEON Clinic: Geographic Information System (GIS) using ArcGIS Online**

10:20      **Breakout Session 2**

11:05      **Vendors/Break Time**

11:20      **Lunch and Awards Ceremony**

Gilder Lehrman Nebraska American History Teacher of the Year

1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Teacher of the Year

2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Teacher of the Year

Jimmy Carter Service Learning Award

Paul Beck Award

12:00      **Breakout Session 3**

12:50      **Breakout Session 4**

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## Our NSCSS President's Welcome

**D**ear Colleagues,

Good morning and welcome to the Nebraska State Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference at the brand new and beautiful Community Engagement Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha! We are so grateful for their hospitality. After having our conference in the fall for several years, we have moved it to summer for the convenience of our members. We are so glad you are able to attend. A great deal of work by the board has gone into making this a successful conference, and we hope that you learn something today that will make you a better educator. Please note that this conference would not happen without our many generous sponsors noted in our program as well as many presenters willing to provide Nebraska teachers with resources. We thank them all, but most of all, we thank all of you—dedicated teachers willing to spend part of your summer vacation in professional development. We all know that this dedication will be passed on to our students through excellent teaching. Some of those excellent teachers will be honored today at lunch, and we encourage you to use the forms on the tables in the dining area to nominate other deserving educators for next year's awards. Raffle prizes will be awarded at the end of the day, so make sure to stay for all the sessions.



We are happy to welcome Sonya Stejskal as our new president today as well. I am certain she will lead the council to continue to serve our members and find new innovative ways to provide resources for teachers all across the state as well. We are always looking for people who have new ideas and are willing to serve on the board as well. Please let any of us know if you are interested.

Finally, please enjoy the conference here at UNO, have some breakfast and lunch, take time to meet with your colleagues and please don't hesitate to ask any member of the board for assistance if needed.

Have a great day!

Heidi C. Reinhart

President, NSCSS



Geographic Educators of Nebraska Sponsored Pre-Conference/Conference  
Workshop

Educating the Next Generation of Nebraskans about Soil Conservation—Room 217

**NOTE: Pre-registration for this workshop was required.**

The two day workshop will demonstrate hands-on lessons about teaching soil conservation. In addition, teachers will be taught how to use Geographic Information System (GIS) using ArcGIS Online to create a soil conservation story map. Attending teachers will be given a free site-license free to ESRI GIS software for their school. Funding for the workshop was generously provided by the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Presenters- Dr. Lesli Rawlings, Professor, Wayne State College, Robin Jirovsky, Career Field Specialist, Nebraska Department of Education, Harris Payne, Director of Social Studies, Nebraska Department of Education, Dr. Rex Cammack, Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha



**Keynote Presentation—8:30**

**“Afghanistan in 2014 and Beyond”**

**By Dr. Thomas Gouttierre, University of Nebraska at Omaha**

Dr. Gouttierre is widely regarded as one of the leading experts on Afghanistan and U.S.–Afghan relations in the Western Hemisphere. Prior to assuming his present position in 1974, Dr. Gouttierre lived and worked for nearly 10 years in Afghanistan, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer, a Fulbright fellow, Executive Director of the Fulbright Foundation, and Head Coach of the Afghan National Basketball Team. He was also seconded by the U.S. State Department to serve as Senior Political Affairs Officer on the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission to Afghanistan in 1996 and 1997. Dr. Gouttierre speaks, reads, and writes Dari, Farsi, and Tajikistani Persian. His publications include numerous articles about Afghanistan society, culture, and politics. He co-authored the two-volume language textbook *Dari for Foreigners* and a bibliography of Persian works in English. He also writes original Dari poetry and serves as an internationally recognized authority on Central Asia’s cultures and conflicts, appearing in news articles and broadcasts worldwide.





## Breakout Session Descriptions

9:30–10:15

Breakout Session I

### Enhancing your Teaching About International Trade

Rm. 201

This session will share lessons and materials to help teachers plan a more exciting unit dealing with international trade concepts in middle and high school classes. Lessons and resources demonstrated will tie to the new Nebraska State Social Studies Standards.

Presenter–Mary Lynn Reiser, UNO Center for Economic Education

### Malaika Foundation International Education Panel Discussion

Rm. 205

This session provides an overview of:

- Fellowships and Travel Opportunities
- Global Education Curricula
- NE World Food Prize Youth Institute and Hank Beachell Fellowships
- Reach the World Partnerships

Facilitating Chair–Sarah Thomas, Malaika Foundation and guest panelists

10:20–11:05

Breakout Session II

### Malaika Foundation International Education Panel Discussion

Rm. 205

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### 100 Years of the Fed

Rm. 209

Learn about the past, present and future of the nation’s central bank through resources and lessons from the Federal Reserve. During this session, we will share three new classroom-ready lessons developed specifically for the Fed’s centennial, as well as other resources, including videos and an online history portal. We’ll even explore the role of Jekyll Island in the creation of the Fed.

Presenter–Erin Redemske and Megan Manning, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City–Omaha Branch





## Breakout Session Descriptions Continued

12.00–12.45 Breakout Session III

**Yes, We Can! Getting Students Reading in the History Classroom**

**C3 Framework for Social Studies Standards**

**Rm. 201**

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Students cannot fall in love with history if they don't know how to read history. We'll look at some ways to engage students in the type of reading that enhances student engagement and deepens classroom conversations. Show up ready to get to work!

Ideas and the questions that frame them, matter; disciplinary knowledge is necessary, but not sufficient for powerful social studies teaching and learning; students need a range of outlets and opportunities to try out and revise their conclusions. The C3 Framework allows this to happen. This session looks at five shifts that teachers can employ to strengthen their instruction, while also impacting the design of curriculum and assessment.

**Presenter–Dr. Kevin Bower, Nebraska Wesleyan University Historical Studies Department**

**Presenter–Barry Thomas, Omaha Public Schools Social Studies Department**

12.50–1.35 Breakout Session IV

**Utilizing Service Learning to Meet State Standards**

***The U.S. in Afghanistan Choices Program***

**Rm. 205**

**Rm. 209**

This session will explore service learning as a pedagogy and provide a foundation for teachers to intentionally break down the classroom walls and provide real world context to their learning. The presenters will use examples of collaboration with UNO, P-12 classrooms, and nonprofit partners to create their own service learning projects.

This session will discuss a possible way to introduce Afghanistan's intricate past and possible futures using Brown University's "Choices Program". The Watson Institute for International Studies has prepared new 2014 curricula for teaching this key year and beyond. The booklet "The United States in Afghanistan" was just published in January of 2014 and will be introduced. Ms. Stejskal will show parts of this curriculum and also show some personal photos from her trip with UNO to Cuba in March of 2014.

**Paul Sather, the Director of the Service Learning Academy**

**Presenter–Sonya Stejskal, University of Nebraska at Omaha**





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