



Inland Empire Social Studies

The Council that serves Inland Southern California teachers

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For many of you, August is when you return to school for the 2022-23 session.

I know many in the high desert began in July and others in the Inland Region begin after Labor Day. You all deserved the summer break and we hope it was fun and helped rejuvenate your energy and brought some new ideas.

The IECSS Newsletter is designed to share ideas and information about programs offered by subject matter projects, institutes, county offices of education and, of course, those hosted by IECSS and other Councils. If you have ideas for things to share contact the IECSS advisory group at iesocialstudies@gmail.com

Congratulations!!!



Congratulations Jeni Boulanger

IECSS is delighted to announce that one of our teacher members Jeni Kurtz Boulanger, at Oak Hills HS in Hesperia has received the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History History Teacher of the Year Award for California.

Later this fall one of the awardees from across the US will be selected as the National History Teacher of the Year. We are proud and honored that you are part of our H-SS network in Inland Southern California. We look forward to sharing ideas with you this year.

Upcoming Events

Professional Learning Series for Social Studies Teachers

California Council for Social Studies (of which IECSS is an affiliate) and the OER Project have scheduled the first free professional development opportunity for H-SS teachers in 2022-23. All the sessions are free, after school, and virtual via Zoom. Each session will explore a specific skill that is designed to provide content and strategies that help students make sense of content and its importance. See the following topic of the program and join other participating teachers:

**Comparison is the Highest Form of Flattery
Using the Skill of Comparison to Promote Learning
August 10, 2022
4:00 – 5:30 pm (PT)**

Learn more and register here for the free event

<https://community.oerproject.com/events/ccss-comparison-is-the-highest-form-of-flattery/c/e/110>

**Mark Your Calendar
By Teachers For Teachers IECSS Program**

**Showcase for Civic Engagement Projects,
Lessons, & Activities
September 28, 2022
Zoom session 4:00 – 5:30 pm**

IECSS is seeking 4 presenters to share student work from previous years and how they selected, set up, worked with students to build civic engagement in their school or community. Grade levels are upper elementary, middle school, and high school. Interested? Contact IECSS Programs lead, Peg Hill, at iesocialstudies@gmail.com

Honoring Our Teacher Colleagues

**Virtual Celebration of H-SS Educators of Excellence
December 7, 2022**

August is the time that many schools set up their classrooms and begin planning for their classes as soon as they learn their assignments. All of us hope that 2022-23 will make great progress against the stresses that have been the definition of schools ever since the pandemic turned everything upside down.

Teachers in Inland Southern California have become a model for so many in figuring out how to engage students in “thinking like historians,” connecting required content to local events, and supporting students who haven’t had adequate connectivity at home to take full advantage of the lessons and materials needed for learning.

The IECSS leadership team including Don Powell, the H-SS administrator in Riverside County of Education Office have been meeting to plan a special Awards evening that will celebrate educators and teaching after 3-year hiatus. After weighing the cost and benefits of an in-person dinner versus an online event, we chose an online awards celebration so that teachers, students, administrators, and families of the educators who will be nominated and selected. The best part is that none of us have to drive long distances to be a part of it all.

Now is a good time to begin thinking of the teachers who have done a stellar job of engaging and supporting students and fellow teachers in making history social science come alive. We all know that these teachers' efforts extend well beyond the classroom. The skills become the maps that guide students through the complexities of participating as effective citizens in a rapidly changing society.

We encourage you to submit a nomination for an outstanding H-SS Educator of Excellence at your school or one you have met through your friends or children. You will find the submission form (It's a Google Form) at this url

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfinSN24bJ2PKJ5Rnzm_cNHe0IT7jX_gcJziKpIYIlnjQ_y1Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

After you complete the multiple sections of the form, hit **SUBMIT** at the bottom of the document. Your submission goes to Shawna Dochnahl, one of our IECSS Planning Team leaders. It will become part of the information that is shared in recognizing the selected educator at the virtual event.

New Teaching Resources

California H-SS Project Writing Guide

<https://chssp.sf.ucdavis.edu/resources/curriculum/writing-in-history/writingguide>

Thesis and Argument

This is an inclusive list of the elements of effective of a written work that builds an argument about an issue using historical evidence

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California H-SS Project 25 Questions to Integrate Environmental Literacy into H-SS Curriculum

<https://ucdavis.app.box.com/s/s15hwe0macn6y8168bx7700z5aqcfl60>

These questions are an effort to encourage student thinking about the role of the environment in history.

**Thank You for Reading the Monthly IECSS
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