



## *From the President*

Laura McCarty



### *Looking Backward & Moving Forward*

It is an honor to serve as the president of the Georgia Council for the Social Studies this year. We are a strong and powerful network, which the over 600 people who attended our 2012 conference demonstrated.

As I moved among sessions, keynote speeches, and the exhibit hall, I sensed the presence of a lot of civic energy, and I know that the students in classrooms across our state benefit from being able to tap into that renewable source.

One exciting new addition at GCSS 2012 was the use of Edmodo for sharing resources among sessions. Thank you to board member Jennifer Dawson for leading that effort. I hope that you have all logged in and taken advantage of handouts from sessions you attended or from those you couldn't attend. Edmodo will also allow for additional resource sharing and conversation among teachers of specific courses and grade levels, so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity this year.

Of course the GCSS Facebook page is another channel for learning about upcoming opportunities and for discussing current issues. "Like" us

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## Gwen Hutcheson Outstanding Educators 2012: DAVID KENDRICK, SCOTT ROBERTS, AND MIKE RAYMER

*A trio of talented Social Studies educators were recognized as Gwen Hutcheson Outstanding Educators at the 2012 GCSS Conference. L to R are David Kendrick, Scott Roberts, and Mike Raymer, along with GCSS Executive Director Eddie Bennett.*



**David Kendrick** inspires admiration from students, fellow teachers, and administrators in Madison County, where he teaches Georgia Studies and is an active member of the Northeast Georgia RESA Teaching American History Grant. One of his biggest admirers is Kathy Wright, TAH Grant Director and Social Studies Specialist for the Northeast Georgia RESA, who nominated him for this honor. Kendrick has received praise for his presentations at both state and national conferences, and often collaborates with colleagues to share effective strategies and resources. Other Kendrick fans include Dr. Allen McCannon, Superintendent of Madison County Schools. McCannon said of Kendrick, "He demonstrates three qualities that make him an outstanding teacher. 1. He is passionate about the subject he teaches. 2. He truly cares about his students and demonstrates his concern on a daily basis. 3. He sees himself as a lifelong learner who always strives to improve his craft and knowledge as a teacher." His impact is a lasting one, as evidenced by one former student, Caitlin Felt, who wrote that "Coach Kendrick is a teacher of a seemingly dying breed – one who masterfully weaves in a love for his students within an informative classroom...He really made his passion for teaching evident by always making sure that everyone understood a lesson with many different techniques for each particular student." Wright added that Kendrick "engages students in the study of history through the use of primary sources, artifacts, and relevance."

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today, so that you don't miss out on anything.

It is hard to believe, but 2013 will be GCSS' 50<sup>th</sup> conference, and 2014 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our incorporation. This period will be a time of celebration, but it will also be a time for us to reflect upon the milestone and to honor the accomplishments of those who have left us with the legacy we have today.

But it's not just a time for looking backwards and talking about the way it has always been—this is a year for us to grow and to change and to tap into new ideas. I invite you to share your ideas with me ([ltmc@georgiahumanities.org](mailto:ltmc@georgiahumanities.org)) or with any of the Board members. And I ask you to encourage colleagues to join and to get involved—their voices, ideas, and energy will make us an even more powerful force for social studies and for the betterment of the future of Georgia.



*(L to R) NCSS President John Moore, GCSS secretary JoAnn Wood, and GCSS Executive Director Eddie Bennett, with Georgia's seventh consecutive Gold Star Council award, at the NCSS conference in Seattle, Washington - Nov., 2012*

*(Outstanding Educators, from pg. 1)*

Debbie Daniell, Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction Director for Gwinnett County Schools, has high praise for **Scott Roberts**, whom she nominated as a GCSS Educator of the Year. Daniell described Roberts as “the type of educator who that gets absorbed instead of mired in his work.” Roberts began his career as a middle school teacher, and has quickly expanded his repertoire to include curriculum writer, college professor, TAH grant director, and instructional coach for Gwinnett County Schools. He has worked diligently on correlating the Social Studies GPS with the new ELA CCGPS, and developing staff development programs that support this alignment. Anne Marie Keskonis, Principal of Harmony Elementary, wrote of Roberts that his “staff development on how to use strategies for building literacy was outstanding.” He frequently shares his innovative and active teaching strategies at local, state, and national conferences. Daniell added that Roberts “is the quintessential social studies teacher, who can assume any educational role with quality and professionalism” and who has “lit the fire” in social studies education in Gwinnett County Schools!”

“As I review the criteria for selection for this award, I am struck,” wrote nominator Becky Ryckley, Social Studies Coordinator for Fayette County Schools, “by how **Mike Raymer** meets or exceeds the qualifications.” His nomination packet reinforced her accolades, detailing how Raymer has worked to build economics understandings in his classroom, school, district, and the state. As he has expanded his sphere of influence, his fan base has grown accordingly. Raymer is Program Manager for the Georgia Council on Economic Education, providing professional development and resources for educators throughout Georgia. Among the many ways in which he fosters teacher networking are his work with the Georgia Association of Economics Educators newsletter and website. Raymer is widely traveled and has used those experiences to create teacher resources that build global economic and cultural understanding. Among others praising Raymer's skill as an educator are Jordan White, a former student, now a social studies teacher, who credited Raymer with his own professional expertise. Fellow Fayette County educator, Chris Cannon, emphasized how Raymer adroitly relates complex economics concepts to the everyday experiences of teachers and students. Pam Knauer, Houston County's Social Studies Coordinator, praised Raymer's ability to actively engage adult learners, while Amy Hennessey, Senior Economic and Financial Education Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, lauded Raymer's talent at restating and framing theory to make it clear, and praised his creativity and passion for teaching. Ryckley concluded her nomination of Raymer, stating that his “work makes a huge difference all around the state. He is an OUTSTANDING social studies educator.”

## 2012 BERRYMAN AWARD: GLEN BLANKENSHIP



The Berryman Award is granted to an individual whose dedication and service to the council are beyond measure. The 2012 Berryman Award winner is **Glen Blankenship**, whose contributions to social studies in Georgia have been a lifelong commitment. Blankenship taught Georgia Studies at Renfroe Middle School in Decatur before becoming Social Studies coordinator for Gwinnett County. He went on to head the Social Studies program for the Georgia Department of Education. Since the mid-1990's he has been at the Georgia Council on Economic Education, where he travels the state providing economic education workshops to myriad Georgia teachers. His talents as a curriculum writer may be seen in publications from the Goethe Institute, the Southern Center, among many other fine resources. Currently he is the GCSS historian and is president-elect of the Georgia Leadership Association for Social Studies.



2012  
*Program of  
Excellence*

*Award: Madison County  
Schools*

The week surrounding September 11, 2012, was not just an ordinary week in Madison County, Georgia. Led by Outstanding Educator David Kendrick, fellow TAH grant teachers and administrators worked together to develop a weeklong recognition of the tenth anniversary of September 11, a deeply meaningful and powerful week of remembrance that celebrated the county's emergency personnel.



*2012 Program of Excellence Award  
went to the Madison County Schools,  
represented by teachers and district  
leaders shown below.*



## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

President Pam Knauer recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to support the president and the GCSS during the previous year. This year's award winner is **JoAnn Wood**. Wood supports GCSS efforts by serving as the council's secretary and editor, and is actively involved in the State Social Studies fair, the annual conference, and many other aspects of the council's work. She is the Elementary Social Studies Supervisor in the Cobb County Schools.



*L to R, 2011 GCSS President  
Pam Knauer, JoAnn Wood, and  
Eddie Bennett*



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## Teacher Opportunities & Resources

**Followup from Dr. Mark Schug's keynote at GCSS 2012 conference:** The publishers of Dr. Schug's new book, *Economic Episodes in American History*, highlighted in his conference keynote address, will make available for GCSS conference attendees material that will correlate the chapter features and each of the Questions for Discussion to the required literacy skills identified in the Common Core. If you are teaching an appropriate U.S. history, Georgia history and/or economics class at the secondary level, and did not have an opportunity to request an examination copy of the book at the conference, you can make such a request at their website: [www.wohlpublishing.com/economicepisodes/online.html](http://www.wohlpublishing.com/economicepisodes/online.html)

### **Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

**Traveling Exhibition** will be at the University of North Georgia, Dahlonega Library and Technology Center from January 17 - March 15, 2013.

On May 10, 1933, university students across Nazi Germany burned thousands of books in an ominous "cleansing" of the "un-German spirit" from German culture. Writings by scores of German and foreign authors, including Helen Keller, Ernest Hemingway, and Sigmund Freud, were consumed in spectacularly staged bonfires. Americans quickly condemned the events as hostile to the spirit of democracy and the freedom of expression.

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings, a traveling exhibition produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, explores how the book burnings became a potent symbol in America's battle against Nazism and why they continue to resonate with the public—in film, literature, and political discourse—to this day.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a series of lectures and public programs and is supported by the Museum of History & Holocaust Education and KSU Faculty. For more information visit:

<http://libguides.northgeorgia.edu/bookburning>

**2013 Holocaust & Jewish Resistance Teachers' Program** A Summer Study Program in Washington, DC, Poland, Germany and the Czech Republic for Secondary School Teachers. An electronic application for the 2013 program is available online at [www.hajrtp.org](http://www.hajrtp.org). **Applications must be submitted electronically.** Applications will be evaluated by a committee as they are received and spaces are filled on a rolling basis—so applying early is to your advantage. All applications must reach our office no later than **Friday, March 15, 2013.**

#### **Contact Information**

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### **Announcing 2013 Summer Institute, "Re-inventing Japan: Teaching About 21st Century Issues and Trends" at University of Colorado Boulder, July 9-17, 2013.**

The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) and Program for Teaching East Asia (TEA) at the University of Colorado invite application the summer 2013 residential summer institute on contemporary Japan. The 2013 institute is open to secondary teachers nationwide who teach about Asia. The institute is also designed to provide enrichment for teachers who have previously completed an NCTA seminar. **Application deadline is March 15, 2013; notification date is April 4, 2013.** Complete information and application package are available at <http://www.colorado.edu/cas/tea/programs/downloads/Re-Inventing%20Japan%20Summer%20Institute%20Flyer.pdf> Questions? Contact [lynn.parisi@colorado.edu](mailto:lynn.parisi@colorado.edu).

### **NEH Summer 2013 - Bridging Cultures: Diversity and Unity in the Pueblo World**

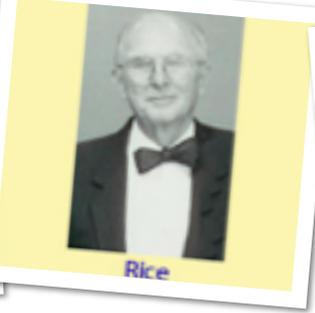
June 30-July 20, 2013, Three-Week Summer Institute for K-12 Educators and graduate students. Sponsored by the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, Cortez, CO, and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information visit <http://www.crowcanyon.org/programs/campus/nehsummer2013.asp> or call 970-564-4346. Application must be postmarked by March 4, 2013. Prospective applicants can access more information on this and many other summer opportunities for teachers on the NEH website at: <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>



Bergquist



Moon



Rice



Crowe

# GCSS at 50 Years: Pieces of the Past

Introducing the founders of GCSS, who in 1963 took the initiative to launch the Georgia Council for the Social Sciences (GCSS) under the auspices of the Georgia Education Association (GEA). Organizers included Mr. Stan Bergquist, Georgia Department of Education; Dr. Marion Rice,

University of Georgia; Mrs. Jeannette Moon, Atlanta Public Schools; and Dr. Ruby Crowe, Fulton County Schools. Mr. Philip Secrist, a teacher in the Marietta City Schools, was elected as the first president. Join us over the next year as we continue to explore our own history.

## GCSS MISSION AND VISION

*The **Mission** of the Georgia Council for the Social Studies is to advocate for, support, and celebrate the advancement of quality social studies teaching for Georgia students.*

*The **Vision** of the Georgia Council for the Social Studies is to prepare students to be knowledgeable, effective decision makers and engaged citizens in a globally interdependent world.*

## GCSS GOALS REMAIN:

Although GCSS has experienced changes in its fifty years, the foundational goals remain remarkably consistent.

1. To secure adequate recognition for the social sciences and social studies among school curricula and programs.
2. To serve as a means of inspirational and professional growth through research, meetings, and other activities.
3. To provide means of cooperative study of programs in social

science curricula and methods.

4. To disseminate information through official publications, meetings, and other means concerning the achievements, purposes, and goals of the organization.

5. To cooperate in all ways possible with other professional organizations, the Georgia Department of Education, and local schools to improve the quality of education in Georgia schools.

For more on the history of GCSS, visit [www.gcss.net](http://www.gcss.net)

## JOIN GCSS AND HELP BUILD THE NEXT 50 YEARS

If you didn't attend the 2012 conference, your membership has expired and this is the last *News and Notes* notification you will receive.

To renew your membership, go to [www.gcss.net/memberform.pdf](http://www.gcss.net/memberform.pdf).

Don't let your membership expire, renew today!

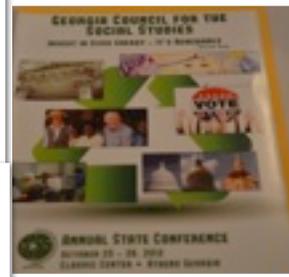


# The 2012 GCSS Conference: Ingredients for Success

*Behind the Scenes Helpers*



*Diane Sloan,  
Conference  
Coordinator Par  
Excellence*



*Amazing  
Exhibitors*



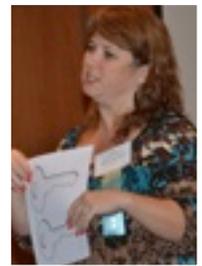
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*Keynotes that Inform and Inspire*



KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
Dr. Mark Schupp  
November 1, 2012 - 3:30 PM  
Thursday  
Sponsored by Georgia Humanities Council

## *Dynamic Sessions*



## Mark Your Calendar:

🌐 **State Social Studies Fair** – The fair will be held on Saturday, March 24, at Clayton State University. More details may be found at [www.gcss.net](http://www.gcss.net)

🌐 **GCSS Conference** – Celebrate the 50th anniversary of GCSS at the conference, **October 17-18**, at the Classic Center in Athens, GA. Deadline to submit session proposals is April 30. Details including proposal form coming soon at [www.gcss.net](http://www.gcss.net)

🌐 **NCSS Conference, November 22-24, 2013** More details at [www.ncss.org](http://www.ncss.org)



## Get connected:

🌐 *Georgia Social Studies Journal* - The current issue can be found at [www.coe.uga.edu/gssj/current-issue/](http://www.coe.uga.edu/gssj/current-issue/)

🌐 Think about becoming more active this year:

- 🌐 Participating in this year's Social Studies Fair
- 🌐 Attending the GCSS conference
- 🌐 Becoming a more active GCSS member and recruiting new members
- 🌐 Sharing your idea for *News & Notes*.

🌐 GCSS Edmodo - Join Edmodo for free at <http://edmodo.com>, then use the GCSS group code 8iv5ty

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