

Capital District Council for the Social Studies
12th Annual Professional Development Conference
Saturday, November 17, 2007

For the past 12 years the Capital District Council for the Social Studies has hosted a Professional Development Day. As part of our organizational mission to provide programs on curriculum changes, new materials, and instructional methods, in 1996 we organized this local conference to be held each fall for the benefit of our members and the larger community of social studies educators.

This year's workshops will include:

Mining Local Archives – A three-hour workshop presented by the Capital District Documentary Heritage Program that will give an overview of the archival resources located in various communities.

What's the Plan? Exploring Global City Patterns: A one-hour workshop by Dave Besozzi that uses Google Earth to have students examine the degree to which a city conforms to a particular pattern.

Finding Historical Parallels in Today's Newspapers: A one-hour presentation by Mary Miller of the New York Newspaper Publishers Association that will include practical demonstrations on how to use the daily newspaper to help students develop critical thinking skills.

Using Inquiry in the Social Studies Classroom: A one-hour presentation by Mary Eads and Catherine Snyder on how to use the scientific inquiry method for social studies.

Resources and Strategies for Integrating Labor History into the K-12 Curriculum: A two-hour presentation by Paul Cole of the American Labor Studies Center that will feature a wide variety of resources available for integrating labor studies into the social studies curriculum

Making History Fit: Online Customization for YOUR CLASSROOM: A one-hour presentation by Julie Daniels that will outline the online resources available from the state archives that match the K-12 social studies curriculum.

NYSED Instructional Strategies and Online Resources for PreK – 6 Teachers: A two-hour presentation by SED on the variety of resources that can be found online.

Exchange Rates: This program sponsored by the Federal Reserve would feature a Professor of Economics, from SUNY Albany who would discuss the topic of exchange rates and what should we know about them.

This is a tentative list and subject to change. Please check www.cdcss.org for updated information. Questions? Contact Tim.Backus@southcolonie.k12.ny.us. **Registration and more information on the reverse side.**