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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: LEVI ANTHONY

I welcome you to the Spring/Summer 2006 Edition of the The Association of Teachers of Social Studies/United Federation of Teachers newsletter, *The Sage*. I want to thank all of our general membership who came to our wonderful programs during the 2005-2006 school year. I am especially delighted to know that over 600 social studies professionals attended our Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference (GMNY) on Saturday, February 11, 2006. This is the first year we have held GMNY at the United Federation of Teachers Headquarters at 52 Broadway, instead of at a hotel. I want to thank all the ATSS/UFT Executive Board members and the United Federation of Teachers staff who helped make this conference a very rewarding professional experience and a rousing success. A report on the conference appears on page 2

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the officers and awards committee members of our state affiliated council, the New York State Council for Social Studies (NYSCSS) for presenting me with an award at the Annual NYSCSS Conference at the Ryetown Hilton Hotel in Ryebrook, NY in March, 2006 for the creation and maintainance of my website for all to use in acquiring social studies teaching information, [www.edusolution.com](http://www.edusolution.com).

Please visit the website and use it for your classes. Please also use it to contact me at [levianthony@edusolution.com](mailto:levianthony@edusolution.com)

For a report on all our ATSS/UFT programs this year please see pages 4 and 5. ATSS/UFT also has an awards program. A list of our awards winners appears on page 3.

Have a wonderful summer.



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**2006 GMNY CONFERENCE**

The 2006 GMNY, the 45th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, was held on February 11th, at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. About 600 Social Studies professionals attended, including a large number of new teachers. Social Studies professionals from all levels K-12 and college, teachers as well as supervisors attended, with an increasing representation from elementary schools.

There were over 70 exhibitors and sponsors whose booths were swamped by enthusiastic participants searching for materials for their classrooms. The program included a very worthwhile group of workshops and most interesting afternoon panels. The John Bunzel Social Studies Awards were presented at the Bernard A. Cohen Memorial Breakfast and the Rosa Parks Memorial Award was presented to Alan Singer at the seated and served hot luncheon. He spoke on his curriculum on slavery. Participants went home with bags of materials, new ideas shared with professional colleagues, and the satisfactiolum of having a wonderful day in most congenial surroundings.

This year's conference theme was "A RICH MOSAIC OF SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT, CONTEXT, CONNECTIONS, CITIZENSHIP."

Pearson Prentice Hall sponsored the breakfast, The Gilder Lehrman Foundation sponsored the cocktail hour and the United Federation of Teachers sponsored the luncheon.

Special thanks to the GMNY Planning Committee which made the GMNY Conference a huge success: Robert Dytell, Chairperson, and Levi Anthony, Dr. Brenda Parnes, Deborah Straughn Moore, Patricia Urevith, Carolyn Herbst, Ron Campana, Michael Collazo, Rozella Kirchgaesner, Helen S. Settles, Arthur Brown, Arlynn Steiner, Steven Steiner, Mark Willner. Alice Skinner Williams, Wanda Daniels, Mary Ann O'Grady, Rosemarie R. Armetta, L. Zenzele Magwood, Ollie Seale Thacker, David Brown, Herbert "Jimmy" Schwarz, Frank Pedone, Jonathan Barnett, Jeffrey Winograd, , Nyree McCray, Armando Mandes, Amit Mehra, Joshua Zuckerberg, and especially George Altomare.

### **ABOUT ATSS/UFT**

ATSS/UFT was founded in 1937 as The Association of Teachers of Social Studies. In 1978, the organization merged with the United Federation of Teachers. Today it is one of the UFT's most active professional Committees. From the time ATSS/UFT merged with the UFT, there have been no membership dues. If you work in New York City as a Social Studies professional and if you are a UFT member and / or participate in our programs you are a member of ATSS/UFT. Members receive information through UFT *New York Teacher*, our web page at [www.uft.org](http://www.uft.org), and my web site [www.edusolution.com](http://www.edusolution.com)

ATSS/UFT is the largest local Social Studies professional council in the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). Our representatives sit in the House of Delegates and serve on committees. Other area councils affiliated with ATSS/UFT and NCSS are the New York State Council for the Social Studies (NYSCSS) and the Middle States Council for the Social Studies (MSCSS). Besides running excellent conferences they also provide members with very worthwhile professional publications on social studies content, lesson planning and educational research.

Even though you are automatically a member of ATSS/UFT, we highly recommend you pay the fees to join these other social studies councils too. (see forms on page 6)

Several members of the ATSS/ UFT Executive Board also serve, or have served, on the Executive Boards and committees and have presented workshops at NCSS, MSCSS and NYSCSS conferences. As a member of any and all of these councils, you may also want to more actively participate in them above and beyond taking advantage of the publications and conferences they offer.

### **ATSS/UFT AWARD PRESENTED AT THE GMNY CONFERENCE 2006**

#### THE JOHN BUNZEL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES

(PRESENTED AT THE BERNARD COHEN MEMORIAL BREAKFAST)

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER: EUGENE RESNICK  
SOCIAL STUDIES SUPERVISOR: DOREEN LORENZONI

ATSS/UFT SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD  
DEBORAH STRAUGHN MOORE

ATSS/UFT SPECIAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
MARK WILLNER

ROSA PARKS AWARD  
ALAN SINGER

ALAN SINGER ALSO DELIVERED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON HIS CURRICULUM ON SLAVERY

**REPORT ON ATSS/ UFT PROGRAMS: FALL 2005 TO SPRING 2006**

On Sunday, October 16, 2005, 7:00 AM to 11:30 PM, Carolyn Herbst conducted a bus tour, "EXPLORING CULTURES IN BALTIMORE." Brunch was served at the Little Havana Restaurant and the group toured the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and the Jewish Museum of Maryland, all in Baltimore. A Chesapeake dinner was served at the Rusty Scupper, Baltimore. Kosher food was available upon request. The bus left from and returned to UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. The cost was \$116. ATSS/UFT Executive Board member John Witkowski also attended.

On Thursday, December 8, 2005, 4:00 to 6:30 PM. ATSS/UFT President/Chairperson Levi Anthony and Past Presidents/Chairpersons Robert Dytell and Carolyn Herbst conducted ATSS/UFT NEW SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER TRAINING. The even took place at the High School of Information Technology, Long Island City, Queens. The session covered lesson planning, how to navigate the web for important information and curricula guides, do's and don't's in the classroom and joining professional associations. The program was free. ATSS/UFT Executive Board Member Michael Collazo also attended.

On Saturday, February 11, 2006, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, about 600 Social Studies professionals attended GMNY: GREATER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE\* at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. It was approved for 12 hours new teacher training if combined with either the arts workshop or the technology workshop (see below). The pre\_registration fee was \$30 for the cConference only, with reception and lunch \$45. The on-site registration fee was \$40 & \$55. (See page 2 for more about the GMNY Conference)

On Tuesday, February 28, 2006, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM, ATSS/UFT Past President/Chairperson Deborah Straughn Moore and ATSS/UFT Executive Board member Wanda Daniels presented a workshop "TEACHING PAST AND CURRENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY," which centered upon the African-American experience. Activities emphasized the development of instructional materials and resources. Materials were provided. The event took place at UFT Headquarters. The program was free.

On Sunday, March 19, 2006, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, ATSS/UFT co-sponsored a program on TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST with the American Society for Yad Vashem. This series of workshops centered on the teaching of the Holocaust and the use of resources to teach the lessons of the Holocaust. Materials were provided. ATSS/UFT Past President/Chairperson Carolyn Herbst greeted the

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participants on behalf of ATSS/UFT President/Chairperson Levi Anthony. A kosher breakfast and lunch were served. The program took place at the Pratt Mansions, 1027 5<sup>th</sup> Av. bet 83 & 84 Sts. The program was free. For more information about the American Society for Yad Vashem call: 212 220 4304.

On Saturday, March 25, 2006, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, ATSS/UFT Past President/Chairperson Robert Dytell conducted a workshop on "TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES THROUGH THE ARTS. \* The program was approved for 12 hours new teacher training if combined with attending the Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, February 11, 2006 (see above). It was held at UFT Headquarters and was free with GMNY registration (see above).

On Tuesday, March 28, 2006, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, ATSS/UFT Past President/Chairperson Patricia Urevith and ATSS/UFT Executive Board member Alice Skinner Williams conducted a program for WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. Mel Aaronson, UFT Treasurer and TRS Rep. and representatives from the Amalgamated Bank spoke on Women's Finances and Empowering Women. The workshop was held at UFT Headquarters and was free.

On Saturday, April 8, 2006, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, ATSS/UFT President/Chairperson Levi Anthony conducted a workshop, " INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY INTO YOUR CLASSROOM." \* The workshop was Approved for 12 hours new teacher training if combined with attending the Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, February 11, 2006 (see above). It was held at the High School of Information Technology, Long Island

**UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

GREATER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY10, 2007, UFT HEADQUARTER, 52 BROADWAY, MANHATTAN

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS), NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 4, 2006, WASHINGTON D.C. CONVENTION CENTER, WASHINGTON D.C. [www.socialstudies.org](http://www.socialstudies.org)

MIDDLE STATES COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (MSCSS), MARCH 15-17, 2007, KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY, KUTZTOWN, PA [www.mscss.org](http://www.mscss.org)

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NYSCSS), MARCH 21-24, 2007, HYATT HOTEL, ROCHESTER, NY, [www.nyscss.org](http://www.nyscss.org).

**SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**ATSS/UFT has created this form to help you join the various professional associations. If you have any questions, or want additional information, feel free to call ATSS/UFT at (212) 510-6389. Weekdays, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.**

**Send this form and a separate check for each council you wish to join**

**payable to the organization as stated.**

**Remember, you are a member of ATSS/UFT without paying a membership fee if you are a New York City Social Studies profession and/or participate in our programs.**

**Send to: Treasurer, ATSS/UFT, 52 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York NY 10004**

**ENCLOSED IS/ARE CHECK(S) FOR JOINING:**

**/ / NCSS / / NYSCSS / / MSCSS**

**MY LEVEL OF INTEREST IS:**

**/ / PRE-K / / ELEMENTARY / / MIDDLE/ INTERMEDIATE/ / HIGH SCHOOL  
/ / COLLEGE / / OTHER\_\_\_\_\_**

**NAME\_\_\_\_\_**

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**I WISH TO JOIN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS)**

**/ / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP, SPECIAL PRICE, REGULAR CATEGORY (JOURNAL AND NEWSLETTER).**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$32.50**

**/ / RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP, REGULAR CATEGORY (JOURNAL AND NEWSLETTER).MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$60.00**

**/ / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP, SPECIAL PRICE, COMPREHENSIVE CATEGORY (ALL PUBLICATIONS). MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$38.00**

**/ / RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP, COMPREHENSIVE CATEGORY. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCSS. \$70.00**

**I WISH TO JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NYSCSS)**

**/ / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NYSCSS. \$50.00**

**I WISH TO JOIN THE MIDDLE STATES COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (MSCSS)**

**/ / FIRST YEAR OR RENEWAL. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MSCSS. \$25.00**