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The Association of Teachers of Social Studies/United Federation of Teachers is the professional association representing the more than 3800 Social Studies professionals in New York City. 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 ATSS/UFT school mailings and in the UFT *New York Teacher* and the UFT website www.uft.org

OUR AFFILIATED COUNCILS

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 (see below), we highly recommend you pay the fees to join these other social studies councils too. (see forms on page 4)

Several members of the ATSS/ UFT Executive Board also serve, or have served, on the Executive Boards and committees and presented workshops at NCSS in Baltimore, MD, November 2004, MSCSS in Atlantic City, NJ February 2005. and NYSCSS in Saratoga Springs, NY March 2005.

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2005 GMNY CONFERENCE

The 2005 GMNY, the 45th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, held on January 29th, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, was a resounding success. About 500 Social Studies professionals attended, including a large number of new teachers. All levels of K-12 teachers and supervisors were present, with an increasing representation from elementary schools.

There were over 80 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. Registration, breakfast buffet, and luncheon were very well organized. Various awards were presented at the breakfast and luncheon. Publicity and evaluation went very well. Participants went home with bags of materials, new ideas shared with professional colleagues, and the satisfaction of having a wonderful day in very congenial surroundings.

Arturo Rodriguez, President of the United Fam workers of America, received the ATSS/UFT Hubert H. Humphrey Humanitan award and provided an informative keynote address.

A moment of silence was observed for Bernard Cohen, Past President/Chairperson of ATSS/UFT and GMNY Conference Chair for more than 40 years, and I. Stephen Muller, long-time member of the ATSS/UFT Executive Board, and creator of this year's conference theme, "Confrontation, Compromise, Consensus: Steering the Social Studies in an Age of Conflict" both of whom passed away in the last year.

Special thanks to the GMNY Planning Committee that made the GMNY Conference a huge success: Robert Dytell, Chairperson, and Deborah Straughn Moore, Patricia Urevith, Carolyn Herbst, Ron Campana, , Rozella Kirchgaesner, Helen S. Settles, Arthur Brown., Arlynn Steiner, Steven Steiner, Hope Fogarty, Brenda Parnes, Mark Willner. Alice Skinner Williams, Wanda Daniels, Mary Ann O'Grady, Rosemarie Armetta, Binta Jalloh, I Stephen Miller, Levi Anthony, L. Zenzele Magwood, Jeffrey Winograd, Herbert "Jimmy" Schwarz, Nyree McCray, Amit Mehra, Armando Mendes, Tanya Mack and especially George Altomare

ATSS/ UFT PROGRAMS

ATSS/UFT held the following programs in the 2004-2005 School Year:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2004. 8:30AM to 9:30 PM, LANDSCAPES AND SEASCAPES: LONG ISLAND ESTATES". There were guided tours of Coe Hall at the Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, and Falaise at the Sands Point County Preserve, a picnic lunch, shopping on Main Street in Port Washington and an elegant dinner at DiMaggio's on the Bay in Port Washington.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004, 8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM. FUTURE VOTERS OF AMERICA. High School social studies teachers from several schools learned how to involve their students in this worthwhile program, on this staff development day. It took place at UFT Headquarters. Materials were provided. Breakfast and lunch were included

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2005. 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM. GREATER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE. New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. 333 Adams Street, Brooklyn. Please see the separate article in this newsletter.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2005. 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST: IDENTITY AND RENEWAL DURING CHALLENGING TIMES. Co-sponsored 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 and a kosher lunch was served at the Ramaz School, Lexington Ave. & E. 84th St.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2005. 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TEACHING PAST AND CURRENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY. This series of workshops centered upon the African-American experience. Activities emphasized the development of instructional materials and resources. Materials were provided. Lunch was included. The event took place at UFT Headquarters.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005. 8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM. TRAINING FOR REGENTS SCORING. For new teachers and supervisors. Co-sponsored by the New York City Department of Education. At UFT Headquarters.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005. 9:30 AM TO 9:30 PM. COUNTRY IN THE CITY. Guided tours of Trinity Church and churchyard, Mt. Vernon Hotel Museum, and the Bartow-Pell Mansion, picnic lunch and formal dinner.

IN MEMORIAM



Bernard Cohen (1935-2004)

Bernard Cohen, 69, passed away on May 9, 2004. He was the beloved husband and soul-mate of Carolyn Herbst, a beloved father, grandfather, brother, and stepson.

He gave 48 years of service as a social studies teacher and guidance counselor/ college advisor, principally at Benjamin Cardozo High School in Bayside, Queens, N.Y. He was President/ Chairperson of ATSS/UFT 1983-85, Vice-President/ Vice-Chairperson of ATSS/UFT, 1981-83, and Chairperson of the ATSS /UFT Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference (GMNY) for over 40 years. He was active in other social studies councils: Past President and conference chair of MSCSS, House of Delegates member, and a member of various committees of NCSS, local arrangements chair of the NCSS annual conference in New York City in 1986, member of the Board of Directors and conference planning, budget and finance, and resolutions committee of NYSCSS and led the NYSCSS delegation at NCSS. He was Vice-President of the Guidance Chapter of the UFT and on the SUNY/CUNY Advisory Boards. He was a member of the UFT Committee for Members Who Are Capcably Disabled, a delegate at the UFT Delegates Assembly, the NYSUT Representative Assembly and the AFT Delegates Assembly.

At conferences Bernie did three things better than anyone else: he would galvanize a group of people to work consistently and harmoniously with each other, he would ask guest speakers scintillating and detailed questions that would awe both speakers and audience, and as Master of Ceremonies he would run the show with great enthusiasm.

Bernie was a brave fighter against cancer and refused to stop working. He worked at Cardozo until Sept. 2003 and continued to attend UFT meetings until Feb. 28, 2004 when he received, in person, an award from ATSS/UFT for chairing the GMNY Conference for over 40 years. The conference was dedicated to him.

He is deeply missed by all who knew him or knew of his good works.

Contributions may be made to: The Bernard Cohen Scholarship Fund, College O Office, Benjamin Cardozo High School, 5700 223rd Street, Bayside, NY 11364.

IN MEMORIAM



I. Stephen Miller (1945-2004)

I. Stephen Miller, 59, UFT and community activist, passed away on December 13, 2004, as a result of complications from heart surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He also had diabetes.

Miller, an elementary school teacher with a special interest in social studies and UFT chapter leader for many years at P.S. 209 in Brooklyn, New York, was forced to retire on disability several years ago as a result of an assault at school.

At the UFT, he faithfully served on the Elementary School committee, The Association of Teachers of Social Studies / UFT Executive Board, the ATSS/UFT Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference Planning Committee and the UFT Committee for Members who are Capably Disabled and the Retired Teachers Chapter. Even in his last days at the hospital, he talked of finishing the next issue of the ATSS /UFT Journal which he was editing and planning the holiday party. He was Secretary of the GMNY 2005 Conference.

Locally, in his neighborhood in Brooklyn, he founded the Sheepshead Bay Historical Society, was a member of Community Board 15, was a past president of the 61st Precinct Community Council, and active at Coney Island Hospital.

He was a collector of everything cultural and historical, especially dolls and masks, which he frequently used as a workshop presenter at teacher conferences. His humor, persistent questioning, sheer tenacity, leadership and giving of himself will be sorely missed. He is survived by his twin brother, sister, beloved nieces, nephews and God-children.

**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) 598- 7772, 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

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/ / COLLEGE / / OTHER_____**

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**/ / FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NYSCSS.
\$40.00**

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

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**/ / 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**

PICTURE GALLERY: GMNY CONFERENCE 2005

ATSS/UFT President Deborah Moore with President Rodriguez, President of the United Farmworkers of America and George Altomare, Director of Professional Committees



George Altomare and Past-President Patricia Urevith with Conference Workshop Presenters



GMNY Conference Chairperson Robert Dytell, ATSS/UFT Committee Members Carolyn Herbst, Mary Ann O'Grady and Brenda Parnes



**PICTURE GALLERY:
CONFERENCES WITH AFFILIATED COUNCILS**

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