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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: LEVI ANTHONY

I welcome you to the Winter 2006 Edition of the The Association of Teachers of Social Studies/United Federation of Teachers newsletter, *The Sage*. ATSS/UFT is the professional association representing the more than 3800 Social Studies professionals in New York City. In it you will find information about our past and future programs.

Our most important program of the year is coming up shortly, **The Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference (GMNY), Saturday, February 11, 2006. if you have not registered for it you are welcome to register now, or pay at the door. SEE THE REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION ON PAGES 2 AND 3.** For the first time we are holding the GMNY Conference at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan, instead of at a hotel. We know it will be a great success.

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 (see page 4)

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.

For our other ATSS/UFT programs in winter and spring 2006 see page 5.

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**2006 GMNY CONFERENCE**

The 2006 GMNY, the 45th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, will be held on February 11th, at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. About 500 Social Studies professionals are expected to attend, including a large number of new teachers. All levels of K-12 teachers and supervisors are expected, with an increasing representation from elementary schools.

There will be over 60 exhibitors and sponsors whose booths will be swamped by enthusiastic participants searching for materials for their classrooms. The program will include a very worthwhile group of workshops and most interesting afternoon panels. The John Bunzel Social Studies Awards will be presented at the Bernard A. Cohen Memorial Breakfast and the Rosa Parks Memorial Award will be presented to Alan Singer at the seated and served hot luncheon. He will speak on his curriculum on slavery. Participants are expected to go 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 is "A RICH MOSAIC OF SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT, CONTEXT, CONNECTIONS, CITIZENSHIP."

Special thanks to the GMNY Planning Committee striving to make 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, Arlynne Steiner, Steven Steine, Mark Willner. Alice Skinner Williams, Wanda Daniels, Mary Ann O'Grady, Rosemarie R. Armetta, Biinta Jalloh, L. Zenzele Magwood, Ollie Seale Thatcher, David Brown, Herbert "Jimmy" Schwarz, Frank Pedone, Jonathan Barnett, Jeffrey Winograd, , Nyree McCray, Armando Mandes, Amit Mehra, Joshua Zuckerberg, and especially George Altomare.

THE 45TH GREATER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES  
CONFERENCE ATSS/UFT SSSA  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2006  
7:30 AM- 4:30 PM

United Federation of Teachers Headquarters, 52 Broadway, New York, NY, 10004

THEME: "A RICH MOSAIC OF SOCIAL STUDIES: CONTENT, CONTEXT, CONNECTIONS,  
CITIZENSHIP"

WORKSHOPS, VENDOR EXHIBITS, KEYNOTE SPEAKER, AWARDS,  
EARLY-BIRD CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND FULL LUNCHEON

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ DIST \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL PHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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SOCIAL STUDIES COUNCIL AFFILIATIONS:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CONFERENCE-CHECK ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR/AP/PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_ UFT PAPER \_\_\_\_\_ E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ GMNY MAILER \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER-PLEASE SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Conference registration only..... \$30.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conference registration with Reception and Luncheon..... \$45.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time student (with I.D.) registration only..... \$15.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Full-time student (with I.D.) with Reception and Luncheon ..... \$30.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Presenters (Reception and Luncheon)..... \$25.00

**On-site registration fee on day of conference:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Conference registration only..... \$40.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conference registration with Reception and Luncheon ..... \$55.00

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ATSS/UFT OR SEND PURCHASE ORDERS TO-**

GEORGE ALTOMARE  
C/O ATSS/UFT  
52 BROADWAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ROBERT DYTELL, GMNY CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON; (212) 598-7772  
(YOU MAY LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH THE SECRETARY). YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL ROBERT DYTELL AT  
[RDYTELL@YAHOO.COM](mailto:RDYTELL@YAHOO.COM) OR LEVI ANTHONY AT [LEVIANTHONY@EDUSOLUTION.COM](mailto:LEVIANTHONY@EDUSOLUTION.COM)

LUNCHEON SEATING. List the individuals with whom you wish to be seated-up to a maximum of ten persons. If you do not select luncheon partners, the GMNY Luncheon Seating Committee will place you at an appropriate table at their discretion Every effort is made to honor seating requests. Please note that the persons with whom you requested to be seated must register and pay for the luncheon using GMNY Conference Registration form. (Duplicate form if necessary)

**ATSS/ UFT PROGRAMS WINTER AND SPRING 2006**

\*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2006. 7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM. GREATER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE. UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. Please see the separate article in this newsletter. Approved for 12 hours new teacher training if combined with either the arts workshop or the technology workshop below.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006. 4:00 PM TO 6:30 PM. TEACHING PAST AND CURRENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY. This series of workshops will center upon the African-American experience. Activities will emphasize the development of instructional materials and resources. Materials provided. At UFT Headquarters.

\*SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006. 9:00 AM TO 1:00PM. INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY INTO YOUR CLASSROOM. Approved for 12 hours new teacher training if combined with attending the Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, February 11, 2006 (see above). At UFT Headquarters.

\*SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006. 9:00 AM TO 1:00PM. TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES THROUGH THE ARTS. Approved for 12 hours new teacher training if combined with attending the Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, February 11, 2006 (see above). At UFT Headquarters.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006. 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WORKSHOP. A panel of accomplished women. At UFT Headquarters.

SUNDAY, MAY DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED, 2006. 8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. TEACHING THE HOLOCAUST. Co-sponsored with the American Society for Yad Vashem. This series of workshops WILL center on the teaching of the Holocaust and the use of resources to teach the lessons of the Holocaust. Materials will be provided and a kosher lunch will be served at the Ramaz School, Lexington Ave. & E. 84th St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006. 8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM. TRAINING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL REGENTS SCORING. For new teachers and supervisors. Co-sponsored by the New York City Department of Education, AND THE New York State Education Department. At UFT Headquarters.

SATURDAY, JUNE DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED, 2006. 7:30 AM TO 10:30 PM. full day tour to mansions/museums outside New York City including lunch and formal dinner.

**\*APPROVED FOR NEW TEACHER TRAINING HOURS**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS CALL ATSS/UFT PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON LEVI ANTHONY AT 212 598 7772 OR E MAIL HIM AT HIS WEB SITE [levianthony@edusolution.com](mailto:levianthony@edusolution.com)**

**REPORTS ON ATSS/UT FALL 2005 EVENTS****BEAUTIFUL AMERICA: EXPLORING CULTURES IN  
BALTIMORE**

ATSS/UFT ran a full day bus tour, 7:30 AM to 11:30 PM, on Sunday, October 16, 2005, including a formal brunch and dinner evoking the flavors of various cultures. The tour featured brunch at the Little Havana Restaurant, a visit to the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, a tour of the Jewish Museum of Maryland, including an old synagogue, an exhibit on the holocaust refugees in Baltimore and Jewish fashions, 1970-2005, a stop at the Inner Harbor, and dinner at the Rusty Scupper Restaurant. The cost was \$116. 45 people attended and had a great and informative time. The tour was led by Carolyn Herbst. ATSS/UFT Executive Board Member John Witkowski assisted.

**NEW SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER TRAINING**

ATSS/UFT President Levi Anthony and Past President Robert Dytell conducted an ATSS/UFT workshop for new Social Studies teachers at Levi Anthony's school the High School for Technology in Long Island City on Thursday, December 8, 2005, 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Robert Dytell, A retired teacher and now a consultant for the New York City Department of Education, discussed lesson planning, and Levi Anthony demonstrated how to navigate for important information and curricula guides from the New York State Education Department by using the web site he created and maintains, [www.edusolution.com](http://www.edusolution.com). ATSS/UFT Past President Carolyn Herbst, ATSS/UFT Executive Board Member also took part. Refreshments were served. The cost was \$5.

**ATSS/UFT AT NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

ATSS/UFT had 5 delegates in the House of Delegates: Levi Anthony, Dr. Brenda Parnes, Robert Dytell Carolyn Herbst and Arthur Brown. Our council won the NCSSE Silver Star Award for providing excellent programs and services. Mark Willner and Carolyn Herbst presented workshops. Arthur Brown, Carolyn Herbst and Robert Dytell served on committees. Alan Singer received an award for his slavery curriculum. The Bernard A. Cohen Award was presented to the longest serving member of the House of Delegates

**UPCOMING SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCES**

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NYSCSS), MARCH 1-4, 2006, RYETOWN HILTON, RYE NY, [www.nyscss.org](http://www.nyscss.org).

MIDDLE STATES COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (MSCSS), MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2006, EISENHOWER CONFERENCE CENTER, GETTYSBURG, PA [www.mscss.org](http://www.mscss.org)

**FYI: MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS**

ATSS/UFT WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION SEVERAL CURRENT MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS WHICH WE FEEL ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHERS. WE THINK THEY ARE WORTHWHILE FOR VIEWING YOURSELF, WITH COLLEAGUES, FAMILY OR FRIENDS, OR FOR SHARING WITH YOUR STUDENTS ON A FIELD TRIP. EACH MUSEUM HAS SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND TOURS PLANNED FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS.

SLAVERY IN NEW YORK. OCTOBER 7, 2005-MARCH 5, 2006.

NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 170 CENTRAL PART WEST, NEW YORK, NY PHONE: 212 873 3400  
[www.nyhistory.org](http://www.nyhistory.org)

A PERFECT FIT: The Garment Industry and American Jewery, 1860-1960. DECEMBER 4-APRIL 2, 2006

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, CENTER FOR JEWISH HISTORY, 15 WEST 16 STREET, NEW YORK, NY PHONE: 212 294 8330 EXT. 8810 OR 8811. [www.ymuseum.org](http://www.ymuseum.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\_\_\_\_\_**

**HOME ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_**

**ZIP\_\_\_\_\_**

**SCHOOL\_\_\_\_\_**

**SCHOOL ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_**

**ZIP\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_**

**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. \$40.00**

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

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

PICTURE GALLERY  
ATSS/UFT FALL TOUR: BEAUTIFUL AMERICA –  
EXPLORING CULTURES IN BALTIMORE



PICTURE GALLERY  
ATSS/UFT NEW TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP



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**ATSS/UFT AT NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES 2005**  
**CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

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HARRY S. TRUMAN MUSEUM AND  
LIBRARY