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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Once again, welcome home! The new 2008-2009 School year is just beginning. This is the time of year to plan with new enthusiasm for the classroom and for professional growth. Your executive board has organized an array of informative new programs. You will find information about some of them described in this newsletter. We hope to get to know you better as you participate in them.

Remember, you are the ATSS/UFT. This is your New York City Social Studies professional association. You can be an active member by attending ATSS/UFT Executive Board meetings, our tours, programs and the annual GMNY Conference, all of which are outlined in this issue.

Your organization is only a mouse click away at ATSSUFTnyc@gmail.com, or on the web at:

<http://www.uft.org/member/committees/atss/>

We look forward to an energetic and interactive year,

Rozella

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WHAT IS GMNY?

It's the Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference. It's the biggest program ATSS/UFT sponsors every year. GMNY has been held every year for almost 50 years. It has hundreds of Social Studies professionals as registered participants. It has over 50 exhibit tables. It has many concurrent workshops. It has several major speakers and award winners. It has great food for breakfast and formal lunch. Will you be there on Saturday, February 7, 2009? See pages 2 & 3 inside.

The MISSION of the Association of Teachers of Social Studies / United Federation of Teachers is to provide a network wherein Social Studies educators and related professionals may advocate for Social Studies education, effective citizenship and share scholarship, information, strategies and practices related to the issues important to Social Studies instruction.

ATSS/UFT TENTATIVE CALENDER FOR 2008-2009

ATSS/UFT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings take place at the UFT Headquarters,
50 Broadway, 2nd floor, 4:30 to 6:30 PM, and are open to all New York City Social Studies Professionals. (Only elected ATSS/UFT Executive Board Members may vote on business items)

- Friday, September 5, 2008
- Friday, October 17, 2008
- Friday, November 7, 2008
- Friday, December 5, 2008
- Friday, January 9, 2009
- Saturday, February 7, 2009 (GMNY)
 - Friday, March 6, 2009
 - Friday, April TBA, 2009
 - Friday, May 8, 2009
 - Friday, June 12, 2009

PROGRAM

- Geographic Alliance-ATSS/UFT Conference, September 27, 2008
 - Fall Tour, October 18, 2008 (See pages 4 & 5)
- Joint SSSA-ATSS/UFT Executive Board Reception, October 2008
 - NCSS Convention, November 13 –16, 2008, Houston, Texas
- Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference (GMNY) Saturday, February 7, 2009 (See pages 2 & 3)
 - Yad Vashem – ATSS/UFT Program, TBA
- MSCSS Convention, February 27-28, 2009, Salisbury State University, Delaware
 - NYCSSS Convention, April 2 – 4, 2009, Saratoga Springs Hilton, NY
 - Black History Month workshop, TBA
 - Women’s History Month workshop, TBA
 - June Tour, TBA



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**SUSTAINING OUR
PLANET:
CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST
CENTURY**


**THE 49TH GREATER METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE
ATSS/UFT SSSA + SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009 + 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM
UFT AT 52 BROADWAY, MANHATTAN**

**THEME: “SUSTAINING OUR PLANET: CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”
EXHIBITS, WORKSHOPS, SPEAKERS, BREAKFAST, LUNCH & AWARDS**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

ROBERT DYTELL, GMNYCONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON (RDYTELL@YAHOO.COM); ROZELLA KIRCHGAESSNER, ATSS//UFT PRESIDENT / CHAIRPERSON; AT (212) 510-6389 (YOU MAY LEAVE A MESSAGE) (ATSSUFTNYC@GMAIL.COM).

Directions by public transportation to the UFT-4 or 5 to Wall Street, R to Rector Street, 1 to Rector Street (walk 3 short blocks), A or C to Broadway-Nassau, (walk south 4 blocks) J to Broad Street (walk west 2 blocks) to 52 Broadway.

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	GMNY	

GMNY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____ GRADE _____ LEVEL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE # () _____ SCHOOL PHONE # () _____ E-MAIL _____

SOCIAL STUDIES AFFILIATIONS: _____

How did you find out about the Conference? Check one: Chapter Chair Dept. 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

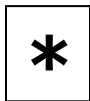
**SPECIAL REGISTRATION FEES FOR NEW TEACHERS (5 YEARS OF LESS) IN THE
NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (VERIFICATION THROUGH UFT FILES):**

- _____ Conference registration only..... \$20.00
- _____ Conference registration with Reception and Luncheon \$35.00

List the individuals with whom you wish to be seated at lunch (maximum of ten persons) or table seating will be assigned by staff.

**SPECIAL GARAGE PARKING FEES: PRESENT YOUR PARKING LOT STUB
AT THE CONFERENCE AND RECEIVE AN IMMEDIATE \$10.00 REBATE**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ATSS/UFT. SEND THIS FORM AND FEES TO:



**GEORGE ALTOMARE
C/O ATSS/UFT (GMNY)
52 BROADWAY – 12TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004**

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REPORT ON ATSS/UFT SPRING TOUR: WONDERFUL WILMINGTON

On Saturday, June 7, 2008, thirty-four participants experienced a wonderful historical and artful day at the Delaware Art Museum and Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Wilmington Delaware, led by Carolyn Herbst. They viewed Botero and early American paintings, and superb American architecture and decorative arts, and dined at the Delaware Art Museum, and the fabulous Medenhall Inn in Pennsylvania. Below is a poem and some comments written by some of the participants. The next ATSS/UFT Tour is on Saturday, October 18, 2008, to the historic Delaware River area. See page 5.

**ATSS/UFT WONDERSUL
WILMONGTON TOUR****By Susan Marinoff**

A smooth riding bus
A soon setting sun
If this had been a competition
We'd surely have won.
For we're on our way home
From an incredible day
During which the mind and eye
Had the opportunity to play.
With both visual and decorative art,
Two distinct places from which to start.

A conversation on line, form
And creative interpretation
Each reflective of time and place
Showing us once again
That art and design
Accompany the other
Acts and conditions
Of the human race

COMMENTS

A most enjoyable day. The Delaware art museum was different. The Botero Exhibit was unusual. It was the first time I had seen Latin American art that was not church art. Winterthur was beautiful. – Mary Ann O'Grady

I thoroughly enjoyed today's excursion – well-planned, timed accurately. Best of all was the return to Winterthur, after so many years. I still feel I could live in that house despite the entrance being on the fourth floor. - Rose Marie Armetta

This was our first trip with the ATSS and we found it to be both interesting and informative. In addition, the people were friendly to us "newcomers." Thank you, Carolyn, for arranging this expedition and making it such a wonderful experience of us. PS. Loved the bus and the bus driver! – The Bartoloma Sisters

Well organized and pleasant day. Bus driver safety oriented. – Marcia Glenn

COMMENTS

The Delaware Art Museum had wonderful sculptures and paintings from Botero. I learned so much about him. Before the trip he was unknown to me. – Audrey Wolfe

My first time ever at Winterthur, which I've heard so much about. Botero – a real eye opener. – Andrea Solomon

Enjoyed the tip and the art. Thanks and best wishes. – Athanasia

Simply wonderful! This was my first experience traveling with ATSS/UFT. I am certainly looking forward to many others. = Olga



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ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES / UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

PROUDLY PRESENTS

***BIDDLE, BRISTOL AND BURLINGTON:
ALONG THE DELAWARE RIVER***

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008

7:30 AM TO 10:00 PM + A FULL DAY BUS TOUR INCLUDING LUNCH AND A FORMAL DINNER

featuring:

- **ANDALUSIA, ANDALUSIA, PA. GUIDED TOURS OF THE HOUSE AND GARDENS OF THE ELEGANT 1825 GREEK REVIVAL MANSION OF NICHOLAS BIDDLE, HEAD OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.**
- **LUNCH AT THE KING GEORGE II INN, BISTOL, PA. ENJOY A SEATED LUNCH AT THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING INN IN THE UNITED STATES, 1680 (SEE COUPON BELOW.)**
- **HISTORIC BURLINGTON, BURLINGTON, NJ. A WALKING TOUR WITH A COSTUMED GUIDE THAT INCLUDES THE INSIDE OF SEVERAL HISTORIC HOMES IN A COMPACT HISTORIC AREA, INCLUDING TIME FOR ANTIQUES SHOPPING.**
- **DINNER AT THE GALLERY CAFE, BURLINGTON, NJ. ENJOY A FORMAL DINNER IN ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS OVERLOOKING THE DELAWARE RIVER. (SEE COUPON BELOW.)**

BOARD BUS AT 7:30 AM. BUS LEAVES PROMPTLY AT 7:50 AM FROM UFT HEADQUARTERS, 52 BROADWAY, NEAR RECTOR STREET, MANHATTAN. BRING BREAKFAST OR EAT BREAKFAST AT HOME. NAP ON THE BUS. THE BUS WILL RETURN TO UFT HEADQUARTERS - WITH STOPS AT 21ST STREET AND PARK AVENUE SOUTH, AND IN MIDTOWN - AT 10:00 PM)

*** TOUR INCLUDES OUTDOOR AREAS RAIN OR SHINE. DRESS APPROPRIATELY.***
BRING AN UMBRELLA.

THE COST IS \$155.00 PER PERSON, AND INCLUDES LUNCH AND DINNER, ALL ADMISSIONS, TOURS AND TIPS. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO ATSS/UFT AND SEND BOTH THE MONEY AND THE COUPON BELOW (ONE COUPON PER PERSON, DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY) TO: CAROLYN HERBST, TOUR COORDINATOR, ATSS/UFT FALL TOUR, C/O UFT, 52 BROADWAY, 12TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10004, NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2008. THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE, SO APPLY EARLY. REFUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER OCTOBER 1 ONLY IF THERE ARE PARTICIPANTS ON A WAITING LIST. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL CAROLYN HERBST AT 212 510 6389 OR 646 258 1942

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DEAR CAROLYN:

I AM SENDING A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$155.00 TO RESERVE A PLACE ON THE ATSS/UFT FALL TOUR, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008.

NAME _____

home address _____ **zip** _____

school/address _____ **zip** _____

home phone (____) _____ **school phone** (____) _____ **E-MAIL** _____

**MY CHOICE FOR LUNCH IS (CHECK 1) /____/ TUKEY, AVOCADO, EGG, TOMATO SALAD
/____/ SANDWICH OF PRIME RIB OF BEEF, CARMELIZED ONION /____/ VEGETARIAN SALAD**

MY CHOICE FOR DINNER IS (CHECK 1) /____/ chicken WITH PANKO CRUST, SWEET PEPPER SAUCE ON SIDE /____/ BROILED SALMON, CUCUMBER DILL SAUCE ON SIDE, /____/ VEAL FRANCAISE (BREADED AND FRIED)

/____/ FETTUCCINE PRIMAVERA (VEGETARIAN)

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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, (members/union committees/ATSS/UFT). We are also linked from the National Council for the Social Studies website www.ncss.org .

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 8)

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.

PRE SERVICE EDUCATORS NETWORK

If you work with pre-service educators, or are enrolled in a Social Studies teacher preparation program, we are interested in talking to you about the new regents P – 16 initiative. We need your input and your expertise. Please contact our President, Rozella Kirchgaessner at atssuftnyc@gmail.com or (917) 355-4451.

ATSS/ UFT MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SOCIAL STUDIES/ UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS IS TO PROVIDE A NETWORK WHEREIN EDUCATORS AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS MAY ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND SHARE SCHOLARSHIP, INFORMATION, STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES RELATED TO THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTION.

WE ENVISION THE ATSS/UFT AS A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS:

- **ENSURING THAT, AS A PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS IN NEW YORK CITY, WE SERVE THE INTERESTS OF UFT MEMBERS AND OTHER RELATED SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONALS AS A EFFECTIVE VANGUARD ORGANIZATION, REFLECTING THE CONCERNS OF NEW YORK CITY EDUCATORS WHILE MAINTAINING OUR LONG STANDING AFFILIATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS) AND THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL Studies (NYSCSS);**
- **ENHANCING THE ABILITY OF SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION THAT ADDRESSES NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK STATE AND NATIONAL STANDARDS;**
- **USING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION AMONG SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATORS AND RELATED PROFESSIONS;**
- **MAINTAINING A WEB SITE ORGANIZED BY TOPIC AND STRATEGY CONTAINING USEFUL LINKS TO CURRENT RESOURCES AND RELEVANT CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS;**
- **PROVIDING WORKSHOPS, PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES AIMED AT COMMUNICATING INFORMATION AND STRATEGIES ABOUT ISSUES RELATED TO A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CITY, STATE, NATION AND WORLD;**
- **AND, AT ALL TIMES, SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO LEARN AND GROW AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY.**



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SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERSHIP FORM

ATSS/UFT has created this form to help you join our related 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

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. \$60.00**

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

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

ENCLOSED IS/ARE (1, 2, 3) CHECK(S) MADE PAYABLE TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION(S)

/ / NCSS / / NYSCSS / / MSCSS

MY LEVEL OF INTEREST IS:

- / / PRE-K / / ELEMENTARY / / MIDDLE/ INTERMEDIATE/ / HIGH SCHOOL
- / / COLLEGE / / OTHER _____

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SCHOOL _____

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