

The Newsletter of The Association of Teachers of Social Studies / United Federation of Teachers

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MESSAGE FROM THE ATSS/UFT PRESIDENT/ CHAIRPERSON, ROZELLA KIRCHGAESSNER

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to share with you several important events happening during this 2009 – 2010 school year. Your Social Studies organization is here to help you navigate the challenges posed by the content- standards- assessment debate, data collection and analysis, differentiating instruction and the transfiguring opportunities being unleashed through innovative technological advances. At the end of the day, there are still children to tutor, parents to contact, papers to mark, lessons to plan, personal needs and family obligations to juggle.

A year ago the debate surrounded John McCain and Barack Obama in the presidential heat. Today, as the Nobel committee announced the
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ATSS/UFT EXECUTIVE CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010

ATSS/UFT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

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

- Friday, September 11, 2009
- Friday, October 23, 2009
 - Friday, November 20, 2009
 - Friday, December 4, 2009 (Dinner)
 - Friday, January 8, 2010
 - Saturday, February 6, 2010 GMNY
 - Friday, March 12, 2010
 - Friday, April 9, 2010
 - Friday, May 7 2010
 - Friday, June 4, 2010 (Dinner)

OTHER EVENTS

- +Fall Trip, October 24, 2009
- +NYSCSS – Committee and Board Meetings Oct 2-3, 2009
- +NCSS Conference – Nov 12 – 15, 2009, Atlanta
- +GMNY Conference, February 6, 2010 UFT
- +MCSS Conference – February 25-27, 2010, Gettysburg, PA
- +NYSCSS Convention - March 2-6 2010, Rye, NY
- +Yad Vashem – March 2010 TBA
- +Black History Month Workshop TBA
- +Women's History Month Workshop
- +Traveling Down the Virtual Highway
- +Spring Trip - June 2010 TBA

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 and share scholarship, information, strategies and practices related to the issues important to Social Studies instruction.

UFT Officers: Michael Mulgrew President, Michael Mendel Secretary, Mel Aaronson Treasurer, Robert Astrowsky Assistant Secretary, Mona Romain Assistant Treasurer Vice Presidents: Karen Alford, Carmen Alvarez, Leo Casey, Richard Farkas, Aminda Gentile, Sterling Roberson

WE WELCOME MICHAEL MULGREW AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM IN HIS NEW ROLE

2010 GMNY CONFERENCE

The 2010 GMNY, the 50th Annual Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference, the main annual event of ATSS/UFT, will be held on Saturday, February 6th, at UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. Hundreds of Social Studies professionals will attend, including a large number of newer teachers. Social Studies professionals from all levels K-12 and college, teachers as well as supervisors will attend, with an increasing representation from elementary schools.

There will be scores of 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. For the second time, there will be an exhibit of student work. The Bernard A. Cohen Social Studies Awards (formerly the John Bunzel Awards) will be presented at the Bernard A. Cohen Memorial Breakfast. The Hubert Humphry Humanitarian Award will be given at the luncheon. There will be a noted historian speaking at the "History Happy Hour". Participants will go home with bags of materials, new ideas shared with professional colleagues, and the satisfactiolum of having a wonderful day in most congenial surroundings. The conference theme this year will be "Celebrating A Golden Legacy Of Excellence." For additional information keep in touch at our ATSS/UFT web page on the UFT website: <http://www.uft.org/member/committees> A registration form and Bernard Cohen Award application form are on pages 3, 4 and 5.

PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

selection of President Obama for the coveted Peace Prize, the world was a "Twitter" with commentary and comment. We began this year with a focus on Service Learning at our September 11th Executive Board Meeting, as both the September 11th Memorial Museum and the Taft Institute shared materials to help schools deal with life in the post 9/11 world. This is also the year that the NYS Regents will spotlight Social Studies standards and the core concepts and assessments P – 16. We will develop a position paper sharing our unique urban perspectives about what and how students should learn and be evaluated at each of these levels. We invite you join the discussion. You will see these and other articles detailing the activities of our state and national councils for the Social Studies in future issues of the SAGE. We encourage everyone to join us in Atlanta, November 12-15 for "Dreams and Deeds: The Civic Mission of Schools". We will be bogging the events on our wiki. February 6, 2010, our GMNY (Greater Metropolitan New York Social Studies Conference) celebrates 50 years of serving NYC, Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey educators. Then in the spring the Middle States Council for the Social Studies convenes in Gettysburg, while March 4 – 6 will see the New York State Council for the Social Studies close by in Rye, NY. A schedule of our ATSS/UFT Executive Board strategy sessions appears in the SAGE. Come share in the unveiling of our new Wikispace on October 23rd at the UFT from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m..

Watch the UFT paper, but better yet, join our distribution list, to keep abreast of upcoming events and activities. Look for other past and future workshops in the pages of this SAGE, and tips on several ways to keep your geography, economics, civics, history and technology skills fresh and meaningful. Remember, all Social Studies professionals are welcome at our monthly Executive Board meetings. While only elected board members have voting privileges, we welcome your creativity, your insights and your programming suggestions. ATSS/UFT is your local Social Studies professional organization. We can only address your issues and your needs as we become aware of them. Your organization is only a mouse click away at ATSSUFTnyc@gmail.com, or on the web at <http://www.uft.org/member/committees/atss/services/> Let us hear from you often, Best wishes for a warm and memorable spring. *Rozella*



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GMNY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

"A GOLDEN LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE"

**THE 50TH ANNUAL GREATER METROPOLITAN
NEW YORK SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010 (7:30 AM- 4:30 PM)

AT THE UFT -- 52 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY

PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON IN ATTENDANCE

EXHIBITS, WORKSHOPS, SPEAKERS, STUDENT DISPLAYS BREAKFAST, LUNCHEON & AWARDS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL _____ DISTRICT _____ GRADE _____ LEVEL _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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

SOCIAL STUDIES AFFILIATIONS:

List: _____ 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 \$55.00
- Full-time COLLEGE student (with I.D.) registration only \$15.00
- Full-time COLLEGE student (with I.D.) Reception and Luncheon \$40.00
- Presenter / Student Poster Session / Parent (Luncheon only) \$40.00

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

- Conference registration only....., \$25.00
- Conference registration with Reception and Luncheon \$50.00

ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES:

- Conference registration only..... \$50.00
- Conference registration with Reception and Luncheon..... \$65.00



**SPECIAL GARAGE PARKING FEE REIMBURSEMENT: PRESENT
PARKING LOT STUB AT REGISTRATION TO RECEIVE IMMEDIATE \$10.00 REBATE**

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

Request for Invoice for payment with NYCDOE Famis funds (please indicate school name / number)

OR, MAKE PERSONAL 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

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT::

ROBERT DYTELL, GMNY CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON (RDYTELL@YAHOO.COM); ROZELLA KIRCHGAESSNER, ATSS//UFT PRESIDENT / CHAIRPERSON; AT (212) 598-7772 (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. Opeiu:153



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BERNARD COHEN AWARDS APPLICATION
THE BERNARD A. COHEN AWARD FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
(Formerly the John Bunzel Award)

Bernard Cohen, 69, passed away on May 9, 2004. 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 Capably Disabled, a delegate at the UFT Delegates Assembly, the NYSUT Representative Assembly and the AFT Delegates Assembly.

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

AWARD APPLICATION

Nominee's
Name _____ Signature _____

Home Address _____ ZIP _____

School & School Address _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ School Phone: () _____

Current Position/Title _____ N.Y.C. License _____

Previous Full-Time Employment Emphasizing Social Studies. Give Title/Position, Place
And Number of Years, Starting With The Most Recent Position.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Name of Sponsor _____ Signature _____
(The sponsor may be a colleague, supervisor, Principal, or the nominee.)

Sponsor's Title & School _____ Date _____

THE BERNARD A. COHEN AWARD FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION*(continued)*

Send completed applications to: Rozella Kirchgassner, President of ATSS/UFT, 52 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10004, The Deadline for applications is November 30, 2009. For further information, call ATSS/UFT at 212-510-6389.

Selections will be made by a joint committee of classroom teachers and supervisors. Judgments will be made on the basis of qualities and achievements outlined below, with special emphasis on classroom endeavors.

FOUR AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN: ONE TO A TEACHER ON EACH OF THREE LEVELS (ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE/JR. HIGH SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL) AND ONE TO A SUPERVISOR.

After filling in the information on Page 1, please list and/or describe the achievements of the nominee, typed, on separate sheets of 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Your list must be legible and must conform to the outline below. Please label each category. The application should be no more than five pages, including the Page 1 cover page as well as any letters of recommendation. It is suggested that the nominee retain a copy of the application for his/her files. All parts of the application must be sent together, at the same time.

AWARD CRITERIA

Professional Performance in School: Scope of course(s) grade (s) taught; department and school responsibilities relating to social studies (either assigned or shared with colleagues), team planning or other team activities, development of classroom materials, heading of programs, utilization of outside resources, revision of curriculum, development of programs, innovative methodology, clubs or extra-curricular activities involving students, related compensatory time positions, administrative or coordinating activities related to social studies, assembly programs and performances relating to social studies, other, etc.

Professional Performance Out of School: Curriculum development, in-service training given, holding office or committee membership related to social studies, attendance at conferences, advisory committee work, standardized test preparation, coordination of special programs, other, etc.

Awards: Related to social studies.

Grants: Written or received and/or coordinated, related to social studies.

Scholarship: Degrees, graduate programs, summer institutes, fellowships. Scholarships, exchange programs, other, etc. Give years and the institutions attended beyond high school.

Publications: Books, articles, reviews, columns, web sites or editorial work related to social studies.

Any other activities or achievements relating solely to social studies education.

Please complete as many criteria categories as apply to you.

**REPORT ON ATSS/UFT 2009 TOURS CELEBRATING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE VOYAGE OF HENRY HUDSON UP THE HUDSON RIVER
TOUR COORDINATOR: CAROLYN HERBST, PAST-PRESIDENT/PAST-CHAIRPERSON,
ATSS/UFT**

ATSS JUNE 2009 TOUR: SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009. 9:00 AM TO 9:30 PM.

"CELEBRATING 1609: EXPLORING THE SEA AND SKY – HUDSON AND GALILEO." We spent a full day exploring historic and cultural sites in New York City and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania celebrating the year 1609, the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson sailing up the river that bears his name, and the 400th anniversary of Galileo first turning his telescope to the sky. In New York City we experienced all the historic details of a walking history tour of lower Manhattan concerning the voyages of Henry Hudson and the colony of Nieuw Amsterdam from the comfort of an air-conditioned bus. We enjoyed a tour narrated by Dr. Philip Schoenberg, a member of ATSS/UFT and a professional licensed guide who advertises in the *New York Times* as "New York Walks and Talks," and saw a DVD on the bus of pictures of the time-period. We had brunch on historic Stone Street, at the Stone Street Tavern. Then we continued by bus to Philadelphia for a tour of the exhibit "Galileo, the Medicis, and the Age of Astronomy" at the Benjamin Franklin Institute, featuring Galileo's telescope and exquisitely crafted and decorated scientific instruments and maps of Cosimo di Medici I and II -- the latter, patron of Galileo, all from the Institute and Museum of the History of Science in Florence, Italy. After a delicious Italian dinner at Bistro Romano in an old granary on Society Hill, we paid homage to the southernmost boundary of the Dutch colony at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River, and then returned to New York. Our chartered bus took us to and from UFT Headquarters, 52 Broadway, Manhattan. The \$150 cost was all-inclusive.

**HUDSON VALLEY ACROSS THE CENTURIES KINGSTON AND RHINEBECK, NEW YORK
HONORING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF HENRY HUDSON'S VOYAGE UP THE RIVER
IN 1609, 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009.** We enjoyed a full day bus tour, including lunch and dinner. We visited the First New York Senate House and Museum in Kingston, New York where we had guided tours of the house, senate chamber and the museum of local history in a 17th century Dutch building. The Senate House was the seat of New York State government in 1777. Lunch was on the grounds, amidst the colors of fall foliage, at the Wilderstein Mansion, along the Hudson River in Rhinebeck, New York. Afterward, we enjoyed a guided tour of the Mansion, which was built by and inhabited by generations of the Suckley family. Best known is the last occupant, Margaret "Daisy" Suckley, cousin and intimate confidante of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. There was also an exhibit of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of Hudson's voyage, 1909, and a gift shop. Dinner was at the Traphagen Tavern of the Beekman Arms Hotel, Rhinebeck, New York. We enjoyed a formal dinner in elegant surroundings at the Traphagen Tavern of the Beekman Arms Hotel, founded in 1766. Time was allowed for shopping in the delightful and artistic village of Rhinebeck. The cost was \$150,

REPORT ON ATSS/UFT SUMMER 2009 PROGRAMS**DISTANCE LEARNING: "EFFECTING CONCEPTUAL CHANGE & LEARNER ENGAGEMENT"**

ATSS/UFT co-sponsored an event on Tuesday, June 16th, 2009 from 8:30am to 11:00am at United Federation of Teachers Headquarters, 52 Broadway, 5th Fl Conference Room, offered by the non-profit New York State/New York City Metro Distance Learning Association (NYDLA). It was also possible to participate via web-cast.

Serving both New York State and the New York City Metro regions, the NYDLA's mission is to establish an open forum dedicated to the free exchange of ideas and information between corporate, non-profit, academic, and government professionals, concerning the issues and technological changes in the field of Distance/e-Learning and how it can be utilized to improve human performance.

Along with the opportunity to build a professional network, this meeting featured presentations by Laurence Miller, NYU Faculty Member, Independent Consultant: "Best Practices in Effecting Conceptual Change" and "Online Block Parties, Reversible T-Shirts, & Other Promising Signs of Learner Engagement" Presented by: Jonathan Finkelstein, Founder & Executive Producer, Learning Times. Miller discussed research concerning, blended learning that may be preferable to pure online learning when the instructional goal is not just awareness but conceptual change. Miller shared his experience with a distance learning program that used blended learning to offer leadership training to health care professionals who live and work in the US Virgin Islands was presented as a case study. Preliminary results provide evidence on the effectiveness of blended learning; but also draw attention to challenges faced by distance educators, including adapting (a) habits and effects of previous learner experiences, (b) learners' motivation and learning style, (c) support for the technical infra-structure at remote locations, and (d) cultural factors. The presentation concluded with some suggestions toward best practices in blended learning.

Finkelstein shared information about the virtual debate program hosted with District 75 students in 15 schools across the city and the second life portal Learning Times is developing for special needs students.

AFT QUEST CONFERENCE NCSS

Rozella Kirchaessner and Carolyn Herbst attended the American Federation of Teachers QuEst conference, July 13-15, 2009 at the Marriott Wardman Hotel in Washington, D.C. The QuEst Conference takes place every other summer as a professional conference for AFT members. Participants heard address from AFT President Randi Weingarten, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. Workshops allowed for interaction between participants on professional topics. President/Chairperson Kirchaessner was very vocal in discussing problems of technology and distance learning, and the need to bring the use of technology to New York City in the 21st century. It was a busy summer for both Herbst and Kirchaessner. Herbst attended the Quest Conference directly after participating in the Middle States Council for the Social Studies (MSCSS) summer leadership conference and Kirchaessner raced back to New York City for the ATSS/UFT- New York Geographic Alliance joint institute.

REPORT ON ATSS/UFT SUMMER 2009 PROGRAMS**NEW YORK CITY GEOGRAPHY INSTITUTE**

ATSS/UFT co-sponsored a summer program offered by the New York Geographic Alliance, the "Make Connections With Geography" Institute, July 13-17, 2009 for K-12 teachers in New York City, held at The Renaissance Charter School (Jackson Heights, Queens), 35-59 81st Street, Jackson Heights, New York. This five-day geography institute connected foundational spatial thinking and geography activities (both physical and cultural) with classroom curricula from kindergarten to grade 12. Each day included "strands" that connected geography with social studies topics at several grade levels (for example, study of local communities and world cultures in early grades, New York state in 4th grade, U.S. history in several grades, and Global History and Geography in high school). Several sessions also make connections with science, math, language arts, and technology; see sample topics below. Morning sessions were led by college faculty and afternoon sessions by experienced teachers. Teachers received geography curriculum materials (both paper and digital files on a USB key) and maps from National Geographic. There were daily drawings for globes (basketball and inflatable), atlases, and geography-related trade books and videos. The New York Geographic Alliance offered a stipend for a structured geography lesson that teachers may complete after the workshop. They also provided lunch plus morning coffee and afternoon snacks. There was no charge for this five-day institute. Some sampling of institute topics were: Hands-on geography/spatial thinking activities in K-1 (plus connections to reading and math); Geography activities for "world cultures" (grade 3) (e.g., Caribbean, China, West Africa); Activities with a giant U.S. "floor" map (11 x 14 feet) and with a giant Americas map; U.S. history and geography: Choosing the site for our nation's capital; Assigning reservation lands to American Indian tribes; Environments-plantations-slavery; Geography perspectives on global history topics: Silk Roads and largest cities between 100 and 1000 CE; Industrialization; Empires & Imperialism; The breakup of the Soviet Union; Spread of technologies; Spread of religions; Geography/Math/Science connections: Graphing global warming data; Map analysis of natural hazards (tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes); Discovering gradients with precipitation & temperature data; Geography/ELA connections: Using language clues to find colonial regions around the Caribbean; Using descriptive writing for Triangle Trade and Middle Passage topics; geography/technology connections: Clickable map layers in PDFs; Internet mapping for local, U.S., and world topics (including current U.S. census and historical census data); Using Google Earth; Videos; Civil rights and geography (*Stony the Road We Trod*); Children working in silver mines in Bolivia (*The Devil's Miner*). Carol Gersmehl and Phil Gersmehl from the Geographic Alliance, and Mary Duffin, President of the New York State Council For the Social Studies (NYSCSS) presented workshops. ATSS/UFT President/Chairperson, Rozella Kirchaessner and ATSS/UFT Vice President/Vice-Chairperson Ollie Fields Thacker also attended.

NCSS SUMMER WEBINAR CONFERENCE

Because the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) could not conduct a Summer Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. this year, they tried something new. There was a Webinar Conference for affiliated State and Local Councils on July 30, 2009, with the morning session devoted to Social Studies advocacy, and the afternoon session devoted to writing resolutions. So that more ATSS/UFT members could participate, President/Chairperson Rozella Kirchaessner set up a room at UFT Headquarters with a laptop, a camera and a large screen monitor. The activity had some pluses and minuses. The UFT camera was working but the NCSS cameras were not, so we had to conduct the conference by voice and text only. Rozella had trouble getting into the morning program, but did fine in hooking up to the afternoon one. Discussions were held, and the interactions among colleagues from around the country took place. It was very exciting. We will continue our work at the Pre-Conference for State and Local Council Leaders at the NCSS Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in November. Besides Rozella, Carolyn Herbst, Pasquale D'Onofrio and Ollie Fields Thacker attended the meeting at the UFT.

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 INFORMATION, SCHOLARSHIP, STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES RELATED TO THOSE ISSUES THAT ARE BOTH RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT.

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.**

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 10)

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.

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

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 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 _____

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