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GeoFest

The annual C-GEO GeoFest was Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Western Oregon University. Dr. Natchee Barnd, author of *Native Space: Geographic Strategies to Unsettle Settler Colonialism* was the keynote speaker. Over 100 educators showed up to attend sessions on a diversity of issues, such as ethnic studies, tribal histories, Black histories and geographies, geotech, story mapping, climate change, and teaching geography through picture books. Thank you to all the educators who attended and who presented. Your passion, professionalism, and creativity is always so reinvigorating.



Dr. Natchee Barnd gives the Geofest Keynote address



Janelle Wren sharing her presentation, "Explore Geography through Picture Books"



Cheyenne Heidt from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde sharing K-12 tribal histories and teaching resources



Steve Owens presenting on "Folklore and Geography: Using native histories and legends to teach Physical Geography in the Classrooms"

Using Primary Sources to Teach Ethnic Studies and Black Histories and Geographies Workshops

Over the past few months we had two more workshops around the state (one in Portland and one in Lincoln City) in our series Using Primary Sources to Teach Ethnic Studies and Black Histories and Geographies. Both workshops explored BIPOC histories and geographies, the new Oregon ethnic studies standards, and techniques and discussions for teachers on multiple perspectives in analyzing primary sources.



ODE Social Science Specialist, Amit Kobrowski presents at the Portland Workshop

Professional Development

Using Primary Sources to Teach Ethnic Studies and Black Histories & Geographies C-GEO Workshop

We will offer one more workshop on Using Primary Sources to Teach Ethnic Studies and Black Histories & Geographies across the state for Oregon teachers. The workshop will be June 17, 2023 in Bend, Oregon (location: High Desert Museum).

Participants must be Oregon K-12 educators. Each workshop will explore BIPOC histories and geographies, the new Oregon ethnic studies standards, and techniques and discussions for teachers on multiple perspectives in analyzing primary sources. Additionally, participants will be book chapter reviewers for an upcoming E-book of Black Histories and Geography lessons and activities for classroom use that will be freely available for educators. [Register](#)

Professional Development from Other Organizations

Oregon Jewish Museum & Center for Holocaust Education - Summer Learning Opportunities

OJMCHE are offering two different summer professional learning programs. Both programs take place at OJMCHE and accommodation is covered for selected participants who live more than 30 minutes away from the museum. Applications for each program are due April 28, 2023.

Program 1: Teaching Lessons of the Holocaust

July 11 - 13

This three day program is for 4th - 12th grade educators in Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Lane, Linn, and Benton counties. As we grow our team and hire a Regional Museum Educator, we are seeking to deepen our connections with educators in these counties. As part of the programs educators will expand their knowledge of SB664 (Oregon's Holocaust and genocide education requirement) and explore curricular strategies and resources that highlight local connections around the topic. [Register](#)

Program 2: Teaching the Holocaust with Care, Curiosity, and Confidence

July 24 - 28

This four day program is for pre-service, middle, and high school teachers who have been teaching about the Holocaust for less than five years. It's a great opportunity for educators to gain a solid foundation in how to teach about the Holocaust responsibly. [Register](#)

Teaching the Japanese American WWII Experience

August 7 - 9, 2023

Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington D.C.

This is a professional development opportunity for elementary and middle school teachers. The Teacher Training Institute will provide professional development, historical training, and access to curricula and educational resources for elementary and middle school teachers. The training covers the history of the Japanese American WWII soldier experience from Hawaii to the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated in American concentration camps during WWII.

If your application is accepted, airfare, lodging, and meals are covered during the training. The training will focus on three key areas:

- Historical content about Japanese American WWII experiences and an introduction to online resources.
- Lesson and teaching strategies based on two resources co-created by elementary and middle school teachers, "What was life like in camp?" and "What would you have done?"
- Visits to local sites, museum collections and guest speakers related to the Japanese American WWII experience

The Teacher Training Institute is presented by the National Veterans Network and Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center and sponsored by the Department of Interior, National Park Service Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.

Submit by April 15. Applicants will be notified in May. **Apply**

Oregon AP Human Geography Summer Institute

There will be an in-person AP Human Geography Summer Institute in Corvallis, OR this summer. **More Information and Register**

Community Outreach

Oregon Giant Floor Maps

Our Oregon Giant Map continues to be available for classroom use. Recently, it was used in Mindy Larson's teacher preparation classes at Linfield College. Additionally, at our February steering committee retreat, steering committee members worked with our newest giant floor map, the Northwest Watershed Map. For more information about it and to inquire about doing some pilot lessons with your classroom using it, go to <https://www.pdx.edu/geography-education/c-geo-giant-maps>



C-GEO Steering Committee members, Janelle Wren and Tabitha Richards work on the new Northwest Watershed Map

C-GEO Steering Committee Meeting

The steering committee will hold its next meeting via Zoom on April 29, 2023 to discuss programming topics.

C-GEO Social Media

C-GEO is on Facebook, Instagram (cgeo_oregon) and Twitter (@cgeo_oregon). If you have any photos of you and students doing distance learning geography education in the classroom and would be willing to let us post those on Instagram to promote geography education you can email the photos to caranok@wou.edu with a brief blurb of what should go in the Instagram post description.

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