

The mission of C-GEO is to improve and sustain geography education in Oregon

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## C-GEO IN THE NEWS

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### GeoFest

The annual C-GEO GeoFest will be **Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Perrydale High School**. Sessions include the screening of an award-winning documentary and a Q&A with the person it's about; the rural-urban divide; tribal histories; Black Histories & Geographies, teaching primary source through a geographic lens, GeoTech sessions, climate education, and so much more!!

**Registration is FREE!**

[Register for GeoFest Here!](#)

## New Open-Source E-Book From C-GEO

*Teaching Through Rather than About: Analyzing Black Histories and Geographies with Primary Sources* is a free E-book published by OpenOregon Pressbooks.

The book's origins stem from a series of C-GEO workshops and includes 11 secondary chapters that model lessons on teaching Black histories and geographies. Each lesson chapter explores teaching *through* Black histories rather than *about* black histories by utilizing a Black Historical Consciousness framework. The chapters also all include completed lesson plans and the lesson narrative, which provides the essential and supporting questions, featured sources, and performance tasks. The chapters conclude with ways activities can be adapted or extended and will reiterate how they are teaching *through* rather than *about* Black histories for this topic and why this is important.

To freely access the book:

[Click Here](#)

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**C-GEO ADVANCED INSTITUTE**  
JULY 6 - 15, 2026

**C-GEO**  
Career in Geography Education in Oregon

**THE SOUTHERN BALKANS**  
WHERE GEOGRAPHY & HISTORY COME ALIVE

**Please Note this Important Information Before Applying**

- Only apply if you currently possess a valid passport that is less than 10 years old and does not expire before January 31, 2027.
- Accommodations are shared - two people per room.
- C-GEO cannot guarantee accommodation for dietary restrictions during trip.
- This Institute includes a lot of walking and some hiking.
- Participants will be required to travel to the institute with the group from Portland to Albania - no individual deviations permitted.

**Eligibility to Apply?**

- Oregon Pre-K-12 teachers who have successfully completed a C-GEO multi-day institute or Oregon Pre-Service Teachers
- Availability to attend mandatory orientations on **05/16/2027 (In Person: 9am - 3pm) and 06/04/2027 (via Zoom: 5:30pm - 7:30pm)**
- Application Deadline: **December 31, 2025** Learn more and apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJ3HVVF>

**Cost to Participant**

- \$300 Non-refundable Field Trip Fee due upon acceptance of invitation to participate in the institute - payable by credit card (includes travel insurance)
- Transportation and parking at Portland State University to attend required orientation session on 05/16/2027
- Roundtrip transportation to and from Portland International Airport
- Any checked luggage fees from airlines (we recommend carry on only)
- Most dinners and lunches; and all meals during travel to/from the Southern Balkans
- Personal incidentals during trip

**Covered by C-GEO**

- Roundtrip airfare from Portland
- Lodging (shared: two persons per room)
- Professional guide for activities
- Most ground transportation for C-GEO planned events and activities
- Admission to C-GEO organized museum visits and excursions
- 80 Professional Development Units (PDUs)

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**LEARN MORE & APPLY AT:**  
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/DJ3HVVF](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJ3HVVF)

SCAN ME

[Click to view the Southern Balkans Advanced Institute Summer 2026 flyer.](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJ3HVVF)

## ANNOUNCING OUR NEXT SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR OREGON TEACHERS!!

**2026 International Institute Advanced Level**  
**The Southern Balkans: Where Geography and History Come Alive (July 6-15, 2026)**

Now accepting applications from

- Oregon pre-K-12 teachers who have successfully completed a C-GEO multi-day institute or Oregon pre-service teachers

- Who are available to attend mandatory orientations on 05/16/2026 (in-person, 9am-3pm) and 6/04/2026 (on Zoom, 5:30pm - 7:30pm)

- and currently possess a valid passport less than 10 years old that expires after January 31, 2027.

**Application Deadline: Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

[Apply Today!](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJ3HVVF)

## 2025 Oregon Civics Conference for Teachers

The Oregon Civics Conference is taking place December 5th at the Salem Convention Center. During the conference teachers have direct contact with members of Oregon's government, seasoned educators, and experts in a variety of civic-oriented fields. Registration is open until **December 1st**.

[Register Here](#)

## NCSS Annual Conference

The National Council for the Social Studies will have its 105th annual conference from December 5-7, 2025 in Washington DC. The NCSS Annual Conference is the largest gathering of K-12 social studies classroom teachers, college and university faculty members, curriculum designers and specialists, district and state social studies

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[More Information](#)

## Summer 2026 In-State Institute

We will be unveiling our updated Student Atlas at our multi-day in-state student atlas institute this summer.

*Stay tuned for dates and location in our next newsletter!*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### C-GEO Steering Committee Meeting

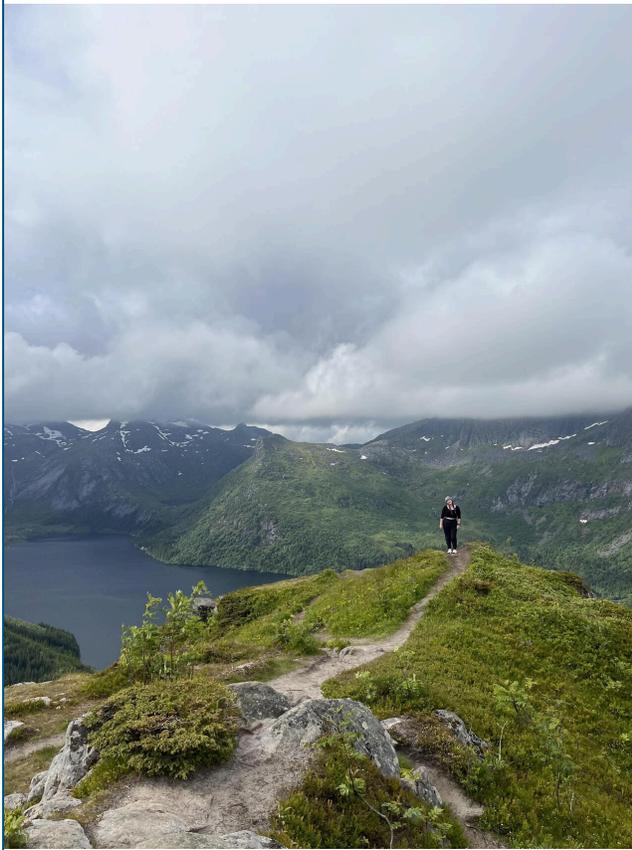
The steering committee will hold its annual steering committee retreat February 14-16 at Oregon Mt. Hood Resort in Welches.

### C-GEO Social Media

C-GEO is **on Facebook** and **Instagram (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](mailto:caranok@wou.edu) with a brief blurb of what should go in the Instagram post description.

## MEET A TC

*This issue's feature is about C-GEO TC **Morgan Crawford***



*Morgan Crawford in Norway during the C-GEO Summer 2025 Institute.*

## Tell us about yourself.

My name is Morgan Crawford, and I am in my 7th year of teaching at Perrydale HS. Just like any small school, our teachers here wear many hats and that has given me the opportunity to advise Leadership and Yearbook in addition to the 9th-12th English Language Arts classes that I teach. Over the years, I have spent time building up my curriculum to include as many culturally relevant texts as possible. I find so much joy in helping students interact, relate to, question, and understand the texts we read.

## What has drawn you to geography education? How are you promoting geography in the classroom?

Admittedly, I had never been great with Geography throughout my own education journey. I used to stray away out of fear of what I "didn't know". Now, I see adding elements of Geography education into my lessons as an integral part in bridging the gap between Literature and other disciplines. I spend time studying and working with peers to gain the knowledge that I need to add vital information to my curriculum. Specifically, using the 5 Themes of Geography within background for literary texts and movements has been such a great way to help students grasp the historical context of our materials.



*Morgan's son learning where his mom went during the Institute.*

Beyond the trips and cultures, I have been able to experience with C-GEO, this organization has given me the confidence to be able to teach and promote Geography within the English Discipline. Getting close to other educators, through trips and sharing lessons, has been such an unexpected benefit of my time in this organization.

## KEEP US INFORMED

Please let the C-GEO Office [geogall@pdx.edu](mailto:geogall@pdx.edu) know of any awards, special events or projects that may be of interest to TCs, and announcements. Using the web makes it easy to showcase exemplary student work or students at work.

Remember that you will need to have students' permission before posting either student work or their photos in **GEOBYTES**. Also be sure to inform us of changes in address, school, or email.

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