

# **Westchester-Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies**

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DATE!**

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Friday, December 11, 2015  
Renaissance Westchester Hotel  
West Harrison, NY**

**Social Studies:  
Right Here, Right Now**

**CALL FOR  
WORKSHOPS**

## **Featured Speakers**

**Kathy Swan**

Associate  
Professor,  
University of  
Kentucky,  
Project Director  
Social Studies  
Toolkit



**Greg Ahlquist**

2013 NYS  
Teacher of the  
Year,  
Consultant,  
State Education  
Department



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for the Social Studies information, go to  
<http://wlhcss.com/Site/wlhcss.html> or call 914-576-4597

# Westchester Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies

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the National Council for the Social Studies

September 17, 2015

Dear WLHCSS and Department Chairs/Lead Teachers:

Welcome back to a new school year and the annual challenges of teaching social studies to all students in the Lower Hudson! It is with a deep respect for this organization and its history that I begin my first year as President of WLHCSS. Because of the efforts of the members of our dedicated Board, we remain strong advocates for social studies and for the students of our area who represent our future. We continue to face critical times: We, social studies educators as a result of the emphasis of our schools on ELA and math, continue to grapple with the challenges of the Common Core. But, change is underway. With the Board of Regents' approval of the new Frameworks in 2014, adjustments in the Part 100 of the Commissioner's Regulation, and the creation of the Social Studies Toolkit, Social Studies is returning to the forefront! The teaching of social studies remains strong in the Lower Hudson in large part because of our hard working, intelligent and skilled membership.

The coming year promises to be another challenging one. I encourage you to become involved, to participate, and to attend our conference **December 11** at the **Renaissance Westchester Hotel** in West Harrison. This year's theme is **Social Studies: Right Here, Right Now**. We are very pleased to announce our featured speakers: will be **Kathy Swan**, associate professor of curriculum and instruction at the University of Kentucky, one of the architects of the C3 Framework, and a Project Director of the NYS Social Studies Toolkit Project which was recently completed. Joining her is **Greg Ahlquist**, social studies teacher in Webster, NY (suburban Rochester), the 2013 New York State Teacher of the Year, and consultant to the State Education Department. He informed and delighted us the past two years, so we invited him to return to an update on the social studies frameworks and assessments. Several Lower Hudson social studies educators who are involved in the work of the Content Advisory Panel and the Tool will also be present to share in the discussion of this critical initiative.

If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the conference, complete the proposal form which is included in this mailing. We welcome workshop proposals on all levels — elementary, middle and high school — and in all disciplines: history, geography, government and civics, and economics. We are looking for proposals involving the new inquiry model, social studies and Common Core literacy skills, inclusion, instructing the English Language Learner, etc.

Now is the time to encumber monies to attend these conferences. We hope that you will impress upon administrators that our programs are **local**, offering the most comprehensive selection of workshops tailored to the needs of social studies educators of all levels -- elementary, middle and high school -- for the **lowest expenditure**. **I look forward to personally seeing you on December 11.**

**Susan Chester**

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Registration Fees — \$150\* Early Registration — \$125\* \* Activates/Renews Membership  
Presenter — \$75\* (includes breakfast) **Group rate: 4 teachers for the cost of 3.** Make Checks  
Payable to Westchester Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies and send to Robert Con-  
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# Presentation Proposal Form

Westchester-Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies  
Annual Conference

## Social Studies: Right Here, Right Now

Friday, December 11, 2015  
Renaissance Westchester Hotel  
West Harrison, NY

Title of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Program description:

Please attach a *brief, but complete* description of your workshop that is suitable for the conference brochure. Be sure to indicate the target audience (Elementary, Middle, High School or General).

### Presentation Technology:

Due to the high cost of technology rentals, we encourage presenters to provide their own technology as much as possible. We will provide an LCD projector, screen, and internet connection (if needed) in all workshop rooms. **Presenters needing a laptop computer or other specialized equipment (e.g. speakers) must furnish them. In addition, presenters must provide the proper adapter for laptop/LCD connection.**

**Registration fee for all presenters is \$75(which includes breakfast at the Conference and one year's membership in the Westchester Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies).**

**Completed forms should be sent to Tim Orlando c/o New Rochelle High School, 265 Clove Road, New Rochelle, NY 10801 or emailed to [torlando@nredlearn.org](mailto:torlando@nredlearn.org) no later than Friday, October 16.**

**WLHCSS Annual Conference — December 11, 2015 Renaissance Hotel  
Early Registration Deadline: 11/25/2015**

Registration Fees — **\$150\*** Early Registration — **\$125\*** \*Activates/Renews Membership for 1 Year

Presenter — **\$75\*** (includes breakfast)

Pre-service students — **\$50** (without breakfast)\* **\$75\*** (with breakfast)

**Special: Four teachers in a school may register for the price of three**

**(Must submit 4 registration forms together as a group)**

Make Checks Payable to: **Westchester Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies**

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**Please print legibly:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in joining the Board of the Westchester Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies*

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