



2026 Social Studies Symposium Monday, October 12, 2026

The biennial conference returns this year with an emphasis on creating partnerships between you and museums, historians, publishers and other organizations that can help you engage and empower your students! Don't miss this opportunity to make connections and learn!

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Gatekeeping America: Immigration Policy & the Limits of Refuge

Thursday, October 1, 2026

This workshop traces the arc of discriminatory U.S. immigration policy from 19th-century nativist "Know-Nothing" hostility, Irish immigrants, the exclusion of Chinese laborers and restrictive quotas that against Jews, Japanese-American incarceration alongside key United States Supreme Court rulings that upheld exclusion and more. Through close analysis of primary sources, educators will engage the enduring tensions between national identity, humanitarian responsibility, and democratic ideals.

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Executive Power and the Constitution

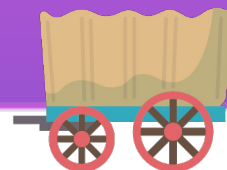
Thursday, November 5, 2026

Explore the constitutional powers, legal authority, and evolution of the 'soft power' of the president from the Founding through the Progressive Era. Participants will read and discuss documents that help explain how the Founders tried to translate the ideals of the Revolution into a form and system of government that would empower, yet restrain the Executive, as well as how interpretations of those powers have changed over time, especially in the face of crisis. This session is led by Professor Jason Jividen of Saint Vincent College.

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2026 Historical Thinking in the Middle Grades



Wednesday, January 20, 2027

Tuesday, February 23, 2027

Tuesday, March 16, 2027

Geared toward teachers of history in the middle grades (5-8), this 3-session professional development workshop series provides participants with an in-depth experience in utilizing inquiry-based lessons. Through the incorporation of primary sources, the use of evidence, and other historical thinking concepts, this sequence of workshops guides teachers toward a more student and concept-centered pedagogy. Cost: \$300 per teacher

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History Near You: A Local Partnership*

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Experience the power of partnerships through a series of lessons developed from a collaboration between a local museum/history center and a social studies department. Join the staff of McKeesport at the McKeesport Regional History and Heritage Center as they walk you through the steps they took to create meaningful instructional activities for their student utilizing the primary sources of their local museum. **This session will be held at McKeesport Regional History & Heritage Center*

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The American Revolution

Thursday, January 28, 2027

This seminar will discuss readings that address such issues as political developments in North America and the British empire and the arguments for and against independence, culminating in the Declaration of Independence; the Revolutionary War as a military, social and cultural event in the development of the American nation and state; and the United States under the Articles of Confederation. This session is led by Professor Robert McDonald of the U.S. Military Academy.

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**Because the Future Depends on it:
Innovating Classroom Curriculum to
Prepare Students for a Global Workforce**

Friday, February 26, 2027

Fostering global competencies in K-12 education is one of the most important challenges facing 21st century pedagogical best practices. Join experts from the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) from Pitt for this workshop which will provide you with strategies and resources to innovate your classroom curriculum so your students are better equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to address global challenges in the 21st century workforce.

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