

So many new things to report!

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BREAKING NEWS:

1. National Council for the Social Studies is now accepting applications for proposals for NCSS 2010 (in Denver).

FREE (AND EXCELLENT QUALITY) TEACHING RESOURCES:

2. "Primary Source" lesson on Middle Eastern women.
3. A lesson plan on Iranian New Year (March).
4. "Choices" lesson on U.S. policy in Afghanistan.
5. The Middle East Outreach Council (MEOC) announces its 2009 children/youth book awards.

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES (IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD):

6. Middle Eastern Studies Summer Institute at the University of Arizona - July 9-16, 2010. (Parallel programs for K-12 teachers, high school students.)
7. Elementary, Secondary, or Pre-Service Teachers: Applications now available for an upcoming opportunity (hopefully): a heavily-subsidized UA CMES Fulbright-Hays summer trip to southern Morocco!
8. U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Teacher Fellowship program for expert teachers on the Holocaust. July 11-16, 2010. Application due in Feb.
9. National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institutes and Internships. (One session is related to the Middle East, but there are other opportunities too.)
10. Indiana University's International Studies Summer Institute for secondary teachers. July 7-15, 2010.

1. The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) is now taking applications to give presentations at the national conference, held November 12-14 in Denver.

The application deadline is: Feb. 16. For more information and a link to the online proposal, go to:
<http://proposals.socialstudies.org/openconf.php>

2. Primary source, an organization dedicated to "educating for global understanding," has a lesson on Middle Eastern women. Go to: <http://resources.primarysource.org/middleeasternwomen>

3. OK, it's a LITTLE early for this, but here is a great lesson plan on the Persian New Year (which begins the first day of spring). The lesson was created by Safiz Safizadeh of Pierce Middle School in Milton, Massachusetts.

You can access it on Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern Studies website:

<http://cmes.hmdc.harvard.edu/outreach/curriculumplans/lessons/teacherplans>

4. The excellent "Choices" program has always offered low-cost curricular units for secondary teachers; now they are offering some current events units for free. To access them, you must register, but everything is free. Some new lessons: "The U.S. in Afghanistan: Analyzing Political Cartoons," "U.S. Policy in Afghanistan," and "The U.S. and Iran: Confronting Policy Alternatives." Go to: <http://www.choices.edu/resources/current.php>

5. Looking for good children's books on the Middle East? Every year the Middle East Outreach Council (MEOC) gives book awards in three categories: picture books, youth literature, youth non-fiction. Just 2 weeks ago, MEOC announced its 2009 book award winners! For the titles, descriptions, and pictures of the winning books, go to: http://cmes.arizona.edu/outreach/news_MEOCawards09.php

Also, if you want to borrow any of these books (or previous MEOC winners), come on into CMES and check them out.

And why not join MEOC? It's a reputable professional association with an extremely low membership rate of only \$10. "Membership in MEOC makes you part of a nationwide network of information and resources on the Middle East. This network helps you keep informed about new resources, circulates ideas for incorporating the Middle East into school curricula, provides answers to your questions about resources, and gives you advance notice of workshops and other educational programs nationwide." To join, go to: <http://socialscience.tjc.edu/mkho/MEOC/index.htm> (or go to <http://meoc.us>, and click on "MEOC membership" on the left hand side).

6. The University of Arizona Center for Middle Eastern Studies will be holding our second annual summer institute for K-16 teachers and a parallel program for high school students (current sophomores and juniors). The institute will last for 8 days from July 9-16. (Yeah, it's HOT in Tucson in July, but everything is air-conditioned!) We will provide housing for out-of-town teachers and for all high school student-participants. Teachers may opt to receive graduate credits (IF they pay U of A summer tuition of about \$1000 for 3 credits), and students may opt to receive undergraduate credit. Participants will have the opportunity to choose among a variety of sessions (both at the beginning level and the intermediate/advanced level), and they will also have seminars in which teachers discuss teaching applications of the material (and students discuss the material itself). There is not an application yet, but I wanted you to keep this on your radar!

7. Elementary and secondary teachers - and pre-service teachers: Spend a month in Morocco this summer! CMES has applied for funding to do another (the 8th one) of our "Teach Country" curriculum-building trips. This one would be to Morocco for 4 weeks in summer 2010. The trip would focus on southern Morocco, where we would even visit some areas that Americans cannot normally visit! The trip would study with nomadic and settled cultures (oral and written literature, adaptation to the environment, etc.) and cultural and economic relations in this borderland between the Middle East and Africa. The cost is \$1,200, but that includes everything but your personal souvenirs. (Included in the amount you pay: airfare, honoraria for all presenters, transportation within the country, all accommodations in good quality hotels, all meals, and \$200 apiece toward the purchase of classroom materials.) If you want to go on this trip, go online for the application:

<http://cmes.arizona.edu/outreach>. Or you can email me for an application.

If you can't go to Morocco but just want to learn more about the topics, we will be holding 3 teachers' workshops in spring 2010, which will be open to all teachers. (Ask me to send you a DVD if you want to "attend" but are out-of-Arizona teachers.)

8. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC has a Museum Teacher Fellowship, which is excellent - and well-funded. (I did this in 2000, and it was amazing.) It is for experienced Holocaust educators, so to be eligible, you must be a secondary teacher (grades 7-12) with at least 5 years experience in teaching about the Holocaust. The program runs from July 11-16, but the application is due on Feb. 12 (and it's a long one). Go to: www.ushmm.org/education/foreducators/prodev/teacherfellowship

9. The National Endowment for the Humanities has many summer seminars and institutes for K-12 teachers that take place both in the U.S. and abroad. There is even one this year on "The Arabic Novel in Translation." For more information on each opportunity and for applications, go to: <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>

12. Indiana University's International Studies Summer Institute is always amazing - and very low-cost. I loved it so much that I went TWICE! To find out more about this year's program (held from July 7-15 in Bloomington, IN), go to: <http://www.indiana.edu/~global/issi>

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