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HISTORY-SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

"... and the best is History."

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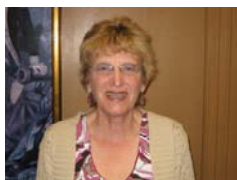


It is a pleasure to greet you at the start of the 2007-08 school year, and to welcome you to the History-Social Science Department. I am Kirk Ankeney, Curriculum Leader, History-Social Science. A product of San Diego City Schools and local

universities, I taught history and served as a school administrator at the middle and high school levels in the district from 1982-99; for the past 8 1/2 years I worked in professional development for a publishing company. I have been associated with the CH-SSP project at UCSD, worked on the National History Standards, and served on both the California Curriculum Commission and the Content Review Panel of the CST for history-social science. My colleagues and I are looking forward to working with teachers and administrators throughout the city to enhance teaching and learning in history-social science, and to raise student achievement in our content area. Our initial goals are to support the implementation of the new K-8 history-social science programs, and to bring department chairs together at the secondary level to share ideas about the needs of students and teachers in San Diego. Our vision is plain and simple: There is much for our students to learn during their school careers, and "The Best is History."

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Lucy Laudate, Resource Teacher



My name is Lucy Laudate. I am a native San Diegan, who grew up in "Little Italy". My entire family immigrated to San Diego from Sicily. The personal struggles of my family learning to live in a new country inspired me to major in

history at San Diego State where I graduated. I was a special ed teacher at both Audubon and Freese Elementary. The last 22 years I have been at Doyle Elementary. The last 12 years I have taught 5th grade. I've been fortunate to be in a team teaching situation where I taught two social studies classes a day. My goal is to be accessible to you in regards to social studies/history instruction in your the classroom. I would like to keep you informed of conferences, classes, and resources through our website. I am compiling a list of field trips for the different grade levels to have at your disposal. Do not hesitate to e-mail me or call me. I am here for you!

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Matthew Hayes, Resource Teacher



Hello fellow history teachers and history enthusiasts. I am Matt Hayes, one of the new History Resource Teachers for the History-Social Science Department. Prior to this assignment I taught at Madison High School, where I

served as the History Department Chair. Before working at Madison, I taught at Youth Opportunities Unlimited Secondary Alternative Education Program. Like Kirk and Lucy, I am a product of San Diego Unified School District. I also graduated from UC San Diego with a Bachelors Degree in History and a minor in American Literature. I am excited about this new position and am looking forward to working **with** teachers and to helping them locate resources, brainstorm ideas, and find conferences and workshops that will be helpful to them.

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Upcoming Events

- **Teaching About World Religions in Public Schools Using the Dead Sea Scrolls.** September 26 from 8:30-3:00. The cost is \$50 and the registration deadline is September 19. Contact Laurie Mosier at lmosier@sdcoe.net
- **National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference:** November 30- December 2. San Diego area teachers receive a registration discount. Check your email, or see your principal for the forms. For more information visit www.socialstudies.org/conference/
- **CSPAN Classroom:** CSPAN has posted numerous sources to aid your teaching during the 2008 election cycle. Register to use the material at www.c-spanclassroom.org

News from Schools

We would like to invite History-Social Science teachers to submit lesson plans, projects, field trip experiences, etc. for future editions of the department newsletter.

Textbook Adoptions

Look for information about joining the textbook adoption committee for the new 10th Grade Modern World History text. Letters will be sent to principals in mid-September. Contact the History-Social Studies Department for more information at (858)725-7335.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our over-arching goal is to improve student achievement and close all existing achievement gaps by providing an engaging, rigorous, standards-based instructional program coupled with strategic supports for All students.