California History Education Conference coming to Sacramento

Thanks to the efforts of Sacramento State professors Chloe Burke (history) and Mimi Coughlin (education), the eighth annual California Council for History Education Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26, at the California Museum for Women, History and the Arts in downtown Sacramento. The venue provides an ideal space for innovative presentations ranging from traditional conference fare to activities that incorporate the museum’s exhibits.

For the past 15 years, Burke and Coughlin have created and implemented professional development activities for teachers via Teaching American History grants in the capital region.

The conference invites proposals from K-12 educators, community college and university faculty, public historians, professional development providers and others interested in promoting high-quality history education. Also welcome are a diversity of session proposals, including curriculum presentations, faculty talks on current historical scholarship, posters, workshops, teacher-to-teacher roundtables and museum exhibit gallery walks. A central objective of the conference will be sharing best practices for teaching history within the Common Core State Standards.

There will be special workshops at the California Museum, the California State Archives, the Crocker Art Museum and the Center for Sacramento History designed specifically to increase teachers’ access to primary sources and other materials to support their ability to teach common core lessons focused on developing students’ reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking skills.

The keynote speaker is award-winning historian Charles Postel, speaking on “Teaching Progressivism in America’s Second Gilded Age.” There will be a special screening of the Emmy-nominated documentary California State of Mind: The Legacy of Pat Brown and a presentation of curriculum related to the film by director Sascha Rice.

The California Museum is adjacent to the California State Archives and is an easy walk to numerous sites of historical interest, including the State Library, the State
Capitol and the Leland Stanford Mansion; and a short distance to the Crocker Art Museum, Old Sacramento and Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park.

For conference information, visit www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/cche/cchec/index.cfm.

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