



Spring Webinar Series 2023

Teaching for Democracy: The Lessons of January 6th

Date: Tuesday, March 28th from 4-5:30 pm

Presenter: Dr. Jeff Frenkiewich, Univ. of New Hampshire



There are well written guides, such as the Handbook on Teaching Social Issues, for helping social studies educators teach citizenship skills, but, ironically, many of the best practices in civics education were also revealed by the media coverage of teachers that followed January 6. An analysis of these published lessons gives us a lens for understanding what teachers are doing in their classrooms, a lens for understanding what might be missed by the authors of curriculum guides, and a lens for understanding the margins for what society will tolerate in terms of acceptable teacher practice – with so much concern about teacher indoctrination, this latter perspective is especially important for us to understand. With these lessons as a guide, this session will argue for why democratic education today needs to be more than preparation for a rote test.

Mikva Challenge: An Active Civics Resource

Date: Thursday, March 30th from 4-5:30 pm

Presenter: Amanda Maguire, Mikva Challenge Outreach



In this workshop, attendees will learn about the Mikva Challenge programs available for free through NH Civics. Mikva Challenge develop youth to be empowered, informed, and active citizens who will promote a just and equitable society. Programs include a speech writing curriculum called Project Soapbox, Issues to Action, Student Voice Committees, Elections in Action. Attendees will learn about the curricula and leave with activities they can use in their classroom to foster youth voice and democratic schools. For ALL grades!

The Flag Salute Case & Other Freedom of Conscience Protection Cases

Date: April 11th from 4-6 pm

Presenter: Dr. Christopher Capozzola, M.I.T.



Dr. Capozzola will explore family challenges to the flag salute laws and the evolution of the court's opinions on freedom of conscience. The workshop will touch upon several Supreme Court cases including New Hampshire's own "Wooley vs. Maynard". This workshop can be utilized by middle or high school social studies teachers as well as those with general interest in the humanities.