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Message from the President

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Greetings to our International Assembly members and colleagues in the United States and around the world!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the past two years. As President Iftikhar Ahmad takes over at the end of this year, we will continue our work on the establishment of an electronic journal and on initiating an IA-FASSE Project Grant for International Understanding.

Our first journal issue will highlight the history of the International Assembly, with Josiah Tlou serving as the Guest Editor. This issue should be available prior to our '09 conference. Please note the Call for Editor and encourage qualified members to submit a proposal. The IA-FASSE Project Grant for International Understanding is intended to support research, service, and/or other creative activities leading to international understanding. Carolyn O'Mahony has been appointed to oversee this grant.

We have been able to develop as an organization in large part due to the generosity and vision of Eleanor Goldstein and the EGED Family Foundation. Eleanor envisioned and supported
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Message from the Vice-President and Program Chair

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Greetings!

We are living through a critical period of history. This year, when you arrive in Houston to participate in the annual NCSS conference, citizens of the United States would have elected a new president. Turmoil in global financial markets would have shattered peoples' confidence in the unbridled capitalism. Two protracted wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will also be continuing in their fifth and seventh year respectively. Indeed it is fair to say we are witnessing momentous events that are adversely affecting a lot of people around the world.

As social and global educators we understand that we live in an interdependent world in which political change, consumption behavior, and economic policies of nations in one part of the world directly affect the destinies of people in other societies. That is why IA considers the issue of socio-economic justice as vital component of social studies and global education, and hence it facilitates a forum for global scholars to exchange ideas about these vital global issues.

On a hopeful note, I am pleased to report that this year our call for proposals has received an enthusiastic response as manifested in large roundtable participation. In total, we have sixty-four (64) presenters representing ten countries. Most of the presenters are new IA members; IA welcomes new presenters and members who bring fresh energy and insights enriching our organization. But I must add that IA needs to actively expand its mission worldwide.

We should seek out many more global and social educators in all parts of the world to join us in our collective struggle for social change and justice. I suggest we must set up partnerships with sister organizations in India, China,
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the Global Scholar Award, publications, and recognition luncheon. In addition, she has year after year, sponsored our keynote speakers, which have been exceptionally strong. Eleanor, we cannot thank you enough for your commitment to our joint goals and your visionary leadership with the International Assembly. You continue to focus attention on the imperative of exemplary global education, nationally and internationally. We are pleased that you have chosen to address these important goals through your work with the International Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies.

I would also like to thank each of this year's board members and appointees for their contributions to the International Assembly. Particular thanks and appreciation goes to Iftikhar Ahmad for his work as Vice-President and Program Chair over the past two years, to Yali Zhao for her leadership on the newsletter, and to Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker who has worked long and hard to organize the Global Scholar Award program of activities and to co-author its publications with Eleanor Goldstein. Toni, we are indebted to you for these and many other efforts. As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture, we also recognize your involvement in this memorial from its inception. We remember Jan and value his legacy.

On behalf of the International Assembly, I wish you all well during these challenging times. We must act together to help those who have been and are now in desperate circumstances, as we live out our commitments as global citizens.

Peace to all,

Dr. Gloria T. Alter

Message from the Vice-President (continued)

Latin America, Eastern Europe, and countries in the Middle East. It is my hope that this year in the conference IA members will reflect on the necessity of expansion and explore mechanisms for doing it.

Our program this year is exciting. Many individuals have made lots of efforts to put an interesting program together. It is my hope that all IA members will enjoy the program, connect with international colleagues, and participate in the scheduled events. In addition to your participation in the roundtable session, please attend The Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture to be delivered by Dr. Caiphaz T. Nziramasanga of the University of Zimbabwe (at Convention Center). You are also invited to the Luncheon and Global Scholar Award (Grand Ballroom A). In addition, we have planned two joint sessions with CUFA (Ballroom of the Americas A) and CS4 (Room 340AB).

To help me in my humble efforts, I wish to thank our current president Dr. Gloria T. Alter, our ex-president Dr. Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, and our newsletter editor Dr. Yali Zhao for all their sincere and ongoing guidance. My special gratitude goes to Eleanor Goldstein and the EGEG Foundation for their generosity and financial support. Thanks Dr. Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, for her efforts in organizing the Invited Luncheon, procuring our keynote speaker and chairing the Global Scholar selection committee.

I look forward to meeting you all in Houston. Have a safe trip!

Sincerely,

Iftikhar Ahmad

The Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture: Dr. Caiphaz T. Nziramasanga Friday, 12:00–1:30 PM, Convention Center

The Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture Keynote Speaker: Dr. Caiphaz T. Nziramasanga

Dr. Caiphaz T. Nziramasanga is Professor of Social Studies Education and Director of the Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Zimbabwe.

The Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture

Jan L. Tucker was a nationally and internationally prominent social studies scholar who promoted the idea of global education to meet the challenges of an increasingly interdependent and rapidly changing world. He served as president of NCSS and with the support of his Canadian and U.S. Colleagues founded the International Assembly to embrace scholars from abroad. One of his greatest accomplishments was his participation in the radical education reform movement of Russian education at the end of the Cold War. He died unexpectedly at the age of 63. John J. Cogan and Michael Hartoonian, both of the University of Minnesota, and David Grossman, Dean of the Hong Kong Institute of Education, were instrumental in establishing the Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture.

The lecture is made possible by the generous support of the Eleanor and Elliot Goldstein of the EGEG Family Foundation.

**Announcement of the 2008 Distinguished
Global Scholar Award to
John J. Cogan
(University of Minnesota)**

The International Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies is proud to honor Professor John J. Cogan who has been selected as the Distinguished Global Scholars of the Second Half of the 20th Century. The Global Scholar Award and the Invited Luncheon are sponsored by the generosity of the

**Eleanor and Elliot Goldstein (EGEG) Family
Foundation.**

A small book describing the major contributions by Professor John J. Cogan will be distributed at the luncheon and lecture.

Invited Luncheon

All roundtable presenters are invited to the luncheon from 1:20-2:30pm and need to confirm to Dr. Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker at kirkwoodtf@aol.com

**Renew Your Membership Now and Save \$5
or More Per Year!**

Dues for International Assembly members living in the United States will increase slightly to \$25/year beginning on January 1, 2009. There is still time for domestic members to renew at the previous rate of \$20/year.

Beginning on July 1, 2009, IA's international members will be charged a \$5 membership fee. The following year on July 1, 2010, international members will be charged a \$10 membership fee. The intention is to keep fees for international members as low as possible (less than half that of U.S. members).

Our membership numbers are increasing and program benefits are increasing as well. Encourage your colleagues to join the International Assembly at this low rate and consider a membership for holiday gift-giving ☺ Contact NCSS Membership, P. O. Box 79078, Baltimore, MD 21279-0078 or 1-800-296-7840 to renew. You must be an NCSS member to join IA.

The International Assembly is increasing its dues incrementally for the next couple of years as noted above, in an effort to maintain an adequate level of income for operating expenses. We appreciate the years of financial support from NCSS, and we appreciate our strong member support!

**Call for International Assembly
Journal Editor**

Deadline: January 15, 2009

The International Assembly is seeking an editor for our new electronic journal. The editor should be an active member of the International Assembly and have a commitment to global/international education. The successful applicant should have publications experience and be able to work effectively and efficiently with an editorial team (special features editor, possible co-editor, graphic designer) and potential authors, as well as the IA publications committee and IA leadership. The editor will be asked to serve a 2-3 year term, and the publication will be issued twice per year. The position is not a paid position, but is considered scholarly service.

To apply please email the following to the IA Publications Committee Chair Beverly Bisland at Beverly.bisland@qc.cuny.edu: a vita, a cover letter describing your vision for the publication and how you meet the qualifications for the position, 3 reference letters addressing the skills and competencies that make you a strong candidate for the position.

If you know of a qualified and interested candidate for this position, please encourage them to apply. The decision will be announced in our March 2009 newsletter.

**The International Assembly represented
at the NCSS House of Delegates**

Associated groups will now be represented at the NCSS House of Delegates. The House of Delegates (HOD) provides a forum for state council, community and associated group leaders of NCSS to express ideas, recommendations, issues and concerns relating to social studies education on behalf of the general membership of NCSS.

Mohammed K. Farouk, Frederick Isele, Yali Zhao, Patricia Pederson, James Lane, Mounir Farah, and Dean Cristol (alternate) will represent the International Assembly beginning this year. If our allotted number of representatives changes, we will modify the number for next year. Thank you all for your service to the International Assembly! We also appreciate the work of Yali Zhao in coordinating the nominations and notification process!

The International Assembly of Social Educators Meeting
All IA meetings will be held in Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Americas-Houston

Theme: Embrace the Future



Houston Skyline



Buffalo Bayou Park



Downtown



Convention Center

The International Assembly provides a forum for collaboration and interchange of ideas among NCSS members from the United States and other countries. The Assembly promotes linkages among NCSS educators to enhance professional development; to enrich social studies learning; and to share research, learning activities, and teaching methods with global perspectives. All NCSS members are welcome to attend these events. All IA Sessions will be at the Hilton Americas-Houston.

Thursday, November 13, 2008

4:30–6:30 PM	International Assembly Executive Board Meeting	Rm.343 A
7:00–9:00 PM	Reception with College & University Faculty Assembly	Grand Ballroom D

Friday, November 14, 2008

7:30-11:55am	Breakfast, Roundtable Sessions, and Business Meeting	Grand Ballroom A
7:30–8:00AM	Breakfast	
8:00–8:45AM	Welcome and Introductions	
8:45–10:00AM	Roundtable Sessions	
10:00–11:00AM	Summary of Presentations	
11:00–11:55AM	International Assembly Business Meeting (Elections)	Room 350-F
12:00–1:30PM	The Jan L. Tucker Memorial Lecture Keynote Speaker: Dr. Caiphas T. Nziramasanga, Professor of Social Studies Education and Director of the Teaching and Learning Center, University of Zimbabwe.	Convention Center Needs location
1:30–2:30PM	Presenting the Global Scholar Award: Professor John J. Cogan, University of Minnesota Introduction: Mrs. Eleanor Goldstein, Author & Publisher The luncheon, award, and lecture are made possible by the generous support of the Eleanor and Elliot Goldstein EGEG Family Foundation.	Grand Ballroom A
3:45–6:00PM	Joint Session with CUFA Moderator: Eleanor Goldstein	Ballroom of the Americas A
3:45–6:00PM	Joint Session with CS4	Room 340AB

Roundtable Sessions
(8:45–10:00AM, Friday)



I. Models of Global Education

1. **Global Content for a Global Perspective**
Mary Ann Chacko, University of British Columbia, Canada
2. **Is global Education Universal? : Global Education in Japan**
Misato Yamaguchi, Ohio State University, USA; Yoriko Hashizaki, Kobe University, Japan

3. **Embrace a Global Future: Teaching Germany & The European Union**
Wood Powell, Stefan Brunner, Lorelei Clark, Goethe Institute, USA
4. **Using WOW (Windows on the World) Posters to Integrate Five Geographic Themes and Global Awareness**
Lin Lin, SUNY at Cortland, USA
5. **The Oregon Search for Global Literacy**
Steven Thorpe, John King, Southern Oregon University, USA

II. Human Rights Education

6. **Human Rights Education in the Elementary Classroom: Can It Be Done?**
Ashley Lucas, Towson University, USA
7. **Soldiers, Prostitutes, & Lost Boys: Teaching Human Rights in An Era of No Child Left Behind**
Kenneth Carano, Robert Bailey, University of South Florida, USA
8. **Facing History and Ourselves: Teacher Training for Global Citizenship in the 21st Century**
Mary Johnson, USA

III. National Identity in Global Contexts

9. **The Debate Continued: Education and National Identity in the Netherlands**
Frans H. Doppen, Ohio University, USA
10. **Make Sense of Who We Are in a New Perspective: Taiwan and Mainland China from Mid 20th Century to Current Day in Each Other's High School History Textbooks**
Hsueh-Chun Chang, Taichung University, Taiwan; Lin Lin, SUNY at Cortland, USA
11. **Closed Nation and Self-alienated History-Perpetuating Misunderstanding and Antagonism in North Korean Social Studies**
Yoonjung Choi, Teachers College, Columbia University, USA
12. **The Inuit Regions of Canada -- Nunavut and Beyond**
Nadine Fabbi, University of Washington, USA
13. **The School, Ethnicity, and Nationalism after the 2007 Violence in Kenya**
Ochieng' K'Olewe, McDaniel College, USA

IV. Embracing the Future

14. **Future Forces Impacting the Social Education of Global Citizens in the Next Decade and Beyond**
David Virtue, University of South Carolina, USA
15. **Socially Responsible Social Studies: Embracing the Curriculum of the Future**
Gloria Alter, Beloit College, USA
16. **Information Communication Technology and Social Studies Teachers: A Pragmatic View**
Adeleke, Ayobami G., Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

V. Models of Civic Education

17. **Instilling Right Action: A Discussion Of Why This Is The Time To Reassert Our Civic Responsibility**
Rodney Reeves, Florida State University, USA
18. **Comparing Civic Ideas and Issues: A Bulgaria/U.S. Partnership**
Charles White, Boston University, USA; Josh Otlin, Hudson High School, MA, USA

19. **Defining Democracy: Student Voices from Abroad**
Michelle D. Cude, James Madison University, USA
20. **Meeting the Needs for Citizenship in a Global and Multicultural Age: Citizenship Education in the U.S., Canada : Britain**
Brag Maguth, Ohio State University, USA
21. **Lauryn, Gigi, Caiden and Friends: Lessons in Civic Education and Economics**
James F. Adomanis, Maryland Center for Civic Education, USA
22. **The Wyoming/Bolvia Partnership: Understanding Civic Education through a Civitas Latin America Exchange**
Carol Bryant, University of Wyoming, USA
23. **South African High School Students' Voices on Democracy and Citizenship**
Omiunota N. Ukpokodu, University of Missouri - Kansas City, USA

VI. Educational Themes in Global Context

24. **Transnational Childhoods Curriculum**
Hilary Landorf, Florida International University, USA
25. **Can Other Nations Benefit from the Secondary School Reform Plan in Miami-Dade County Public Schools System?**
Sadiq A. Abdullahi, Florida International University, USA
26. **The Study of Elementary Social Studies Teachers' Perceptions of History and Their Instruction**
Hsueh-Chun Chang, Taichung University, Taiwan
27. **Rethinking History**
Peter Gibbon, Boston University, USA
28. **History Beyond the Textbook: Using Teacher Tube and Technology in Class**
Nick Digregory, Kevin Brady, American Institute for History Education, USA
29. **YelbaGuena and Yelbitos a Project Base Learning Experience in Puerto Rico**
Ileana Quintero, Joan Figueroa, Ana Perez, Gabriela Mora, Carmen Lugo, San Francisco State University, USA

V11. Social Education Curriculum and Pedagogy

30. **Digital Divide in Nigerian Educational System: Implication for Sustainable Social Studies**
Adeleke, Ayobami Gideon, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria
31. **Engaging Learners in Social Studies through Personalized Learning, Personal Learning Plans and Popular Pedagogy**
Peter Leverenz, Department of Education, SA, Australia
32. **Social Studies Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment Under Scrutiny: A Comparative Case Study of National Curriculum Frameworks of India**
Ashwani Kumar, University of British Columbia, Canada
33. **Teaching Social Studies in Jamaica--International Experience for Pre-service Educators**
Timothy Fry, Washburn University, Kansas, USA

V111. Imagination in Social Education

34. **Engaging in Difference: Creative Arts, Citizenship and Global Awareness**
Ruth Reynolds, Maureen Triplett, Sue Lane, University of New Castle, Australia
35. **Illumination and Geometry in Islamic Art**
Salma Marani, University of Texas, M. D. Anderson, USA
36. **Providing Teachers with Alternative Educational Visions through Internationalized Professional Development**
Carolyn O'Mahony, Oakland University, USA
37. **Engaging Second Language Learners in Inquiry-Based Learning: The Story Path Approach**
Margit E. McGuire, Seattle University, USA; Bronwyn Cole, University of Western Sydney, Australia
38. **Rihala Reflection: An Instructional Strategy and Thinking Skill to Advance Intercultural Competence**
Suzanne A. Gulledd, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
39. **Constructing Knowledge with Silk Road Visuals**
Beverly (Lee) Milner Bisland, Queens College, CUNY, USA

IX. Social Education in the Muslim World

40. **Religion in the Social Studies Curriculum: The Pakistani Model of Citizenship Education**
Iftikhar Ahmad, Long Island University, USA
41. **Perceptions of Middle and High School Students toward Social Studies Education in Saudi Arabia**
Yousuf Almarshad, Aljouf University, Saudi Arabia
42. **Are All Social Studies Curricula the Same? Check out Dubai's!**
Lisa Schonberger, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, USA
43. **Perceptions of Social Studies Teacher Candidates Regarding the World Citizenship**
Sefik Yasar, Anadolu University, Turkey
44. **To Think Aloud Without Any Fear: Lebanese Teens Characterize Democracy A Qualitative Study**
Patricia V. Pederson, Educational Testing Services at San Antonio, USA

X. Social Education in Asia

45. **Integration of Social Studies and Science: What We Learn from Life Environment Studies in Japan**
Masato Ogawa, Julie Saam, Indiana University, Kokomo, USA
46. **Researching War Myths While Travelling Throughout Viet Nam**
Robert E. Vadas, SUNY Potsdam, USA
47. **Liberal Studies in Hong Kong - Social Studies by Another Name?**
Tsz Ngong Lee, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong
48. **Present and Prospect of Social Studies Curriculum: China Cross-Straits Comparative Studies**
Vong, Iat Hang, University of Macau, Macau
49. **Challenges and Opportunities Under the New Curriculum Reform: Chinese Social Studies Teachers' Perceptions and Experiences**
Yali Zhao, Georgia State University, USA

IA Joint Session with CUFA

Friday, November 14, 2008
3:45-6:00 PM
Ballroom of the Americas A, Hilton Hotel

TOPIC: The Future of Patriotism

1. **From a Distance: Patriotism in a Global Age**
Suzanne A. Gulledge, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
2. **Questioning the Structure of Power: A Patriotic and Necessary Step in Preserving Democracy**
Rodney Reeves, Florida State University
3. **Patriotism and Internationalism: Debate over Japanese Education**
Masato Ogawa, Indiana University Kokomo
4. **Splitting the Difference: Fostering Enlightened Patriotism in America's Schools**
James Leming, Saginaw Valley State University
5. **Pledging Allegiance: The Politics of Patriotism in Schools**
Joel Westheimer, University of Ottawa

IA Joint Session with CS4

Friday, November 14, 2008
3:45-6:00 PM
Room 340AB, Hilton Americas

Topic: Preparing Students for the Post-American World: Citizenship, Leadership, and Global Responsibility

Panelists:

1. Andrea Morgan
Social Studies Specialist, Oregon State
2. Marcie Taylor-Thoma
Social studies Specialist, Maryland State
3. Mary Johnson
Facing History and Ourselves
4. Iftikhar Ahmad
Long Island University

The International Assembly Adopt-A-School Project



Our Adopt-A-School Project was a great success and a heartfelt blessing! We delivered 160 backpacks to students at the Mwanje Primary School in Malawi this year in two separate trips, thanks to Josiah Tlou and his colleague Patricia Proudfoot Kelly from Virginia Tech. The International Assembly is indebted to you both! All of the students in Grades 7 & 8 and some selected students in Grade 6 received backpacks with an attached nametag, imprinted with our IA-NCSS logo.

This is how Pat described her visit to the Mwanje School: “The university students (who delivered the backpacks) were wowed!! You've never seen anything like it! The 8th graders were so quiet at first, so well behaved as we were distributing the backpacks (they had their choice of red or blue). I had permanent markers for their names and they also wrote their names on one part of the backpack to protect them from theft. Then, the head teacher jumped up and started singing and dancing and the kids just went crazy. It was a village celebration!! A drum appeared and the boy drummed and they sang and danced and we danced with them. Then we went to Standard 7 and did it all again.”

Josiah made a follow up visit to the school and recalled: “When I got to Mwanje, the schools in Malawi were on holiday, but, I called the Head Teacher and said that I was coming the next day to deliver the remaining backpacks. We were totally surprised that many children were there when we came. It was a moving site. We gave the backpacks to the teachers and Head Teacher to put tags on them first before they distributed them. There was excitement everywhere and they automatically broke into a beautiful song of thanksgiving. They danced and danced with a rhythm. It was spectacular!! I was so engrossed, I forgot where I was!”

Join us in donating funds to cover the remainder of the cost of these backpacks. We are seeking 25 people who could donate \$20 each, and we will have it covered. Please send donations to Masato Ogawa and be a part of this wonderful project!

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