

Candidates - 2012 NCCSS Elections

CANDIDATES FOR NCCSS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Laura Hunter Brunswick County Schools



Laura Hunter, NC NCCSS High School Teacher of the Year 2010-11, works to encourage life-long learning. To accomplish this she experiments with inquiry based learning both in and outside of her US History classroom at South Brunswick High School. Last year she developed a series of videos to be used in Exceptional Children's classroom countywide bridging the NCSCOS and OCS Social Studies curriculums. Her accomplishments include: National Board Certification, SBHS and NCCSS Teacher of the Year and Social Studies Department Chair.

Wayne Journell UNC Greensboro



Wayne Journell is an assistant professor of secondary social studies education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to entering academia, Wayne taught high school U.S. History, U.S. Government, and World History in Roanoke, VA and was one of five finalists for Roanoke County's Teacher of the Year award in 2006. In addition to being a member of NCCSS, Wayne is a member of NCSS and the American Educational Research Association. His scholarly work has been published in a variety of social studies journals. Wayne is also currently serving as the president-elect of the North Carolina Professors of Social Studies Education.

Bonnie Laughlin-Schultz Appalachian State University



I am an assistant professor in the history department at Appalachian State University. I work closely with our secondary social studies majors at all stages in the program, advising students early in the program, and working with our student teachers who are placed in social studies classrooms throughout western North Carolina. I taught both American and world history at schools in rural Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. I am running for the NCCSS board because of my wonderful experiences in high school teaching, my commitment to history education at the university level, and my desire to work with social studies teachers statewide to better improve social studies education.

Emily Long UNC Pembroke



My name is Emily Long and I have taught social studies in several states at all levels of the public school continuum. Currently, I teach both undergraduate and graduate elementary social students methods at University of North Carolina at Pembroke. My service to our profession includes membership in Tennessee Council for the Social Studies where I served on their board, chaired West Tennessee's Social Studies Teacher of the Year Committee, and presented at many of their state conferences. Now living in North Carolina, I have continued serving our profession. I have also been a member of NCCSS and NCSS for years and have presented at both our state's conferences and NCSS conferences.

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Matt Love

Cleveland County Schools



Mr. Matthew Love is serving as an appointed member to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in History, Secondary Education from Appalachian State University and a license in Secondary Education. Matthew currently serves as the social studies department chair at Cleveland Early College High School. Throughout his career, he has worked collaboratively with the North Carolina New Schools Project as well as Expeditionary Learning. He would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve on the Executive Committee for the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies in order to be an advocate for the importance of social studies education at the state level.

Ted Mitchell



Elizabeth City State University

Ted R. Mitchell, Ph.D., is assistant professor of History and the Social Studies Education Coordinator at Elizabeth City State University. In addition to teaching courses in U.S. and world history, Dr. Mitchell teaches the secondary and middle grades social studies education methods course, observes and advises students during their clinical practice, and sits on numerous university education committees. Dr. Mitchell served as the Teaching Liaison Coordinator in Michigan State University's Center for Integrative Studies in Social Science. Before graduate school, Dr. Mitchell taught middle school social studies at the Kazoo School in Kalamazoo, MI and in the Chicago Public School system at Farragut Career Academy High School.

Stacy Moore



Union County Schools

Mr. Stacy Moore currently serves as the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator for Union County Public Schools. In this role he works with both Middle School and High School teachers to provide support and help advance the field of Social Studies. He has collaborated with the Churchill Society of North Carolina, the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation, the Charlotte Museum of History, and numerous other organizations to help bring history to life in Social Studies classrooms. Mr. Moore also teaches World Civilizations courses at Central Piedmont Community College and US History courses for the North Carolina Virtual Public School.

LaTonya Smith

Durham Public Schools



As Assistant Principal of Neal Middle School, LaTonya Smith develops professional development and support for social studies educators on topics including history, content literacy & classroom management. Prior to becoming an Assistant Principal in 2010, LaTonya taught 7th and 8th grades social studies in Durham Public Schools. She has served as a participant in History Alive! & the Embodied Presidency Teaching Grant, & has served on the Kids Voting Durham Advisory Board, as well as holds a teaching license in Social Studies. Throughout 11 years in social studies education, LaTonya has been constantly inspired by the innovative ways social studies teachers engage students with the stories of our past and present

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Christina Tschida



East Carolina University

Throughout my 20+ years in education, I have been committed to helping my students develop critical thinking, knowledge, and skills to become active and productive citizens. Whether working with third graders to examine ways they can make a difference in their local community, fourth graders learning new facts about their home state, or college students correcting misconceptions about content and learning techniques for teaching, I have always had a passion for teaching social studies. As an advocate for the social studies, I would love the opportunity to serve on the Executive Board of NCCSS and continue the work of serving social studies educators and promoting the importance of social studies at the state level

Ereka Williams



NC A&T University

Dr. Ereka R. Williams is an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Dr. Williams, a native North Carolinian, is a licensed former elementary teacher with a broad range of experience across grades K-12th. She's worked with teachers nationally as a consultant for the National Urban Alliance and has a sincere passion for equity education. Dr. Williams has served in a variety of roles locally, regionally, and nationally including the Chair of the National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year Committee for the National Council of Social Studies from 2008-2010. She holds membership in several national/international professional organizations and honor societies.

Candidates for NCCSS Secretary

Ellie Wilson



Hickory Schools

My name is Ellie Wilson and I am running for the office of secretary for the NCCSS. I have taught seventh grade social studies at Grandview Middle School in Hickory, NC for the past 19 years. At Grandview, I am the social studies department chair, BETA Club sponsor, mentor and co-coach of the cross country team. I have been a member of the NCCSS board and I also serve on the board of the North Carolina Geographic Alliance. As your secretary, I feel that I will be able to represent and support our organization, members and fellow officers in a manner that is expected of a representative. Education is the key to the future and the responsibility to improve it lies with all of us. If elected, I look forward to working with you and for you. Thank you for your support

Paul Fitchett



UNC Charlotte

Paul Fitchett is an assistant professor of Education at UNC Charlotte where he teaches social studies methods courses. He has served on the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Board of Directors for the last three years.