2023 H-Net Teaching Conference Program

Critical Conversations:
Teaching and Creating
Community in Difficult Times
August 21 - August 24

Welcome to our second annual remote, Zoom conference sponsored by H-Teach. This year's theme, "Critical Conversations: Teaching and Creating Community in Difficult Times," is designed to bring teachers of all levels and disciplines together to share and discuss academic challenges and threats to academic freedom. While topics may especially resonate with those in the social sciences and humanities, presenters from various fields will share their pedagogical strategies and successes when teaching issues like diversity, equity, and inclusion, structuring post-Covid classrooms, navigating artificial intelligence, and more. Our conference will also include workshops and discussions led by Wiki Education and the Organization of American Historians that focus on technological tools for classroom learning and laws and policies that affect K-12 and university education, respectively. The conference is free and open to all.

H-Net is an international interdisciplinary organization of scholars and teachers dedicated to developing the enormous educational potential of the Internet and the World Wide Web. Our edited networks publish peer-reviewed essays, multimedia materials, and discussions for colleagues and the interested public. The computing heart and main office of H-Net resides at the History Department, Michigan State University, but H-Net officers, editors and subscribers come from all over the globe.

To learn more about H-Net, click here. If you would like to get involved at H-Net, please click here.

#HNetTeach23
Monday, August 21, 2023

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6 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
**Welcome**
- Dr. Seth Offenbach, H-Net Past President
- Dr. Lorna Zukas, H-Net President
- Dr. Evan Rothera, H-Net President Elect

**State of H-Net**
- Dr. Jesse Draper, H-Net Executive Director
- Dr. Lorna Zukas, H-Net President

7 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.
**New Website Launch**
- Dr. Jesse Draper, H-Net Executive Director
- Christine Peffer, Associate Director of Networks

8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
**H-Teach Welcome**
- Dr. Brad Cartwright, Associate Professor, The University of Texas at El Paso, H-Teach Editor
- Dr. Michele Rotunda, Associate Professor, Union College of Union County, NJ, H-Teach Editor

**Conference Proceedings**
- Dr. Emily Joan Elliott, H-Net Associate Director of Research and Publications
**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

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- Also note there are 2 rooms running simultaneously, denoted by "Room One" and "Room Two"

**Room One**

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Workshop: "How SOTL Can Inform Teaching Traumatic Histories: Findings from a Holocaust Education Study"**

Dr. Jill Abney, Associate Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, University of Kentucky

Kate Collins, Faculty Instructional Associate for the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching, University of Kentucky

Isabelle Blaber, Ph.D. Student, University of Kentucky

7:10 p.m. - 8 p.m.

"Using Arts-Based Identity Exploration Activities to Foster Students' Increased Understanding of and Empathy for Self and Others and to Foster Community in These Divisive Times"

Dr. Kathleen Goodyear, Pittsburg State University

"Tales from the Social Justice Crypt: Pedagogy and Horror in the Classroom"

Dr. Katrina Yeaw, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

8:10 p.m. - 9 p.m.

"Power to the People: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Difficult Topics"

Dr. Allison Buzard, Nashville Campus MSSW Program Director, Associate Professor of Practice, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dr. Erica Hayden, Associate Professor of History, Trevecca Nazarene University
**Room Two**

**6 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.**

"Love Them Anyway"
April Gibbs, Social Studies Teacher, Success Academy at Ghazvini Learning Center

"Write Without Worry: Creating Community in the Classroom Through Low-Stakes Writing"
Stephen Wilson, English Faculty, York Technical College

"Inspiring Post-Pandemic Academic Recovery in Undergraduates"
Lindsay Knisely, Continuing Lecturer, University of California, Santa Cruz

**7:20 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.**

"Invitational Pedagogy: Bringing in Disabled Guest Speakers"
Dr. Tekla Babyak, Independent Scholar and Disability Activist

"Seeking Grace: University Faculty in a Post-Covid, Anti-CRT, Anti-DEI, Anti-Tenure Environment"
Dr. Derek Catsam, Professor of History and Kathlyn Cosper Dunagan Professor in the Humanities, University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Senior Research Associate, Rhodes University, Makhanda, South Africa

**8:20 p.m. - 9:10 p.m.**

"Cultivating Social Cohesion Through Conflict Transformation in Educational Environments"
Dr. Sharon McIntyre, Lecturer in the Department of Public Affairs and Security Studies, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Dr. Yehuda Silverman, Civic Education Project Instructor, Northwestern University
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
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Statement from Wiki Education: Wiki Education strives to ensure that information on Wikipedia is accurate, reliable, equitable, and accessible to all. We could not advance our mission without the support and partnership of like-minded institutions, such as H-Net. We're incredibly excited to sponsor and participate in this year's pedagogy conference to ensure that the humanities has a central role in the open knowledge movement.

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Roundtable: "Beyond the Classroom: How Wikipedia Can Play a Critical Role in Humanities Education"
- Dr. Helaine D. Blumenthal, Senior Program Manager, Wiki Education Foundation
- Dr. Heather J. Sharkey, Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Delia D. Steverson, Assistant Professor, English Department, University of Florida
- Dr. Shira Klein, Associate Professor of History, Chapman University

7:10 p.m. - 8 p.m.
"History Lab: Doing History in the Classroom"
- Dr. Michele Rotunda, Associate Professor, Union College of Union County, NJ

"Teaching with Archives and Digital Literacy in the Classroom"
- Dr. Jacob Ivey, Associate Professor of History, Florida Memorial University
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**Wiki Education Room**

**8:10 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.**

"The College Essay is Not Dead: Using Scaffolding and Presentations to Create Chat-GPT-Resistant Research Projects"
Dr. Jennifer Egloff, Clinical Assistant Professor of History, NYU Shanghai

"Teach Text Generation but not Threat Academic Integrity"
Shu Wan, History Ph.D. Student, University at Buffalo

"Implementing NAMLE’s Core Principles to Empower Arts and Humanities Educators in AI-Assisted Classrooms"
Dr. Benjamin Thevenin, Associate Professor of Media Arts, Department of Theatre and Media Arts, Brigham Young University

"Pedagogical Crossroads: Debating AI Integration in English Literature Classrooms"
Debanjali Roy, Assistant Professor (I) of English, School of Language and Literature, KIIT Deemed to be University, India.
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Room Two

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
"Teaching an Introductory Social Sciences Course to Students in the Health Sciences"
- Dr. Mary Potorti, Assistant Professor, Politics and Social Sciences, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Dr. Martha N. Gardner, Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Dr. Carrie T. Schultz, Assistant Professor of History and Social Sciences, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Dr. Kristen Petersen, Associate Professor of History and Social Sciences, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

7:10 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.
"Centering the Community in Digital Spaces: What Does Belonging Look Like for Our Students?"
- Dr. Dawn A. Dennis, Lecturer, Department of History, California State University, Los Angeles
- Dr. Jorge A. Muñoz, Lecturer, Department of History, California State University, Los Angeles

"Pra Insinyah kung Tudu: Principles for Radical Grassroots Teaching from the Critically Successful Revitalisation Initiative for the Critically Endangered Kristang Language in Singapore, Kodrah Kristang"
- Kevin Martens Wong Zhi Qiang, Renewing Phenomenological Psychopathology Network Partner, University of Birmingham Institute of Mental Health and Wellcome Trust
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Roundtable: "Reflections on Teaching Culture in the Spanish Language Classroom"

- Dr. Rachel VanWieren, Professor, National University
- Dr. M. Gabriela Venegas, Visiting Assistant Professor, Occidental College
- Dr. Vicki Garrett, Upper School Spanish Teacher, Westridge School
Thursday, August 24, 2023

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Statement from OAH: “OAH Night” reflects the OAH’s commitment to promoting outstanding instruction in American history at multiple levels and in multiple teaching venues. In pursuit of that goal, the OAH is a contributor to the H-Net Teaching Conference and its effort to foster pedagogical conversations across the humanities, contributing the following two sessions:

**6 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Workshop: “Teaching Migration and Ethnic History: Content, Audiences, and Creative Pedagogies”**

- Dr. Natalie Mendoza, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Dr. Andrew T. Urban, Associate Professor of American Studies and History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

**7:10 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.**

**Roundtable: “The Impact of State CRT/Race Policies and Legislation on K-16 Teaching”**

- Dr. Natalie Mendoza, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Colorado, Boulder
- Dr. Charley Brooks, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Dr. Craig Perrier, Curriculum Specialist for Social Studies, Fairfax County Public Schools and Adjunct Professor of Education, Framingham State University
- Dr. Robert Cassanello, Associate Professor of History, University of Central Florida
- Julia Brown-Berstein, Ph.D. candidate, University of Southern California
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OAH Night

8:15 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Closing Remarks/H-Net Town Hall

Dr. Lorna Zukas, H-Net President
Dr. Jesse Draper, H-Net Executive Director
Dr. Heather Brothers, H-Net Digital Pedagogy Coordinator

A very special thanks to:

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