

Social Studies SIG Proposal

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Purpose of the Proposed SIG:

The Social Studies SIG will promote the preparation and sustainability of Social Studies teachers of all levels. Papers dealing with contemporary issues, social studies equity and authenticity, and other relevant topics will be presented each year at the annual National Meeting of ATE.

Relevance to Teacher Education:

The proposed ATE Social Studies Educators SIG will bring together social studies teacher educators, social studies professionals, higher education social studies professionals, leaders in social studies fields, Teacher Candidates, and other community members interested in connecting to support, collaborate, and build new understandings about social studies curriculum and teaching practice. The Social Studies Educator SIG will provide a forum for cross-curricular ideas and conversation including in the areas of action, advocacy, justice, equity and authenticity.

Membership:

All interested parties are invited to attend and join the Social Studies SIG meeting at the ATE conferences. Please contact the chair for more information on collaborative efforts of the SS SIG.

Current special activities:

We are creating a collaborative space on Google for communication and collaboration throughout the year (check that out [here](#)).

Relationship to Mission of ATE:

The proposed SS SIG has four goals:

1. To focus on the positive-we want a community built on authenticity, hope, and collaboration.

2. To create a sustained community by supporting through our attendance and participation through the year, inviting new colleagues, and bringing our SS Methods Teacher Candidates.
3. To create a larger discussion on what it looks like to help SS Teacher Candidates make it in a SS classroom today to inform other content areas about the realities and potential resolutions for/of our content area.
4. To support the overall transition from “what” to “why” in SS education.

We feel that these directly support sustained efforts to continue excellence in the teaching profession, particularly for social studies teachers as well as current, high quality professional development for all social studies professionals including social studies teacher educators and others.

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