



NEWS RELEASE

Waterford School District, 1150 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Waterford School District American History Summer Institute is First of its Kind in Oakland County

June 13, 2007, Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford School District is offering a American History Summer Institute, which is first of its kind in Oakland County, June 18-22. The Summer Institute is part of the Waterford School District's three-year American History Grant called "Historians and Teachers Together." Participants will include over 60 American History teachers from three grade levels: 5th, 8th and 10th. The teachers have been attending content seminars throughout the year led by six Oakland University historians who also serve as mentors to the teachers.

The American History Summer Institute will be the culminating event of this year's grant activities. It will include lectures, workshops, musical performances, and focus group discussions. Teachers will earn SB-CEUs and/or Oakland University credit for attending the American History Summer Institute. The theme of the Institute is "The Role of Multiple Perspectives in History". The historians will center on three different historical eras: the American Revolution for fifth grade teachers, the Civil War for 8th grade teachers and the Depression/World War II for 10th grade teachers. Special presentations include an "Afternoon with Christopher Columbus", an interactive role-playing experience on the Civil Rights Movement with the group "Living History" led by Josh White, Jr. and a presentation on The Henry Ford by Dorothy Ebersole the Education Curator at the museum.

The historian team includes: Dr. Karen Miller, Head of the History Department at Oakland University and specialist in 20th Century American History; Dr. Matt Sutton, Specialist in 20th Century American History; Dr. Dan Clark, Specialist in 20th Century American History; Dr. Carl Osthaus, Specialist in 19th Century American History; Dr. Todd Estes, Specialist in Early American History; and De Witt Dykes, noted specialist in African American History. All the historians are published authors and working historians as well as being on staff at Oakland University.

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American History Summer Institute, June 2007

	Monday June 18	Tuesday June 19	Wednesday June 20	Thursday June 21	Friday June 22
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Registration and Continental Breakfast	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	A Special Musical Kickoff by Josh White Jr.	A Morning with Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln	Robert Jones of WDET: <i>Roots of American Music</i>	Colonial Music with Ann and Robert Burns	Year One Evaluation and survey
10:00 – 10:15	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:15 – 12:00	Keynote Lecture: <i>The Role of Multiple Perspectives in American History</i> Dr. Karen Miller	All Teams: Team Lectures with Mentor Historians	All Teams: Team Lectures with Mentor Historians	10:15 – 11:15 Team Lectures with Mentor Historians	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;">American History Celebration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:15 – 12:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Music Sing-along – led by Michelle Harness American History Family Feud <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Special Performance:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bringing the Musical Past to Life</i> by The Dodworth Saxhorn Band, America's Premier 19th Century Brass Band:</p>
	Panel Discussion: Mentor Historians			11:15 – 12:00 All Teams: Workshop: <i>The Jamestown Legacy</i> Carol Egbo	
12:00-1:00	LUNCH on your own	LUNCH on your own	LUNCH on your own	LUNCH on your own	
1:00 – 1:50	All Teams: Lecture: <i>A Conceptual Design for African American History</i> – De Witt Dykes	8 th and 10 th Teams: <i>Living History</i> workshop: <i>Right of the People</i>	8 th and 10 th Workshop: <i>Fostering Historical Thinking in Students</i> – Amy Bloom, Oakland Schools	All Teams Summary Lecture: <i>Teaching American History: Why it Matters</i> Dr. Karen Miller	
		5 th Grade Team: <i>An Afternoon with Christopher Columbus</i>	5 th Grade Team: <i>Local Connections to the American Revolution,</i> Hope Daniel, DAR		
2:00 – 2:50	All Teams: <i>Looking for Connections:</i> Multi-level focus group discussions	8 th and 10 th Teams: <i>Living History</i> workshop: <i>Right of the People</i>	All Teams: “The Henry Ford” a presentation by Dorothy Ebersole, Education Curator	All Teams: Exploring Resources in American History	
		5 th Grade Team: <i>An Afternoon with Christopher Columbus</i>			
2:50 – 3:00	Raffle and Announcements	Raffle and Announcements	Raffle and Announcements	Raffle and Announcements	

