

SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE

June 7–11, 2017

Salem, Massachusetts

W(h)ither Democracy? (Sub-Themes: Has Democracy Withered? Where is Democracy Going?)



Conference Committee

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SSEC Conference — June 7-11, 2017

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Arrival Day

- ◆ 6:00–7:30 pm Opening Reception at Salem Waterfront Hotel

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Today's focus is on Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts.

- ◆ 8:00 am Bus departs hotel
Tour is from about 9:15 am to 5:30 pm.
 - Lexington Green
 - Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
 - Concord Center Break (Box Lunch)
 - Orchard House
 - Old Manse/Grounds (Concord)
 - Concord Battlefield and Visitors' Center
- ◆ 5:30–6:35 pm Return to Salem
- ◆ Dinner and Evening on your own



Salem, Massachusetts



Lexington Green



Old Manse

Conferees & Institutions

Charlotte Anderson	American Bar Association, Division of Public Education, Retired
Jacob Bennett	University of Virginia
Jane Bernard-Powers	San Francisco State University, Emerita
Ilene Berson	University of South Florida
Michael Berson	University of South Florida
Jean Craven	Albuquerque Public Schools, Retired
James E. Davis	Social Science Education Consortium
Richard Diem	University of Texas at San Antonio, Emeritus
Roberta Diem	Northside Independent School District, San Antonio, Retired
Karlheinz Duerr	Adult Educator and Translator, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany
Beth Eckenrod	Retired
Jim Eckenrod	Retired
Phyllis Fernlund	California State University, Chico, Retired Dean
Christy Hammer	University of Southern Maine
Mark Kissling	Pennsylvania State University
Mabel McKinney-Browning	American Bar Assoc., Div. of Public Education, Retired
Elizabeth Nelson	Pennsylvania State University
Murry Nelson	Pennsylvania State University, Emeritus
Dan Osborn	Facing History and Ourselves
Lynette Oshima	University of New Mexico, Retired
Walter Parker	University of Washington
Fred Risinger	Indiana University, Retired
Pegi Risinger	Martinsville, IN, Public Schools, Retired
Amy Samuels	University of Montevallo
Gregory Samuels	University of Montevallo
Stephanie Schroeder	University of Florida
Charles White	Independent Scholar/Retired Assoc. Prof., Boston University
Deborah White	North River Collaborative, Rockland, MA
Jing Williams	University of South Dakota
Iris Zevin	Queens College, NYC
Jack Zevin	Queens College, NYC

SSEC Conference — June 7-11, 2017

Friday, June 9, 2017

Today's focus is on Boston, Massachusetts.

- ◆ 8:00 am Bus departs hotel
- ◆ 9:30–11:30 am Archaeology Tour of Boston
Joseph Bagley, City Archaeologist
- ◆ 12:15–12:45 pm Travel to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute
(Box Lunch)
- ◆ 12:45–1:15 pm Edward M. Kennedy Institute walk-around
- ◆ 1:30–3:00 pm Democracy Panel
Keynote: Walter Parker, University of Washington, *Going for Depth in Civic Education*
Responses: Peter Levine, Karlheinz Duerr, James E. Davis
- ◆ 3:00–3:30 pm
A European Perspective
Karlheinz Duerr, *Endangered Democracy: A Review of the Situation in Europe*



Boston, Massachusetts



John F. Kennedy Library

- ◆ 3:30–5:00 pm John F. Kennedy Library Exploration
- ◆ 5:00–6:45 pm Return to Salem
- ◆ Dinner and Evening on your own



Old North Church



Trinity Church with reflection in John Hancock Tower



Christian Science Church and reflecting pool



Salem Lighthouse

Saturday, June 10, 2017

Today's meetings will take place at the Salem Waterfront Hotel.

◆ 9:00–10:30 am Papers I

- **Democracy's Diabolus: The Dark Side of Information Technology**
Charles S. White
- **Challenging Times for American Democracy**
Jing Williams
Mary Johnson, Facing History and Ourselves
- **Teaching the Complexity of Patriotism During Trump's Presidency**
Mark T. Kissling

◆ 10:30–10:45 am Break

◆ 10:45 am–12:15 pm Papers II

- **Neoclassic Economics and the W(h)ithering of Democracy**
Erin Adams
- **Negligent Reasoning: Does P-12 Educational Research Perpetuate Inequity?**
Jacob Bennett
- **Re-imagining Democracy with Young Children**
Ilene R. Berson
Michael J. Berson
Bert Snow, Muzzy Lane Software

◆ 12:15–1:15 pm Lunch

◆ 1:15–2:45 pm Papers III

- **That Which Gets Tested, Gets Taught: Social Studies and the Decline of U.S. Democracy**
Christy Hammer
- **Fulfilling the Promise of Democracy: How Black Lives Matter Can Foster Education**
Gregory L. Samuels
Amy J. Samuels
- **A Call for Democratic Teacher Education in Difficult Times**
Stephanie Schroeder



Salem Witch



New Salem Academy

◆ 2:45–3:00 pm Break

◆ 3:00–4:30 pm SSEC Corporation Meeting—Michael J. Berson Presiding

◆ 7:00–9:00 pm Harbor Dinner Cruise (Mahi Mahi Co.)

◆ Conference End – Safe Travels