



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Dr. Anne Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

DATE: January 14, 2020

RE: History Courses Social Studies Professional Learning Opportunity: Spring 2020

The Office of Standards and Learning will offer a free, hybrid professional learning opportunity designed to focus on historical thinking as presented in the *2020 South Carolina Social Studies College- and Career-Ready Standards* history courses.

Participation in this series will afford attendees the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the *2020 South Carolina Social Studies College- and Career-Ready Standards* through the following:

- exploring inquiry-based instruction;
- designing skills-based instruction; and
- embedding thematic-based instruction.

Throughout this series, participants will refine their instructional practices through ongoing virtual and face-to-face sessions designed to support their application of new knowledge in the classroom and their evaluation of its impact on student learning.

Participants must participate in all face-to-face and virtual meetings. Certificates of completion for 23 hours will be issued to participants who meet all expectations of the professional learning opportunity.

Dates and Locations:

Links to live virtual meetings will be emailed to registered participants.

Location 1: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Bamberg	Wednesday, March 25	Denmark Olar Middle School 45 Green Street Denmark, SC 29042 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 22	Denmark Olar Middle School 45 Green Street Denmark, SC 29042 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Monday, May 18	Denmark Olar Middle School 45 Green Street Denmark, SC 29042 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 1 Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	TBA after 1st session	TBA
	TBA after 3rd session	TBA

Location 2: Face-to-Face Meetings	Date	Location and Time
Union	Wednesday, March 11	USC Union Administrative Offices Room 204A 309 East Academy Street Union, SC 29379 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 29	USC Union Administrative Offices Room 204A 309 East Academy Street Union, SC 29379 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, May 20	USC Union Administrative Offices Room 204A 309 East Academy Street Union, SC 29379 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location 2 Virtual Meetings	Date	Location and Time
	TBA after 1st session	TBA
	TBA after 3rd session	TBA

General Information

All face-to-face sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring paper/notebook and a printed or digital copy of the *College- and Career-Ready Standards*. Participants will have a one-hour lunch break.

Registration

Registration must be submitted online via this [registration link](#). Registration for this professional development opportunity will close by March 10, 2020.

Contact Information

For more information, please contact Dr. Chris Turpin, Education Associate for Social Studies via cturpin@ed.sc.gov.