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25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 10, 2009

KELLOGG HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
East Lansing, Michigan



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:30 Registration

*Coffee and soft drinks are available in Room 103A to help you start your day.
Please visit our conference vendors in the lobby at any time throughout the day.*

8:30-9:30 Session 1 Workshops

9:40-10:40 Session 2 Workshops

10:50-11:50 Session 3 Workshops

12:00-1:20 Lunch - Big 10 B & C

Welcome

Mary S. Coleman Award Presentation

Donald M. Fulkerson, President
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The Honorable Dale E. Kildee
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Teacher of the Year Award Presentation

Linda J. Start, Executive Director
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Introduction:

Bill Trevarthen, Executive Director
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Keynote Address:

Terry Lynn Land
Michigan Secretary of State

1:30-2:30 Session 4 Workshops

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Willy	Making The Founders Relevant through Patriot Week <i>General</i>	Taking Citizenship Beyond the Textbook <i>General</i>	Students Meeting the High School Civics Expectations with We the People <i>High School</i>	Civics and Service: Connecting Academic Service Learning and Project Citizen <i>Secondary</i>
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8:30 - 9:30 SESSIONS

Civics for the Head and the Hands

Civics expectations can be engaging and interesting to students when you present them in 3-D graphic organizers. Attend this session to learn about manipulatives that address both content and instruction.

PRESENTER: *Susan Laninga, Grand Valley State University*

ROOM: 110

AUDIENCE: GENERAL

Deliberating in a Democracy: Surveillance

Video surveillance cameras seem to be everywhere these days . . . on highways and in schools, at street corners and even in ordinary public squares. Public officials are turning to this technology for crime prevention, criminal investigations, public safety, traffic control, crowd monitoring, and governmental and national security. How does increasing governmental surveillance affect the privacy rights of citizens and democratic society? Should law enforcement officials need the permission of a judge to access public video surveillance records? This session will feature new materials from the Deliberating in a Democracy (DID) program. Classroom materials will be provided.

PRESENTER: *Nisan Chavkin, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago*

ROOM: 106

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

Elementary Civics:

It's More Than Flags and Red, White and Blue T-Shirts

This session illustrates how the Michigan Citizenship Collaborative Curriculum (MC3) supports the development of students' civic understanding from kindergarten through fifth grade. Instructional strategies for the elementary classroom will be shared. Progressions of learning in civics education will be highlighted.

PRESENTERS: *Amy Bloom, Oakland Schools; Kim Hase, Macomb ISD*

ROOM: HERITAGE

AUDIENCE: ELEMENTARY

8:30-9:30 SESSIONS

Making The Founders Relevant through Patriot Week

Are the Founding Fathers and their First Principles relevant to current events? Judge Warren makes a compelling case of why the Founders and the First Principles should be front and center in addressing current events, and how to make them relevant, engaging, and interesting for students and teachers, in particular through adopting Patriot Week programs. Participants will receive a free copy of Warren's book, *America's Survival Guide: How to Stop America's Impending Suicide by Reclaiming our First Principals and History*.

PRESENTER: *Hon. Michael Warren, Jr; Sixth Judicial Circuit Court*

ROOM: WILLY

AUDIENCE: GENERAL

The Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament: Raising the Bar

This session will focus on the Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament as a method for engaging students in a simulation of an essential democratic process: the fair trial. Whether interested in a legal career, seeking confidence in public speaking, or just open to an intellectual challenge, competitive mock trial offers teams of 6-10 students the opportunity to learn about the law on their feet, taking on the roles of attorneys and witnesses.

PRESENTERS: *Linda McCarthy, Forest Hills Public Schools;
Tom McCarthy, Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge*

ROOM: 102

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

You Rule!: Ideas and Resources for Teaching about Representative Democracy in Middle School

A partnership between the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the National Conference of State Legislatures has produced high quality free materials and lesson plans to improve public understanding of representative democracy and encourage Americans to play a responsible role in their government. Session participants will receive sample middle school materials.

PRESENTER: *Terri Mount, Hanover-Horton Schools*

ROOM: 107

AUDIENCE: MIDDLE SCHOOL

9:40-10:40 SESSIONS

Deliberating in a Democracy: Marriage and the State

Since the Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalize same-sex (homosexual) marriage in 2001, there are now seven nations in the world that recognize marriage for gay and lesbian couples. In the United States, five states recognize same-sex marriage, but over 30 have passed constitutional amendments that define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. What are the tensions between social customs, legal principles, and democratic decisionmaking? Should our democracy permit same-sex couples (gay and lesbian) to marry? This session will feature new materials from the Deliberating in a Democracy (DID) program. Classroom materials will be provided.

PRESENTER: *Nisan Chavkin, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago*

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Ideas for Constitution Day

Constitution Day is an opportunity to celebrate the brilliance and sustainability of the amazing document that is the foundation of the United States. Too often though, districts, left with little or no money and resources, fail to fully partake in a day that should be a highly memorable, educational experience for students. This session will provide ideas and materials that can be used to celebrate Constitution Day at all grade levels in a meaningful way.

PRESENTERS: *Carolyn Wetzler, Milan Area Schools*
Anthony Salciccioli, Clarenceville School District

ROOM: 110

AUDIENCE: GENERAL

Making Sense of 96 High School Civics Expectations

In this session teachers will explore how the Michigan Citizenship Collaborative Curriculum (MC3) addresses all 96 civics expectations. The difference in grain size and importance of civics concepts will be discussed. Units, lessons plans, and supplemental teaching material for high school civics and history courses will be shared.

PRESENTERS: *Amy Bloom, Oakland Schools; Kim Hase, Macomb ISD*

ROOM: HERITAGE

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

9:40-10:40 SESSIONS

Taking Citizenship Beyond the Textbook

This session will address multiple ways students can explore citizenship beyond the textbook in order to make it meaningful and memorable while attending to the curriculum standards. The presenter will share K-12 examples that can make for more enthusiastic learners, foster self-efficacy, and personalize the learning.

PRESENTER: *Janet Alleman, Michigan State University*

ROOM: WILLY

AUDIENCE: GENERAL

Why the Big Secret?

Explore the dynamics behind the Philadelphia Convention using a lesson from the acclaimed *We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution* text. Students will better appreciate the forces at work as Michigan approaches the Nov. 2, 2010 vote on holding its own constitutional convention. Participants will receive free *We the People* materials.

PRESENTER: *Blaine Betts, N.I.C.E. Community School District (ret.)*

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AUDIENCE: MIDDLE SCHOOL

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PRESENTER: *Pierre Sirois, East Grand Rapids Public Schools*

ROOM: 102

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

10:50-11:50 SESSIONS

America's Legislators Back to School Program

Your Ideas Count! That's the message lawmakers will bring to students when they visit your classroom as part of the America's Legislators Back to School Program. It's a great opportunity for young constituents to ask questions, share ideas, and gain a greater understanding of the legislative process. Come and learn how easy it is to arrange a classroom visit by your state representative or senator.

PRESENTER: *Lauren Kathawa, Office of Senator Michael D. Bishop*

ROOM: 107

AUDIENCE: GENERAL

C-SPAN's Free Online Resources Websites Your Government Students Should Know

Participants will examine C-SPAN's vast array of online resources, including: C-SPAN's homepage, Classroom, Video Library, Congressional Chronicle, and Studentcam. After becoming acquainted with C-SPAN and its online resources, participants will analyze and discuss specific ways they can incorporate C-SPAN resources into their classrooms.

PRESENTER: *Tracey Van Dusen, Ann Arbor Public Schools*

ROOM: 102

AUDIENCE: SECONDARY

The LEAGUE, Curriculum by Learning to Give, a free K-12 Service-Learning Program

This workshop will help you learn how to grow service-learning in your school by focusing on existing tools that many schools have been using, while tying in a fun model that students and teachers can team-up on to take service-learning to the next level! Learn about valuable resources, including over 1,300 service-learning lesson plans, all free and coded to state standards.

PRESENTER: *Sarah Percoulis, AmeriCorps VISTA, The LEAGUE Michigan*

ROOM: 106

AUDIENCE: GENERAL

10:50-11:50 SESSIONS

Representative Democracy in America: Free Resources for Elementary Teachers

A partnership between the Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the National Conference of State Legislatures has produced high quality free materials and lesson plans to improve public understanding of representative democracy and encourage Americans to play a responsible role in their government. Session participants will receive sample elementary materials.

PRESENTER: *Jim Troost, Michigan Center for Civic Education*

ROOM: HERITAGE

AUDIENCE: ELEMENTARY

Students Meeting the High School Civics Expectations with We the People

This session focuses on the resources available through *We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution*, an instructional program on the foundations of American constitutional democracy. *We the People* helps students discover the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Free materials and professional development provide engaging lessons and activities, including a nationwide competition.

PRESENTER: *Roy Sovis, Genesee ISD*

ROOM: WILLY

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher/Lawyer Partnerships: Teaching Elementary Students about the Law

Order in the Court, Ye Fairy Tale Creatures. Sometimes teaching the courtroom and law processes can be hard for elementary and middle school aged students to grasp. But by putting a familiar fairy tale spin on it students will be immersed into the true process of the law. One lawyer/teacher team will share their experiences in Fairy Tale Court. Students take on the roles of lawyers, defendants, witnesses, jury and all other members of a typical courtroom hearing.

PRESENTERS: *Sara Loveridge, Fraser Public Schools;*
Christine Piatkowski, Attorney at Law

ROOM: 110

AUDIENCE: ELEMENTARY

1:30-2:30 SESSIONS

Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics Round Table

Come and join a discussion intended to share practical approaches to teaching an AP course in government and politics. Topics for discussion are unlimited, but could include mechanics, such as student selection, voluntary vs. mandatory exams, and techniques for improving scores; as well as ideas for covering content while stimulating student interest. Participants can share ideas on writing a good syllabus, textbook suggestions, as well as constructing and grading good analytical questions. Veterans and rookies are welcome.

PRESENTER: *Brian Stevens, Coldwater Community Schools*

ROOM: 106

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

Civics and Service:

Connecting Academic Service Learning and Project Citizen

Academic Service Learning and Project Citizen are a natural fit to help middle and high school teachers meet state standards and teach civic responsibility. Learn about, and receive, interactive resources for this engaging project that teaches civic rights and responsibilities through community action.

PRESENTERS: *Terri Mount, Hanover-Horton Public Schools;*
Christine Rogers, Clarkston Community Schools

ROOM: WILLY

AUDIENCE: SECONDARY

Mock Trials in the Middle School Classroom

Learn how to use mock trials to teach middle school students about the core democratic values and the judicial system.

PRESENTER: *Richard Zager, Southfield Public Schools*

ROOM: 107

AUDIENCE: MIDDLE SCHOOL

1:30-2:30 SESSIONS

Teen Court: A Partnership between Schools and Courts

Come learn about this award winning program, recognized by the Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary and the State Bar of Michigan. The Teen Court Program is coordinated between Wayne Memorial High School and the 29th District Court. In Teen Court, students serve as jurors and court officers in actual juvenile court cases. Learn how the program began, how it works, and what the goals of the program are. This session ends with a video of the Teen Court in action and a question and answer period.

PRESENTERS: *Beth Johnson, Wayne-Westland Community Schools;*
Hon. Laura Redmond Mack, 29th District Court

ROOM: HERITAGE

AUDIENCE: HIGH SCHOOL

We the People:

Free Resources for Meeting 4th/5th Grade Civics GLCEs

This session will highlight the popular We the People program as an outstanding free resource for helping 4th and 5th grade teachers address state content expectations in civics and history. Participants will sample the lessons, receive free copies of the text, and learn about free opportunities for professional development.

PRESENTERS: *Cyndy Fischer, Hudsonville Public Schools;*
Kimberly Burdis, Hudsonville Public Schools

ROOM: 102

AUDIENCE: ELEMENTARY

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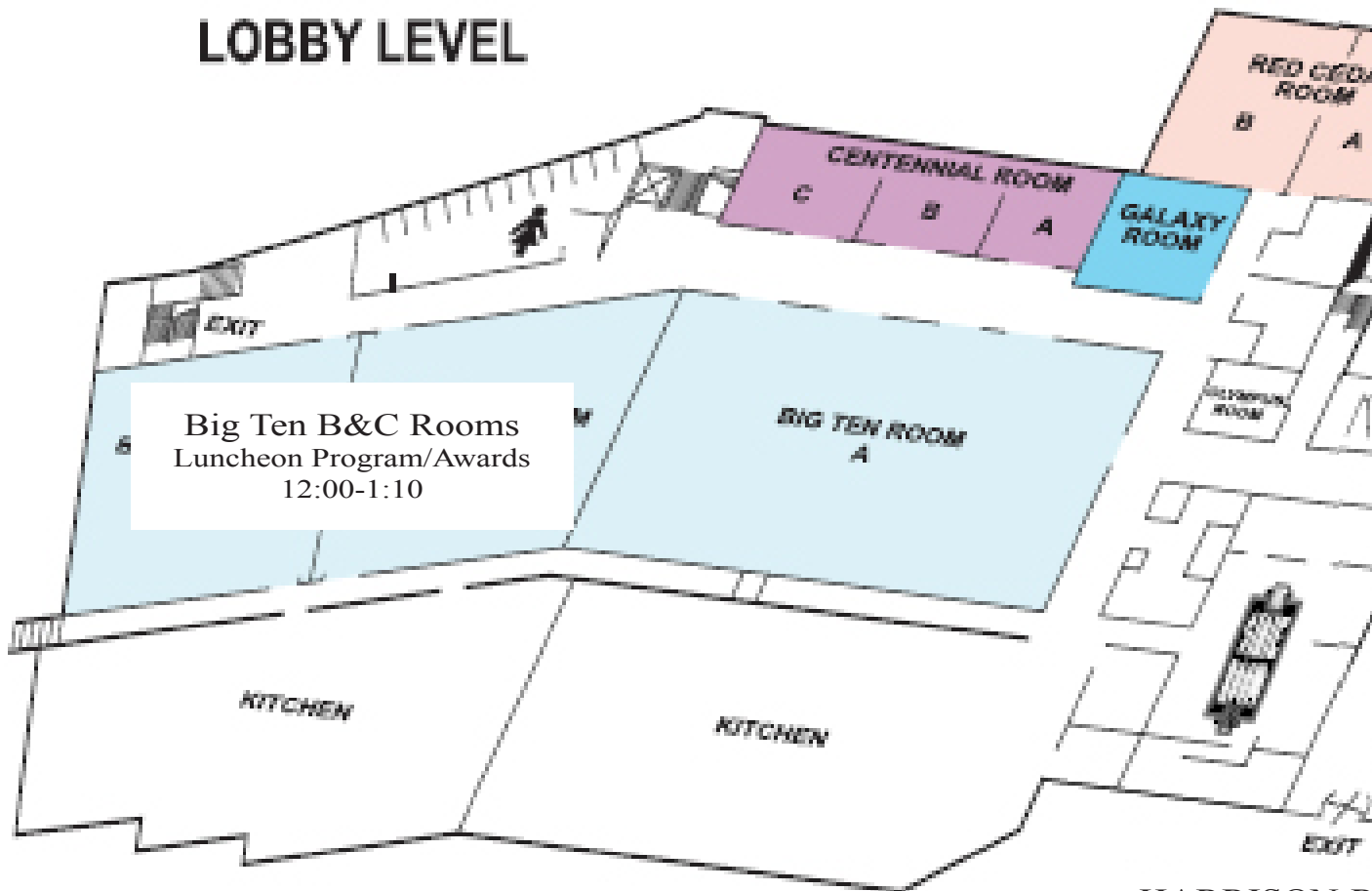
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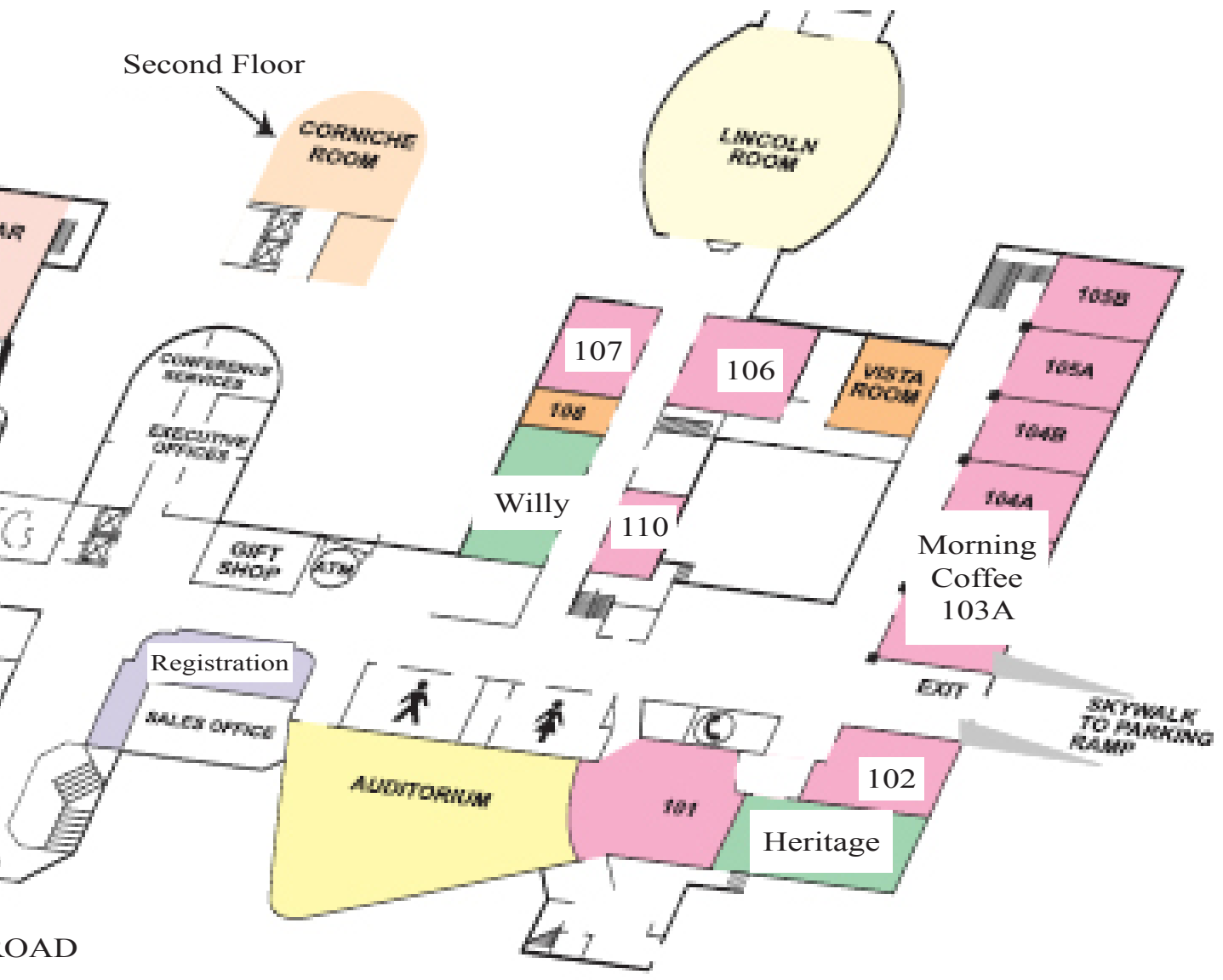
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