

ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/APs: Social Sciences- Using Environmental Humanities in the Classroom Workshop

Category: For Your Information

Audience: Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers

Due Date: Mar 11, 2016

Meeting Date: Apr 08, 2016

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[Teacher Workshop Session Descriptions.doc](#)
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To announce a professional development opportunity for Senior High School core curriculum teachers on using environmental humanities in the classroom.

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- Through a partnership funded by the Humanities in the Public Square Initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, MDCPS' Department of Social Sciences, the FIU History Department, HistoryMiami, The Kampong, and several other partner organizations will be hosting a public event series through 2016. The series will bring together the general public and humanities scholars to talk about pressing environmental issues in South Florida.
 - Teachers are encouraged to participate in all events in the series, running through October. In conjunction with the public programming, a professional development opportunity for MDCPS teachers is being offered. **See below for specifics.**
 - Environmental humanities can be defined loosely as the exploration of how nature and culture are related and is an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates skills from history, geography, anthropology, philosophy, literature, and environmental science.
 - In this professional development course, participants will identify ways that environmental humanities can be integrated into existing MDCPS curricula, with a particular focus on Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Social Studies courses (grades 9-12) and the Florida Standards in English Language Arts.
 - Participants **MUST** attend both the opening symposium on April 8, 2016 and the teacher workshop on June 14, 2016 to earn a \$150 stipend along with 10 professional development credits.
 - Participation in the course is limited to 30 teachers. To apply, please complete the attached form and return it by email with the subject line Ecohumanities PD to Dr. April Merleaux, Department of History, amerleau@fiu.edu on or before March 11, 2016.
 - Participants must also register for this course through the District's MyLearningPlan and complete all course evaluation requirements to successfully earn the professional development credits. Once you receive confirmation of acceptance form Dr. Merleaux, please register for the course through MyLearning Plan by searching for the session titled: "Social Sciences- Senior High School Economics- Ecohumanities."
 - See below for specific training locations, dates, and schedules:
 - **Session #1:** Friday, April 8, 2016 from 1-6 p.m., HistoryMiami Museum, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. ****This is a teacher planning day****
 - **Session #2:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 10am-3pm, The Kampong, Coconut Grove, 4013 Douglas Road, Miami, Florida 33133.
 - Information about sessions 1 and 2 and additional session information outside of the two teacher workshops is included in the attached fliers.
 - Please direct all inquiries to Dr. April Merleaux, FIU Department of History, amerleau@fiu.edu.

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