



**NEWARK EDUCATOR NAMED MASTER TEACHER FOR  
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PARTNERSHIP**

***Only Ten Teachers Nationwide Selected to Create New Teaching with Primary Sources  
Guide***

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NEWARK, DE: The Delaware Historical Society (DHS) is pleased to announce that Newark Charter School Teacher Dr. Lisa Prueter is one of only ten master teachers nationwide to be selected to write a new ***Teaching with Primary Sources*** guide that will be available to teachers around the world. This guide will be the newest addition to the wealth of materials provided by the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Consortium for educators in the United States and around the globe.

“Delaware is fortunate to have a number of teachers who excel in teaching with primary sources utilizing the National History Day model, making history come to life for our students while teaching valuable 21<sup>st</sup> century career and college ready skills,” said Rebecca Fay, Director of Education with DHS. “We are extremely proud of Dr. Prueter and are pleased that teachers around the world will benefit from her experience and expertise.” Over the next several months, the teachers will work directly with NHD and Library of Congress staff to create and test this new guide which will present the processes for successful student research and the formation of strong, cogent historical arguments. In its lesson plans for practical application, the guidebook will feature primary sources from the vast collections of the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world. Dr. Prueter’s experience will include travel to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., for advanced training and on-site writing and development workshops.

Suitable for use by teachers at the middle and high school levels, the new guide will support the creation of a variety of student research projects, including documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances, and websites.

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NHD will distribute both print and online versions of the guide and will present a four-module teacher webinar series to feature best practices for the guide's implementation.

"Dr. Prueter and her fellow cohort members bring years of incomparable classroom and project-based teaching experience," said National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. "I know they will elevate this opportunity to showcase the Library's primary source collections and provide their peers around the world with a coveted new teaching tool. We are grateful for this opportunity to work with the Library of Congress as creation partners for this valuable project."

Dr. Prueter, who currently teaches World History and AP European History at the Newark Charter School, has been teaching for 21 years. She previously taught at Wilmington Friends School and has supervised student teachers at the University of Delaware and was the social studies specialist for the Appoquinimink School District.

She started NHD in 1999 - her first year of teaching - with ninth graders. One of her students won the state competition for her exhibit. "NHD is hard work for both students and teachers, but I think it is the best way to get students ready for the demands of college," said Dr. Prueter. "I enjoy learning something new every year from their research."

Dr. Lisa Ueltzhoffer, principal at Newark Charter School Junior and Senior High School, said Lisa and fellow NCS teacher Brent Freccia have embedded NHD into the school's curriculum and organize an annual NHD Fair to highlight student work. "Lisa Prueter's and Brent Freccia's collaboration and leadership are greatly appreciated to implement the National History Day project as a part of our curriculum," she said. "We are excited to see history come alive for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual NHD family event where all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students showcase their work."

Applications for this program were submitted by 65 educators from across the United States, and the final cohort of ten teachers was selected by a committee of National History Day and Library of Congress staff members. The educators chosen for the program represent Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Washington, D.C.

Delaware History Day, which has been organized by DHS for more than 20 years, will be held on April 4, 2020 at Gunning Bedford Middle School. Winners of the state competition will move on to nationals held in June.

### **About National History Day® (NHD):**

NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park, Maryland, which seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. The National History Day Contest was established in 1974 and currently engages more than half a million students every year in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the National Contest

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### **About National History Day Delaware:**

National History Day Delaware is a year-long history education program that challenges students in grades 6 through 12 to engage in historical research, analysis and interpretation, and creative expression through project-based learning. National History Day Delaware promotes civic, career, and college ready skills necessary for the 21st century. National History Day Delaware has been sponsored by the Delaware Historical Society for more than 20 years.

### **About the Delaware Historical Society:**

The Delaware Historical Society is a non-profit organization that preserves, promotes, and shares Delaware's history in a welcoming environment to educate, inspire, and empower people and communities. The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; the Jane and Littleton Mitchell Center for African American Heritage; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in downtown Wilmington; and the National Historic Landmark Read House & Gardens located in New Castle. For more information, call (302) 655-7161, email [deinfo@dehistory.org](mailto:deinfo@dehistory.org), or visit [www.dehistory.org](http://www.dehistory.org).

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