

Rhode Island General Law 16-22-2

Civic education. – The general assembly recognizes the importance of a citizenry well educated in the principles of democracy as enunciated in the constitutions of the state of Rhode Island and the United States. The general assembly directs the board of regents for elementary and secondary education to develop and adopt a set of grade level expectations K-12 in civics education no later than August 31, 2007. These standards shall include, but not be limited to, the history of the state of Rhode Island, representative government, the rights and duties of actively engaged citizenship, and the principles of democracy. These civic education standards shall be used in the public schools of this state beginning in kindergarten and continuing through to and including grade 12. No private school or private instruction shall be approved for the purposes of chapter 19 of this title unless the course of study shall make provision for instruction substantially equivalent to that required by this chapter for public schools.

The Rhode Island Permanent Commission on Civic Education is co-chaired by Senator Hanna Gallo, whose dedication to civic education was integral to the drafting and passage of the above law.

Daily Schedule

June 25

- 8:00am... Registration
- 8:30am... Welcome and Greetings
- 8:45am... Keynote Address: Peter Levine
- 9:45am... Workshop 1 / Civics GSEs Session
- 11:15am... Workshop 2
- 12:30pm... Lunch
- 1:30pm... Round-table Presentations
- 2:45pm... Closing Activity

June 26

- 8:00am... Registration
- 8:30am... Welcome and Greetings
- 8:45am... Keynote Address: Adam Braver
- 9:45am... Workshop 3 / Civics GSEs Session
- 11:15am... Workshop 4
- 12:30pm... Lunch
- 1:15pm... Student Work Presentations
- 2:30pm... Closing Activity

This brochure can be downloaded in PDF form at <http://www.ride.ri.gov/instruction/civics.aspx> under "2009 Civics Summer Institute"



2009 RI CIVIC EDUCATION SUMMER INSTITUTE
Restoring
The Civic Mission of Schools in RI
Using the GSEs to Make Civics and History Connections
Across the K-12 Curriculum

June 25 and 26, 2009
Providence College
'64 Hall

Sponsored by
The Permanent Commission on Civic Education,
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The RI Association for Supervision and
Curriculum Development (RIASCD),
The RI Social Studies Association,
The Center for Civic Education,
Learn and Serve America, and
The Feinstein Center at Providence College

June 25:

Civic Education and the Civics GSEs

Peter Levine is Director of CIRCLE, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at the Jonathan Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University. In the late 1990s, he was also deputy director of the National Commission on Civic Renewal. Levine has authored four books on citizenship, politics, and philosophy, and co-organized the writing of *The Civic Mission of Schools*, a report released in 2003 by Carnegie Corporation of New York and CIRCLE.

Workshops to include...

- Take-home civics and multi-disciplinary lessons and units aligned to the GSEs
- Assessment, PBGR, and the Civics GSEs
- Using the Civics GSEs in an elementary classroom
- Civic engagement, service-learning, and youth voice projects aligned to the GSEs
...and more!!

Round-table Presentations:

Collect free resources and hear what other teachers have done in their classrooms using the Civics GSEs! “Carousel-style” presentations (for all grade levels) will provide participants with ideas for their own classrooms!

In-Depth Civics GSEs Workshops (June 25/26):

- Using “UbD” frameworks to explore the Civics GSEs and create lesson plans
 - Applying the Civics GSEs to civics and history topics – lesson examples provided
- One workshop per day: space is limited – first come first serve!

June 26:

RI History Topics and Resources

Adam Braver is the Rhode Island author of *Mr. Lincoln’s Wars* and *November 22, 1963*, among other novels. His books have been selected for the Barnes and Noble Discover New Writers program, Borders’ Original Voices series, and twice for the Book Sense list. Professor Braver teaches at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI, and at the NY State Summer Writers Institute.

Workshops to include...

- Take-home lessons on topics in RI and US history aligned to the GSEs
- Local resources and educational programs on RI History
- GSEs-aligned history resources for elementary teachers

...and more!!

Student Work Presentations:

Come see what Rhode Island students are doing in the classroom! “Fair-style” presentations will include portfolios, History Day presentations, “We the People/Project Citizen” presentations, social studies projects... and more!!

Other Information:

- **Registration Fee:** \$15 (1 day) or \$25 (both) *Scholarships available.*
- Continental Breakfast will be provided during the registration period on both days
- Picnic lunch (sandwich and snacks) will be provided on both days
- Participants receive 7 PD hours per day!
- Gift bag! Free resources!

Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

District: _____ Please select (X): _____ Teacher _____ Administrator
 _____ Elementary _____ Middle _____ High

Attending (X): _____ June 25 _____ June 26

Registration fee enclosed (amount): \$ _____ Other: _____

Checks made out to **RIASCD**. Please do not send cash. ****Scholarships available****

Mail form and payment to: RIASCD, Attn: Civics Summer Institute, PO Box 748, Bristol, RI 02809

****Confirmation will be sent by email upon receipt of registration.****

Questions about registration or scholarships? Please contact RIASCD at 401-253-0636 or riascd@ride.ri.net.