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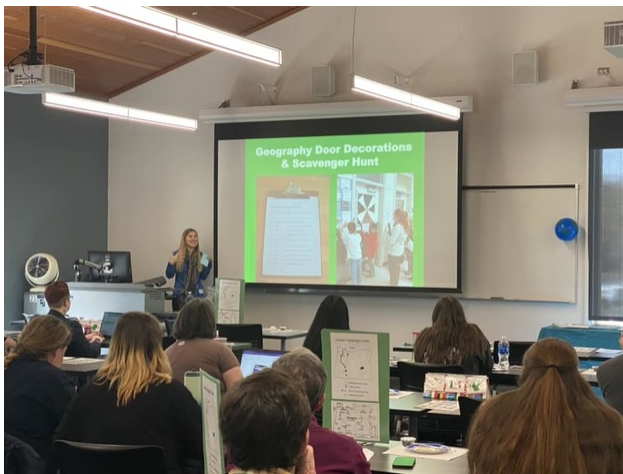
The annual C-GEO GeoFest was Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Western Oregon University. David Banis and Hunter Shobe, authors of *Portlandness: A Cultural Atlas and Upper Left Cities: A Cultural Atlas of San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle* were the keynote speakers. Over 100 educators showed up to attend sessions on a diversity of issues, such as geo-tech sessions, bias in mapping, family geography night, urban geography, geography and economics, Tribal History/Shared History, ethnic studies strands, and much more! Thank you to all the educators who attended and who presented.



GeoFest Attendees at the keynote address



Katie Pearson and Beth Cook presenting on Oregon's Racist Past and its Impact on its Present



Janelle Wren presenting on Family Geography Night

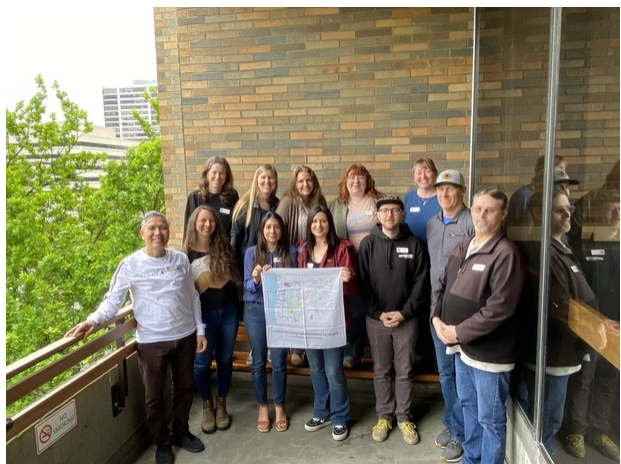


Ken Carano getting to spend some time with C-GEO Emeritus TC extraordinaire, Shirley Lomax

## Professional Development

### Meet the Participants: C-GEO Advanced Summer 2024 Institute: Vietnam's Cultural Landscapes

This summer, we will be taking a group of Oregon teachers to Vietnam for our annual summer international institute. On April 27th we had our initial Vietnam pre-trip orientation at PSU. Meet the 12 teachers exploring with us this summer in the photo below.



The Vietnam Institute Oregon Teacher Participants

# Professional Development from Other Organizations

## NCGE Conference

The National Council for Geographic Education will have its annual geography education conference in Tempe, AZ from October 18-20 this year. For more information go to <https://ncge.org/>

Additionally, if you are a C-GEO TC, we do have travel grants that you can apply for. Travel grants information is on our website.

## 2024 NCSS Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Institute

Engage in inquiry using the C3 Framework and the Library of Congress' digital primary sources at the Boise State University in Boise, ID from June 10-12, 2024. National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) is proud to invite methods professors, doctoral students, and classroom teachers to a special free professional learning institute this summer.

[APPLY](#)

## 2024 Confederated Tribes of The Grand Ronde Education Summit

On August 23rd, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde will have their annual education summit for educators. Educators will earn PDU credits, as well as receive resources and materials to take home and use in their classrooms right away.

[Register for FREE](#)

## Geography Education in the Classroom Survey

K-12 Teachers, help map the state of geography in schools by taking this quick survey today. The purpose of this study of geography education is to explore the current classroom practices of K-12 teachers and lead to improvement in the design of meaningful, professional development for teachers.

[Take the Survey](#)

## Community Outreach

### Oregon Giant Floor Maps Back in Classrooms

Our Oregon Giant Maps was used by Dan Rideout's students at Jefferson Middle School this March.

Thanks for bringing in geography education to the school, Dan!



Jefferson Middle School students learning on the Oregon giant map

### Family Geography Night

In April, C-GEO TCs Jerry McGuffee and Richard Epperley led a Family Geography Night for the community at the Pedee Middle School Campus of the Luckiamute Valley Charter Schools. There were a variety of geography games and mapping activities along with the Oregon State University Science Team

and their many science/geography activities. All of the younger visitors received a geography themed gift bag that included pencils, passports, and fun squeeze globes.

### **C-GEO Steering Committee Meeting**

The steering committee held its most recent meeting via Zoom, on May 4th. The next steering committee meeting will be on September 15th.

### **Meet the New C-GEO Steering Committee Members**

We recently wrapped up another cycle of steering committee elections. Meet the members who will be joining those on the steering committee.

#### **Sarah Anderson**

Sarah is an educator and author specializing in place-based education who has worked with C-GEO for nearly a decade. She is the author of the book *Bringing School to Life: Place-based Education across the Curriculum* and has written articles for *Learning for Justice*, *Education Week*, *Educational Leadership* as well as history education curriculum for the Oregon Historical Society. Sarah is currently working towards her doctorate at Simon Fraser University.

#### **Christine Boatman**

Estacada High School, Rural Clackamas County

Christine has been participating in professional development, including presenting multiple times at GeoFest conferences, with C-GEO since 2018. You can also find Christine's authored classroom articles on Edutopia!

#### **Chelsea Fuller**

Willamette Valley- Salem-Keizer School District- Whiteaker Middle School

Chelsea first became a teacher consultant for C-GEO as a first-year teacher when she traveled to the northern Maritime provinces in 2007. She has been on several trips since and continues to give back to the organization. She has been a member of the steering committee for the past seven years and enjoys helping grow geography education in Oregon within her own classroom and sharing ideas throughout the state.

#### **Allyson Hamlik**

Powell Butte Charter School/Central Oregon region

Allyson just finished a 3-year term on the C-GEO steering committee, and now we have her for three more years! She has promoted Family Geography Night at her school, was a lead teacher for the 3-5 team, and promoted integration of geography in her place-based school. She has also been a presenter at GeoFest and participated in multiple institutes offered by C-GEO in the last 8 years.

#### **June Morris**

Oregon State University, Assistant Professor of Practice, specializing in social studies education

June has been a past C-GEO steering committee member and we are excited to have her back! She is a past president of the OCSS, board member of NCSS and has presented often at GeoFest.

### C-GEO Social Media

C-GEO is on Facebook and Instagram (cgeo\_oregon). If you have any photos of you and students doing distance learning geography education in the classroom and would be willing to let us post those on Instagram to promote geography education you can email the photos to [caranok@wou.edu](mailto:caranok@wou.edu) with a brief blurb of what should go in the Instagram post description.

## Keep Us Informed!

Please let the C-GEO Office [geogall@pdx.edu](mailto:geogall@pdx.edu) know of any awards, special events or projects that may be of interest to TCs, and announcements. Using the web makes it easy to showcase exemplary student work or students at work. Remember that you will need to have students' permission before posting either student work or their photos in GEOBYTES. Also be sure to inform us of changes in address, school, or email.

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