



2015 Summer Institutes for Educators

CLASP member institutions regularly hold high quality and engaging summer teacher institutes for K-12 educators. To help ensure that these nationwide programs are publicized and made available to teachers across the country, CLASP distributes a compiled program list. Below are selective summer institutes scheduled for 2015.

[In Focus: Latin America Through Film 2015](#)

Date: June 8-12, 2015
Type: Teacher Institute
Location: Nashville, TN
Description: This summer educator institute, entitled "In Focus: Teaching Latin America through Film," is for teachers in grades 7-16. Teachers will study different aspects of Latin America through feature films and documentaries with faculty and staff who specialize in Latin America. Films will cover diverse themes relevant to educators in history, language, human geography, engineering/city planning, and even art history. Educators will work together develop and share curriculum plans for increased coverage of Latin America in their respective schools. Participants will receive copies of selected films and a certificate of participation.
Sponsor: Vanderbilt University
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[Somos Nós: Teaching Afro-Brazilian Identity in the K-12 Classroom](#)

Date: June 14-18, 2015
Type: Teacher Institute
Location: New Orleans, LA
Description: The workshop will introduce teachers to methods and mechanisms for teaching Portuguese and integrating Brazilian Culture into the classroom. Take the opportunity to experience Brazilian culture while writing curricula for your classroom!
Sponsor: Tulane University Stone Center for Latin American Studies; Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies; University of Georgia Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute
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Essential Themes in Latin American History for Teaching World History

Date: July 6-8, 2015
Type: Teacher Institute
Location: Milwaukee, WI
Description: This summer institute introduces high school educators to important content about Latin America's significance in World History. The program explores innovative sources and approaches that scholars are using to engage students in learning about the region and its integration into a larger world system. The institute will largely focus on three eras: Latin America before the Europeans, Latin America's Integration into the World Economy and the Struggle for Democracy and Human Rights.
Sponsor: UW-Whitewater; UW-Madison Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies (LACIS); UW-Milwaukee Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)
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Belize and Tikal

Date: July 12-26, 2015
Type: Teacher Institute Abroad
Location: Guatemala and Belize
Description: This international teacher travel program explores the ruins, beaches, wildlife, and rich cultures of Guatemala and Belize. The program facilitates teachers' travel abroad so that the teachers may then share their experiences with students upon their return to the classroom. Students look to their teachers for knowledge about a world that is not yet part of their own lived experience. By spending time abroad, educators gain fresh perspectives that deeply enrich their students' learning and cultural competency.
Sponsor: UW-Madison Latin American, Caribbean & Iberian Studies Program; UW-Milwaukee Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies; University of New Mexico Latin American & Iberian Institute; Global Exploration for Educators (GEEEO)
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Ecology and Sustainability: Experiences with Mexico's Biocultural Diversity

Date: July 16-26, 2015
Type: International Teacher Institute
Location: Veracruz, Mexico: Los Tuxtlas Tropical Research Station (Instituto de Biología, UNAM) and Instituto de Ecología, A.C., Xalapa
Description: During this 10-day summer course, teachers will go into the field in Mexico with the Center for Latin American Studies! Participants will work with scientists on research projects focusing on ecology, sustainability, and conservation science at Los Tuxtlas Tropical Biology Station in Veracruz, Mexico. Teachers will have the opportunity to work with science educators from the Graduate School of Education's Center to Support Excellence in Teaching (CSET) to develop unit plans, lessons, or units for use in their

classrooms. Throughout the following year, teachers will reconnect to present classroom outcomes of their projects at follow-up coaching sessions with CSET science educators. These sessions will take place at Stanford University and Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve, with teachers outside the Bay Area connecting remotely.

Sponsor: Stanford University Center for Latin American Studies and the Graduate School of Education's Center to Support Excellence in Teaching

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