



WACA/World in Transition Flagship Program *Updates from Atlanta*



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World in Transition Flagship Program Highlights...

Our World Affairs Council partners have continued their amazing work expanding global education in their areas. In 2006, Councils trained, and distributed World in Transition materials, to over 950 educators nationwide!

This issue's highlights include many successful workshops hosted by Councils this past fall and winter...



The Global Center of Greater Cincinnati, the program's newest member,

hosted their first "train-the-trainer" workshop last April. The workshop received wonderful reviews from forty educators in attendance and paved the way for these attendees to present multiple World in Transition workshops the following summer. In June, Garlinn Story at the Global Center worked with Barb Christensen, the Curriculum Manager in Social Studies for Cincinnati Public Schools, to organize two successive workshops at local schools. Each two-day workshop covered the entire World in Transition series and drew forty teachers from around the Greater Cincinnati area. Deb Kittner, Director of Programs at the Global Center, is now working to solidify plans for another training session in Cincinnati in April.

The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, also a new partner in 2006, has been incredibly active since their train-the-trainer workshop last February. Sandy Cook has worked with Council staff and local educators to organize three teacher training sessions since July. Last August, the Council held two concurrent trainings; one for Middle School teachers featuring Europe in Transition, and another for High School teachers featuring Russia in Transition. On November 8th and 9th the Council held a two-day workshop focusing on South Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. The Council hosted these workshops at the Schultz Center, and received partial funding from the Southside Rotary Club.

The Naples Council on World Affairs held their initial train-the-trainer workshop this past June. Mimi Gregory and the Council worked in

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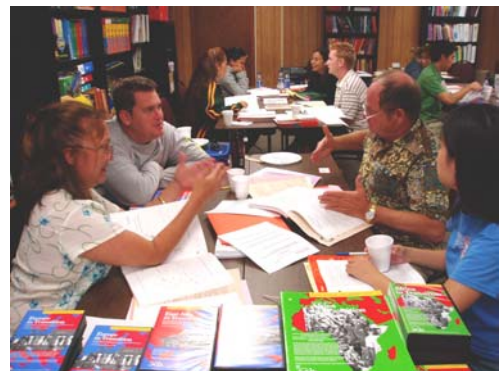
- ***East Asia in Transition is now out of print.*** If you require copies of this edition for upcoming workshops, contact Hannah to reserve these as soon as possible. A new edition is scheduled for release in **April 2008**.
- ***DVDs!*** The video footage portion of each of our WIT units are now available in either VHS or DVD format.
- Teachers can register now for the ***upcoming National Teachers' Workshop on South Asia.*** Contact Melissa Lawrence at the National Office for more information!

conjunction with Jack Bovee, the Curriculum Coordinator in Collier County, to host a three-day training session for fifteen local educators. The Southern Center training team provided an energetic workshop covering the World in Transition series over the first two days, and the teachers in attendance used the third day to design specific lesson plans for the classroom using World in Transition materials.

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh hosted a large conference on Africa this past October (see the passage on Teach Africa for more information on this exciting program). Plans are currently underway for a South Asia seminar to be held later this year.

The World Affairs Council of Oregon partnered with the Oregon Council for the Social Studies to host a successful workshop in Bend, Oregon last May. Karen Ettinger, Director of K-12 Education at the Council, and local educators from previous WIT trainings presented this comprehensive World in Transition workshop to fifteen enthusiastic teachers from across Central Oregon. From their base in Portland, the Council continues to work on a three-region outreach plan to expand their programming across the state of Oregon. The Council also organized an impressive Teach Africa Conference (see below for more details). Lisa Iverson, an Oregon WIT trainer, conducted a workshop on Latin America for the Southern Center at the International Studies Schools Association Conference in Portland last January.

In Honolulu, **the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council** has continued to collaborate with the Department of Education in Hawaii to organize workshops for local educators. With funding from the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) at the University of Hawaii, and many other sponsors, the Council held a two-day workshop on the World in Transition series last September. Natasha Chappel, High School Program Director at PAAC, Merle Grybowski, PAAC After School Class Coordinator, and Rosanna Fukuda, Department of Education Social Studies Educational Specialist, worked with past WIT workshop participants to host this session at the Hawaii Department of Education Instructional Services Branch. The workshop included discussions on the best ways to utilize the WIT series in the classroom to meet the Social Studies Standards of Hawaii's Department of Education.



Educator's work together at PAAC's recent workshop.

In Virginia, **the World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond** has continued to work with the Virginia Center for the Teaching of International Studies to hold South Asia Seminars. Several Seminars were held this past year, providing teachers throughout the state with South Asia in Transition books and DVDs.

Throughout 2006, and into 2007, **the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Ft. Worth** has been busily coordinating World in Transition workshops for Social Studies teachers across the state of Texas. The Council received support from the Federal Reserve Bank to hold six World in Transition workshops since last May. The format of these two-day workshops included sessions on the entire World in Transition series. Each workshop included thirty to forty teachers, and one workshop in November catered to independent school teachers only. The Education Department at the Council has been greatly expanding, as has their outreach. Loretta Williams, Jim Falk, and many more at the Council have worked tirelessly to take WIT into school districts throughout the region, and the Council already has seven workshops on the calendar in 2007. These workshops will target several new regions in Texas, including the Lancaster ISD, the Fort Worth ISD and private schools.

The Southern Center looks forward to many more workshops held with our Council partners and others in 2007!

Teach Africa in Portland and Pittsburgh



Africa in Transition comprised one of the main teaching resources distributed to hundreds of educators attending two *Teach for Africa* Conferences held in conjunction with World Affairs Councils this past fall. The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the World Affairs Council of Oregon each held a one-day conference as part of a

major multiphase program designed by the Africa Society of The National Summit on Africa. This program was designed to provide educators with the multidisciplinary background and tools needed to raise student knowledge and interest in Africa.

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh collaborated with the Africa Society to host over 160 educators for their conference in October. K-12 teachers from the area attended workshops, breakout sessions, and a keynote panel composed of renowned experts and leaders, including Her Excellency Faida Mitifu, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Educators also received over \$20,000 worth of educational resources for their classrooms.

The World Affairs Council of Oregon partnered with the Africa Society to bring together over 200 educators from around the state of Oregon for their “*Why Africa Matters*” Conference on December 9th. This conference, held at Portland State University, included a comprehensive overview of the region, curricular resource sessions, and talks from many noteworthy keynote speakers. Teachers in attendance were able to attend a wonderful range of breakout sessions led by many national and local experts on such topics as African Economic Development, Education, Music and Dance, Language, and many more.



Images from the Southern Center's South Asia Workshop

New in Atlanta...

Air Force ROTC Workbooks.

The Southern Center for International Studies has been providing the United States Air Force with high quality instructional materials to train its ROTC officers for several years. Over the past year, the Southern Center has collaborated with the Air Force ROTC to create a set of student workbooks for ROTC programs in thousands of high schools across the nation. These workbooks, along with the World in Transition series, are now a major component of the new “Cultural Studies” requirement within the ROTC curriculum. The student workbooks, composed of two volumes and an answer key for instructors, cover 6 regions of the world. This past summer and fall, Southern Center trainers traveled to Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, and Reidstadt, Germany to train over one hundred ROTC instructors.

South Asia Workshops

Since South Asia in Transition’s release last spring, the Southern Center has hosted several region specific workshops on this dynamic new unit. A South Asia workshop held at the Southern Center last September for Atlanta Metropolitan Area teachers featured Indian cuisine, a cultural presentation, and a lecture from Ambassador Marion Creekmore, former Ambassador to Sri Lanka.

South Asia will be featured this year at the annual National Teacher’s Workshop hosted by the National WACA Office this July. Please remember to notify educators using World in Transition in your area about this wonderful professional development opportunity in Washington, DC!



Facts about WIT and Your Council

- ✓ **SCIS has many useful marketing materials available to aid Council members with their fundraising efforts. These include evaluations of the WIT material, quotes from world leaders, and critiques from respected educators.**
- ✓ **SCIS can also offer fundraising help to program partners through foundation searches, sample grant language, flyers, FAQ sheets, etc.**
- ✓ **Visit www.worldaffairsCouncils.org/programs/flagship/worldintransition/faqs/ to see the newest FAQs and outline for the WIT/WACA Flagship Program. Due to grants SCIS has received, SCIS is able to offer significant discounts to councils who join as a partner in the WIT program. We also offer other discounts to WACA member councils.**
- ✓ **Partners are encouraged to place labels identifying their council on WIT materials.**

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