

TPS @ DePaul Newsletter

January 2013 – TPS @ DePaul Staffing Update, Martin Luther King Jr. resources, the new Voices of the Civil War Blog and more!

Happy New Year Educators!

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready to start new adventures in 2013! We have staffing news and many new resources to share with you this month.

TPS STAFFING UPDATE

We are starting the New Year with a big change. TPS at DePaul University bids a fond farewell to our Senior Program Director, Margo Tomaras, who will retire at the end of January 2013 after nine years with the program. The TPS at DePaul staff wish Margo well, and thank her for her years of service to the program and university. TPS at DePaul is also pleased to welcome our new Program Director, Dr. David Bates, who will begin in January.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IS MONDAY, JANUARY 21

In January we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which is a great opportunity to introduce students to the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have published numerous resources for commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. in previous newsletters; please refer to links provided below for more information. African American History Month begins in February and you will find valuable information on these sites as well.

NEW “VOICES OF THE CIVIL WAR” BLOG

The Voices of the Civil War blog <http://blogs.loc.gov/civil-war-voices/> complements *The Civil War in America* exhibition, displayed on site at the Library of Congress between November 12, 2012, and June 1, 2013, and online <http://myloc.gov/exhibitions/civil-war-in-america>. Posts are written by more than forty individuals featured in the exhibition and are excerpts from their diaries, letters, and published memoirs—all eyewitness accounts to the events of the war.

Why should you consider using these personal historical texts in your classroom? These entries are compelling, lively, full of details and an excellent way to make learning about the Civil War more personal and interesting. These texts often present the authors' accounts and assessments of the same historical events or figures, each from a different perspective. You will find the transcribed letters, diaries, and other texts from notable figures such as Mary Todd Lincoln and Stonewall Jackson, to ordinary Americans, like freed slave Elizabeth Keckley or Confederate sympathizer, Eugenia Levy Phillips. Please visit the blog for entries. Links to other Library collections of Civil War letters and diaries are provided below.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS MAGAZINE

The Library of Congress Magazine (LCM) is published bimonthly to tell the Library's stories, to showcase its many talented staff, and to share and promote the use of the resources of the

world's largest library. Check out the November-December 2012 issue which features stories on the people and maps of the Civil War, and a worldwide celebration of the book,
http://www.loc.gov/lcm/pdf/LCM_2012_1112.pdf

U.S. STATE RESOURCES AT THE LIBRARY

Are your students working on state projects this spring? In addition to the number of sources they will find online and in the library, please don't forget to direct them to the informative primary sources about their state's history available at the Library of Congress. Click on a desired state for a selection of primary sources:

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/states/>

ATTENTION: LEVEL II PAST PARTICIPANTS

Did you participate in a Level II session but have yet to complete and submit your lesson plan for review? Do you think it's been too long and cannot submit a lesson? It's not too late! If you successfully completed all three sessions of the Level II program and plan to implement a lesson plan on your topic before the end of the school year, please contact us to review your lesson plan and schedule an in-class observation. Remember, all Level II participants who write, submit, and implement their lesson plan can earn a laptop or portable LCD projector. Don't delay, contact us today!

UPCOMING TPS EVENTS

Remember to check our website <http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/> for upcoming events.

LINKS

Previous January newsletters

January 2010 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & Civil Rights

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_January_2010.htm

January 2008 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_January_2008.htm

January 2007 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

http://condor.depaul.edu/tps/Newsletters_January_2007.htm

Using Diaries, Letters, and Other Personal Texts in the Classroom

Voices of the Civil War Blog

<http://blogs.loc.gov/civil-war-voices/>

A Civil War Soldier in the Wild Cat Regiment: Selections from the Tilton C. Reynolds Papers (Collection Connection)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/wild-cat-regiment/index.html>

First-Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920 (Collection Connection)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/narratives-south/index.html>

Making Sense of Letters and Diaries by Steven Stowe

<http://historymatters.gmu.edu/mse/letters/index.html>