ED378, SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENT TEACHING SEMINAR  
Spring, 2005  
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Meeting Time: 3:45-5:45  
HURD 302

Class will involve a mix of conversation about issues coming up spontaneously as a result of your experience in the classrooms, presentations which will remind you of best practice for the social studies classroom, and issues that every current social studies teacher needs to consider. Student teaching is a time for questions. Bring your questions to class and let us explore them together. Below are some potential topics. Please feel free to add to the list.

Potential Topics:
1. What are the social studies?
2. What does it mean to help young people become citizens?
3. What is your job as a social studies teacher?
4. Teaching social studies as lived experience  
   • Teaching geography as lived experience  
   • Teaching history as lived experience
5. Teaching critical thinking
6. Teaching historical thinking
7. The five themes of geography and geographic thinking
8. Teaching economics
9. Teaching government
10. Teaching writing in the social studies classroom
11. Teaching reading in the social studies classroom
12. What activities promote thinking in the social studies classroom?
13. The impact of state standards on the social studies classroom
14. Current Issues and the social studies classroom
15. Teaching controversial issues
16. Issues of diversity (gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity) and the social studies
17. Using the internet to teach the social studies
18. Professional organizations, professional journals and staying current
19. Local history in the social studies classroom
20. Using primary documents in the history classroom