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NEW JERSEY TEACHER SELECTED FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY SPRING WEBINAR SERIES

22 February 2022, College Park, MD – This spring, **National History Day®** (**NHD**) selected Ms. Madie Lee at Dwight-Englewood School in Englewood, New Jersey for the spring professional development *Historical Argumentation Webinar Series*. Ms. Lee's enrollment is funded by the Library of Congress.

Now in its third year, the webinar series features resources from the Library of Congress. The course also includes four live webinars with an expert historian. Teachers develop strategies to help their students think like a historian and develop a solid historical argument. The learning modules support NHD's 2022 theme *Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences*.

"The teachers who participate in *Historical Argumentation* are all dedicated to teaching students about the nuances of creating a sound claim backed by evidence," said National History Day Executive Director Dr. Cathy Gorn. "The skills of discerning evidence, understanding historical resources, and being able to make sound arguments benefit students throughout their academic and professional careers."

There are 120 teachers enrolled for the spring 2022 course. Upon completing the series, the teachers will have demonstrated they can use Library of Congress resources to map out a model historical argument. Participants earn professional development credits upon course completion.

This course is made possible by generous funding provided by the Library of Congress and the 400 Years of African American History Commission.

About National History Day® (NHD)

NHD is a non-profit organization based in College Park, Maryland, which seeks to improve the teaching and learning of history. The National History Day Contest was established in



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1974 and currently engages more than half a million students every year in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. Students present their research as a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website.

Projects compete first at the local and affiliate levels, where the top entries are invited to the National Contest at the University of Maryland at College Park. NHD is sponsored in part by BBVA, Behring Global Education Foundation, The Better Angels Society, Diana Davis Spencer Foundation, HISTORY®, Tom Lauer, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Park Service, and Pritzker Military Museum & Library. For more information, visit nhd.org.

About New Jersey History Day

New Jersey History Day is an affiliate of National History Day and a year-long educational program sponsored by William Paterson University. The annual program enables more than 5,000 New Jersey students in grades six through twelve the opportunity to learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. These middle and high school students create original projects that explore a historical topic of their choice on an annual theme. Professional development for teachers is offered through online courses and platforms, summer teacher institutes, workshops, and classroom outreach. For more information email njhistoryday@wpunj.edu.