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TO: Chief School Administrator
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FROM: Stephanie James Wilson, Executive Director
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Division of Academics

SUBJECT: Amistad Commission Annual Summer Curriculum Institutes for Teachers
Southern Region: Stockton University, July 27-29, 2015
Northern Region: Montclair State University, August 3-5, 2015

Using the Amistad Curriculum to explicate the histories and legacies of “Jim Crow” in New Jersey and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 across the country – using Case Studies, Primary Sources and Historical Fiction within the College and Career State Standards and Social Studies Curriculum

The Amistad Commission is proud to present two residential programs to be held at two locations (north and south), the inaugural Summer Curriculum Institute at Stockton University in Galloway Township, NJ, on July 27-29, 2015, and the 9th Annual Summer Curriculum Institute at Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ, on August 3-5, 2015.

The curriculum consortia are designed for public school elementary and secondary teachers and administrators with an emphasis on social studies and give educators access to prominent historians and scholars. We encourage both administrators and educators to apply for this free professional development opportunity.

Applicants are invited to apply to either institute at Montclair State University or Stockton University (not both). Applicants are not restricted by geographic location.
The 2015 New Jersey Amistad Commission Summer Institute applications are available on the Amistad Commission webpage at: http://www.state.nj.us/education/amistad

The Commission web-based curriculum resource at: http://www.njamistadcurriculum.net

**ELIGIBILITY**

All New Jersey public (district and charter school) and nonpublic (parochial or private school) elementary or secondary educators are eligible to participate. Applicants must complete the Amistad application and essay, and provide all of the information requested to be considered eligible.

First preference will be given to applicants who commit to full training at their chosen institute. If there are extenuating circumstances, please let us know on your application. Commuter applicants must select the commuter option on the application.

To be given full professional development credit, candidates selected to participate must attend the full sessions for which they are registered.

*Partial attendance or daily visits are not permitted without prior authorization.*

Completed applications should be submitted to the New Jersey Amistad Commission by Monday, July 13, 2015. **Space is limited and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.**

**All selected candidates will be notified no later than Friday, July 17, 2015.** If there are any questions about the application process or the Institute please email or contact Glender Terrell or Shara Floyd in the Amistad Commission office at 609-984-6428 or at amistad@doe.state.nj.us.

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