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**International Human Rights Advocate for Children Keynote
Speaker of the
Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture**

I am happy to announce that Mr. Bruce Harris, internationally known human rights activist for children, will hold the International Assembly's keynote address on Friday, November 14, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mr. Harris is the Executive Director of Latin American Programs for Covenant House, one of the largest privately funded agencies for Latin American children. He will share with us visual images of the unimaginable living conditions of millions of youngsters in our neighboring countries to the South and the role of Casa Alianza in reducing their plight.

Casa Alianza is a non-governmental charitable organization that works to defend and protect children's rights. It provides a 24-hour toll-free help line for children and youth in crisis to call from anywhere in the country (Mexico): ACERCATEL, 01-800-110-10-10. Already in 2003, the calls have numbered 126,133.

Experts attribute the principle causes of death among young people there to violence, drug addiction and abuse. However, there is also an alarming rate of suicides. It is estimated that the majority of the 3,200 suicides annually in Mexico are persons between the ages of 11 and 20.

Please join us in this special event, for one of the most heart-rending presentations about the suffering of the world's children. For additional information about this, contact media@casa-alianza.org or visit www.acercatel.org.mx

Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, Ed. D., Program Chair

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Margit McGuire is Director and Professor of Teacher Education at Seattle University. In 1991 she served as President of the National Council for the Social Studies. She was instrumental in establishing the International

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR!

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Dear Colleagues:

I hope you all had a relaxing and pleasant break and that your school year got off to a great start. Let me wish you a successful school year in 2003-2004! I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago this year.

As we begin another school year, I would like to encourage each one of us to reflect on our global community, especially the realities that characterize it, many of which are quite unsettling, and to envision how we can bring about positive change. The human family still faces critical national and global challenges that if left unaddressed may result in serious consequences. Terrorism, war, poverty, hunger, environmental degradation, diseases, illiteracy, gross inequities, tensions and conflicts, exploitation, and more remain pervasive. More than ever before, social educators are challenged to work together to bring about peaceful resolutions that will make our world more humane, just, and peaceful. This is why our organization is not only important, but necessary. If we are to successfully work toward building a humane, just, and peaceful world, our collective responsibility and collaboration are imperative. The problems that we face today defy a unilateral solution. We must work together, share ideas, and act collectively. This is why also, the theme for this year's conference in Chicago is so timely and powerful—the Power of One. Each of us is challenged to make a difference as we work toward remaking our communities and world. We must be committed to sharing successful projects and practices, and dream together for a world of possibilities and change. Please be prepared to come to Chicago to brainstorm with others so that we can envision a world of possibilities.

Hello Chicago!

I am pleased to inform you that our vice-chair and conference program chair, Dr. Toni Kirkwood, has worked very hard to plan an exciting program. Thank you, Toni! Let me also thank those of you who submitted proposals. We can't have a successful conference program without paper presentations. Thank YOU! A perusal of the abstracts of proposals accepted for this year's program indicates that the presentations will be invigorating, fresh, and intellectually engaging. These are presentations you will not want to miss.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday: November 13, 2003

1:30-3:30 PM

Teaching and Learning about the World

Korean Pioneers in America:

Materials of Their Life Stories in Teaching United States History and World History

Chair: Yong Jin Choi, Korean Society, USA

Presenters: Heidi Roup, USA; K. W. Lee, USA; Greg Tumminio, Rockeville Center, USA

History, Transitions, and Changes: Multiculturalism and Accountability in Canada and the United States

Presenter: Alison Dobrick, Florida Atlantic University, USA

Emergence of a Civil Society in China

Presenter: Lin Lin, University of Georgia, USA

Global Citizenship Education in Russia and Turkey

Place and Importance of Social Studies in Raising Individuals' Awareness of World Citizenship

Presenter: Sefic Yasar, Anadolu University, Turkey

Civics Mosaic: An American/Russian Comparative Civics Exchange Project

Chair: Charles S. White, Boston University, USA

Presenters: Stephen Schechter, Council for Citizenship Education, USA; Lynn R. Nelson, Purdue University, USA;

Deborah White, North River Collaborative, USA

Building a More Peaceful World through Global Citizenship Education

Presenter: Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker, Florida Atlantic University, USA

Effective Social Studies Teaching and Learning

Classroom Teachers' Conceptualizations of Integrated Social Studies and Science Standards-Based Teaching via University Practica

Chair: Margo Sorgman, Indiana University, USA

Presenter: Julie Saam, Indiana University, USA

National Social Studies Education in Singapore

Presenter: Chee Min Fui, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Effective Elementary Social Studies Teachers: Quality Teaching and Real Learning: How is this Achieved?

Presenter: Rose Mulraney, Victoria University, Australia

Preparing Global Teachers in the Age of Globalization

September 11: Altered Preservice Teachers' Dispositions about Global Concerns

Presenter: Omiunota Ukpokodu, University of Missouri Kansas City, USA

Teaching in the Third Millennium: Global Students and Global Teachers: Lessons from Australia

Presenter: Julie Dryer, Deakin University, Australia

Preparing Global Teachers in a Rapidly Changing Korean Society

Presenter: Hyunduk Kim, Koje College, South Korea

Friday: November 14, 2003

9:00-11:00 AM

Democratic Citizenship Education in Other Nations

Education for Democracy in the Baltic States: A Report from the Field

Chair: John J. Patrick, Indiana University, USA

Presenters: Sulev Valdmak, Jann Tonisson Institute, Tallinn, Estonia; Aija Tuna, Soros Foundation, Riga, Latvia;

Giedra Kvieskiene, Vilnius Pedagogical University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Commentator: Pat Feichter, Center for Civic Education, California, USA

The Power of One in Clare: Engaging Students in a Whole School Approach to Civics and Citizenship

Presenter: Peter Leverenz, Clare High School, Australia

Using the We the People Curriculum to Improve Minority Students' Knowledge and Perception of Citizenship

Presenter: Michael Shreffler, Florida Atlantic University, USA

Promoting Peacebuilding through Global Perspectives in Education

Peace Education: Teachers' and Students' Perceptions of Present-Day Korea

Presenter: Kim H. Song, University of Missouri St. Louis, USA

Enhancing Human Values in Global Education

Chair & Presenter: Hilary Landorf, Florida International University, USA

Presenter: Sadiq Abdullahi, Florida International University, USA

Caught Between Their Identities: Social Studies Teachers' Professional Role Conflicts in Korean Public Middle Schools

Presenter: Daehoon Jho, Sungshin Women's University, Seoul, South Korea

Minority and Gender Issues in Textual Materials

Characterizing Social Studies Textbooks (2003) in the USA: Problems and Possibilities

Presenter: Gloria T. Alter, Independent Scholar, DeKalb, IL, USA

Representations of Gender: An Analysis of Social Studies Instructional Materials in Singapore

Presenter: Ee Moi Kho, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Heroines in Elementary Social Studies Textbooks: A Global Perspective

Chair & Presenter: Guichun Zong, University of Kentucky, USA

Presenters: Mohammed Farouk, Florida International University, USA; Theresa Tuwor, University of Kentucky, USA

Enhancing Democratic Practices in Teacher Education and Schools Around the World

Democratic Classroom Practices: Outcomes for Better Teacher Preparation

Presenters: Caroline R. Pryor, Texas A & M University, USA; Brand W. Pryor, Lamar University, USA

The Role of Social Education in Addressing Citizenship and Globalization: A Pacific Island Study

Presenter: Warren Prior, Australia

Virtual Montana: Developing the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Fieldwork Studies

HERODOT: An International Network of Geography Departments in Higher Education

Presenter: Karl Donert, Liverpool Hope University, United Kingdom

Connecting the World through Communications and Travel

Analysis of Korean Educational Broadcasting Programs with Global Perspectives

Presenter: Youngjoo Moon, Korean Educational Broadcasting Systems, South Korea

Promoting Cross-National Understanding of Chinese and American Educators through International Travel

Presenter: Ronald G. Helms, Wright State University, USA

Our World: An International Program for Global Citizenship Education

Presenter: Harry Rogge, EuroSchool, The Netherlands

The Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture: Friday, November 14, 2003, 1:00-3:00 PM

Keynote Speaker, Bruce Harris (See article on page 1)

Jan L. Tucker was a nationally and internationally prominent social studies scholar who promoted the idea of global education to meet the challenges of an increasingly interdependent and rapidly changing world. He served as president of NCSS and was a mover and shaker in creating the International Assembly to embrace scholars from abroad. One of his greatest accomplishments was his participation in the radical education reform movement of Russian education at the end of the Cold War. He died unexpectedly at the age of 63. John J. Cogan, University of Minnesota; Michael Hartoonian, University of Minnesota; and David Grossman, Dean of the Hong Kong Institute of Education were instrumental in establishing the Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture.

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Assembly as an associated organization of NCSS in the early 90s. She is the author of Storypath, an integrated social studies program. Storypath, known as Storyline in Scotland where the strategy originated, has now moved to Australia where it is being embraced by the Priority Schools Fair Go Project. See: <http://facstaff.seattleu.edu/mmcguire/storypath.html>

Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker is Associate Professor of Social Studies and Global Education at Florida Atlantic University. She worked for 22 years in the Miami Public School District as a high school social studies teacher, district curriculum coordinator for social studies, and director of the International Global Education Program. She was a Fulbright Teacher Scholar in China in 1985. Toni continues the work of her late husband, Jan Tucker, supporting Russia's efforts to globalize curriculum and instruction in teacher education programs and schools. Toni is bilingual and bicultural, a German emigrant. She has just returned from her second Fulbright in Russia. Please see: <http://cyberedtech.fau.edu/kirkwood-tucker>

What First Time Attendees/Presenters Say About the Conference

Sadiq A. Abdullahi, a professional tennis player for many years, born in Kaduna, Nigeria, is a doctoral candidate at Florida International University in Miami, FL. He currently teaches Economics and Government from a global perspective at Homestead Senior High School in Homestead, FL. Sadiq's presentation addressed citizenship education in Nigeria. He was most impressed with the organization of the roundtable sessions. "The discussions were deep and focused. The highlight of last year's conference was returning to Miami with tons of global and instructional materials for teaching global education."

Yali Zhao came from China in the year 2000 to pursue a Ph.D. in the Department of Social Science Education at the University of Georgia. She says, "I was really excited to be able to attend the International Assembly in 2002 and present my paper on character education in China. I really enjoyed being with so many researchers and educators from all over the world, listening to them sharing their research and viewpoints about education in their own countries. That's the most exciting part of IA. I'm looking forward to it in the coming years."

Greetings from the Chair (continued from page 1)

As you plan to join us in Chicago, please remember that we will hold our usual business meeting. Please come with ideas to help us make IA an organization that is not only intellectually stimulating, but action-oriented.

Please ponder these questions: What activities should IA be engaged in other than what it is currently doing? Is IA realizing the goals for which it was established? What should IA be doing to benefit you relative to meeting your personal needs and interests as a member? What do you see as the role and contribution of IA as an associated group of NCSS? How would you want IA to function in order to maximize its potential? How can IA become more visible and gain more respectability within NCSS? Please email any questions or ideas to me at ukpokodun@umkc.edu. I look forward to meeting and networking with you in Chicago. I salute you!!

Message from the Vice-Chair and Conference Program Chair—Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker

Proposals for Roundtables Reach High Numbers and Promise Interesting Sessions

Twenty-eight proposals have been accepted for our roundtable sessions this year in Chicago, submitted from our colleagues around the world---with our Asian and Australian colleagues in the lead. The country with the highest number of proposals is Korea this year. Congratulations.

We are delighted that our international community is growing with increasing numbers of proposals each year but are concerned about our African and Latin American colleagues who are unable to attend the Chicago conference. Your presentations have been scheduled either for Thursday afternoon or Friday morning (see conference schedule). Please remember to bring a minimum of 30 paper copies for distribution. Thank

you. We wish you a safe trip and look forward to greeting you in Chicago.

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A special thank you to all those who contributed to this issue of the newsletter! Gloria Alter