



BI-STATE ECON ED CONFERENCE
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Not Leaving Economics Behind
Educator Conference and Dinner
Monday, April 4, 2011

BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

4:30 – 5:15 pm	Mini-Economics/Mini-Society For Elementary Classrooms <i>(Elementary)</i>	Personal Finance: Setting the Stage for a Career <i>(High School)</i>	Teaching Economics Through Children's Literature and the History of Ancient Civilizations <i>(Elementary/ Middle School)</i>	Using Technology to Bring Econ Alive <i>(General)</i>
5:30 – 6:15 pm	Educational Study Tours Abroad <i>(General)</i>	Incorporating Economics into Middle School Social Studies <i>(Middle School)</i>	Integrating Math and Economics Now for a Better Future Later <i>(Elementary)</i>	Supply & Demand on EBay <i>(High School/College)</i>

BREAKOUT SESSION I OPTIONS

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Title: Mini-Economics/Mini-Society For Elementary Classrooms

Grade: Elementary

Presenter(s): Sarah Green - 3rd grade teacher, Independence District SS Design Team Member
 Joe Falk - 6th grade teacher, Shawnee Mission School District

Description: Join this session to see how Mini-Economics/Mini-Society is implemented in an elementary school classroom. The presentation will focus on organizational strategies that make implementation easy. Resources will include a general timeline, ready to copy templates, and a sample supply list.

Title: Personal Finance: Setting the Stage for a Career

Grade: High School

Presenter(s): Kevin Clevenger - Personal Finance teacher, Blue Springs School District
 Mike Hagerty - Personal Finance teacher, Blue Springs School District

Description: Learn how to incorporate job hunting skills into the area of careers in personal finance curriculum. Such as, cover letters, resumes, and interviewing strategies. Included will be handouts and scoring guides used to take back to implement in your classroom.

Title: Teaching Economics Through Children’s Literature and the History of Ancient Civilizations
Grade: Elementary/Middle School
Presenters: Sherie Surbaugh - Associate Director, KU Center for Economic Education
Gigi Wolf - Economic Education Specialist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
Nadia Kardash, Ph.D. - KU and UMKC Centers for Economic Education
Description: This presentation will be divided into two parts. The first will provide an introduction to several classroom-ready lessons that can help teachers share economic and personal finance concepts through children's literature. These lessons can easily tie into the required reading component for K-8 classrooms and can make concepts like scarcity and opportunity cost more engaging and visually interactive for students. An overview of available lessons and their correlation to specific economic concepts will be provided, along with a copy of over 20 lessons as well as a list of online resources and publications. The second part of this session will introduce participants to a variety of instructional resources and research-based strategies that blend history and economics in order to develop a deep understanding of the contributions and interactions of major world civilizations. All civilizations experience change throughout time; this session is designed to help participants identify and critically analyze these changes.

Title: Using Technology to Bring Econ Alive
Grade: General
Presenter(s): John LeFeber – Council on Economic Education, Curriculum and Instructional Developer and EconEdLink Project Manager
Description: Technology integration engages students in learning. Deciding what technology to use is challenging for everyone involved. Participants will share resources and explore existing resources that enhance Economics instruction.

BREAKOUT SESSION II OPTIONS

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Title: Educational Study Tours Abroad
Grade: General
Presenter(s): Bret Mock - Social Studies teacher, Sumner Academy
Barbara Thompson - elementary teacher
Description: Ever thought of participating in international educational study tours? Attend this session to hear about the presenters’ exciting experiences participating in *EconomicsInternational* programs of the Council for Economic Education. Learn how you, too, might participate and realize benefits for both you and your students. Meet educators from several East European countries currently participating in a study tour to the United States.

Title: Incorporating Economics into Middle School Social Studies
Grade: Middle School
Presenter(s): Deb Brown - Shawnee Mission School District, K-12 Resource Specialist
Mindy Messmer - 7th grade Social Studies Teacher, Westridge Middle School
Karla Johnson - 7th grade Social Studies Teacher, Westridge Middle School
Description: Join this session to learn about the ways to incorporate teaching economics into social studies curriculum. The presenters will share key components of the economics curriculum

developed by district teachers for their 7th grade social studies classes as well as share what economics lesson have worked well with middle school students.

Title: Integrating Math and Economics Now for a Better Future Later
Grade: Elementary
Presenter(s): Sherry McCombs - Instructional Coach, Grandview School District
Description: Join this session to learn how to integrate economics across the elementary math curriculum, and why it makes sense. The presenter will provide her rationale and then share resources she has found effective. Walk away with several integrated activities/lesson plans that you can immediately take back to implement in your classroom(s).

Title: Supply & Demand on EBay
Grade: High School/College
Presenter(s): Professor Gautam Bhattacharyya, Ph.D. - Professor of Economics, University of Kansas
Description: Professor Bhattacharyya will demonstrate how he helps students to understand and analyze supply and demand using data available on EBay.