Masters of Social Studies in World History:

As a new teacher and recent graduate of Delaware's History Education program I believe that these new courses will help teachers enhance and build upon their skills as a social studies teacher. With education changing rapidly this program allows social studies teachers to learn new techniques that are better suited for the new generation of learners.

The University of Delaware is taking their best History Professors to create a program that is designed to help Social Studies teachers create connections throughout various disciplines. Although the title of the program may stress world history, UD has put a large focus into making it a cross curricular program that will connect world history to other facets of Social Studies.

One of the biggest issues most social studies teachers face is making their students find the importance in the material. This program is focused on connecting world history to current events. Current events allow students to make connections to their personal lives, and in turn find a meaning for studying the material.

The best part of this program is its flexibility towards teacher's busy schedules. This program is designed so that the majority of coursework and final project will be taken in the summer. Fall and Spring courses, in addition to the final summer courses, will be offered as real-time distance learning seminars, enabling teacher candidates beyond Delaware to participate in the Graduate Program. Teachers throughout the nation, and the world, will have a chance to participate in these ground breaking courses.

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