

Teaching the Geography of Minnesota
Thursday, May 20, 2010
Agenda

- 8:15-8:30 a.m. Check-in
- 8:30-8:40 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 8:40-9:40 a.m. Physical Geography of Minnesota
Susy Svatek Ziegler
- 9:40-9:50 a.m. Morning Break
- 9:50-10:50 a.m. Agriculture in Minnesota
John Fraser Hart
- 10:50-11:30 a.m. Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom and Resource Sharing
Michelle Leba and Al Withers
- 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 12:15-1:15 p.m. Use and Meaning of Land from Indigenous Viewpoints
Robin Nelson
- 1:15-1:45 p.m. Resource Sharing
Michelle Leba
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Afternoon Break
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Settlement and Land Use
Dave Lanegran
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Resource Sharing and Evaluation
Michelle Leba

Workshop Description:

This workshop will provide teachers with resources to teach the Grades 4-8 Minnesota Geography Standards that are specific to Minnesota. Topics covered will include major physical and cultural features of Minnesota, the changing relationships between the patterns of settlement and land use in Minnesota, immigration, and agriculture. This workshop will include an

examination of the use and meaning of land from indigenous viewpoints. Participants will have access to new resources, materials, and tools to help improve student learning in the classroom.

Workshop Goal and Objectives:

Goal:

Participants will acquire resources and knowledge related to the Minnesota geography standards.

Objectives:

- Participants will explore multiple resources (books, maps, and websites) for use in their classrooms.
- Participants will explain the major physical and cultural features of Minnesota.
- Participants will provide examples of how American Indians in Minnesota use the land.
- Participants will state the changing relationship between the patterns of settlement and land use in Minnesota.

Presenters:

John Fraser Hart, University of Minnesota

Dave Lanegran, Macalester College

Michelle Leba, Washington Technology Magnet Middle School

Robin Nelson, District 622 American Indian Education Coordinator/Consultant

Susy Svatek Ziegler, University of Minnesota

Al Withers, Minnesota Department of Agriculture