

Cindy Renner is a Social Studies teacher for Lincoln Public Schools in Lincoln, Nebraska. She graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2005 with a degree in Secondary Education, endorsed in Social Sciences. Cindy relocated to the Pacific Northwest and earned a Washington State teaching certificate and Language Arts endorsement. She then taught a middle-level, integrated curriculum in Seattle, WA from 2008-2010 until she moved back to her home state of Nebraska and earned a Master of Arts in Historical Studies from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 2012.

At Goodrich Middle School, Cindy is the Social Studies Department Liaison, Multicultural Liaison, Native American Caucus sponsor and works on the school SIP team. She has been very involved with the Native American caucus at Lincoln North Star and Sylvester Middle School, also. Twice, she has sponsored a group of students in attending the Denver March Pow Wow, and she continues to encourage her students to attend local events and learn about Native historical and contemporary issues. As a member of the Goodrich Middle School community, Cindy teaches seventh grade World Studies to an incredibly diverse group of students. They focus on major world religions and the geography and culture of regions around the world.

Cindy takes pride in continuing to develop as a professional. She has collaborated on her building, district and state curriculum and assessment teams. She enjoys attending the National Indian Education Association's national conference and she has attended the National Council for the Social Studies' annual conference since 2005. At NCSS this year, Cindy will serve as a representative for the Teaching Native American History, Culture and Current Events Community in the House of Delegates. She has been a presenter the last three years with the following session topics:

- Chief Standing Bear's Footsteps: Voices from our Past, Today
- Manifest Your Destiny with Historical Habits of Mind
- Indian Mascots: Honor or Acceptable Racism and Deculturalization of People
- American Indians and their Human Rights Struggle: Past and Present