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PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Education in Tough Times – Tough Times in Education

16th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
YORK UNIVERSITY
OCTOBER 21-24, 2010
TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

The CHEA/ACHE invites proposals for its 2010 conference in Toronto (21-24 October). The conference theme is “Education in Tough Times – Tough Times in Education.” In tough economic times, or other times of difficulty, people often turn to education as a means of enduring, or overcoming adversity. Yet education itself seems to face perpetual tough times, moving from (real or invented) crisis to crisis. What’s more, education is itself a crisis of knowledge and representation, and educational discourses on questions of authority and discipline tend to swirl around the dichotomy between toughness and compliance. Advocates of curriculum change, for example, call for ‘tough new standards.’ ‘Zero-tolerance’ policies demonstrate educators’ willingness to ‘get tough’ on school violence.

The CHEA/ACHE welcomes proposals on all subjects in the history of education. We especially encourage individual papers or panels that address – from a historical perspective – any aspect of education or schooling as it relates to difficult times, crisis, adversity, or ‘toughness.’ Potential themes include, but are not limited to:

- Education in ‘tough times’; economic depression, war, revolution, social upheaval.
- Crisis in education.
- ‘Toughness’ at school: discipline, curriculum, bullying, and school violence.
- ‘Toughness,’ education and identity: gender, class, race, sexuality, and disability.
- Surviving ‘tough times’: education and social, economic, or political reconstruction.

CHEA/ACHE also invites contributions to a new conference feature: the ‘1000 words in a picture’ stream. We welcome proposed presentations which consist of a picture of an artifact, a place or an image and a short paper (maximum 1000 words) analyzing the picture’s historical significance and relevance to the conference themes. The image will be projected during the delivery of the paper.

FORMAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS WILL BE POSTED IN SEPTEMBER, 2009.

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