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# Howard Egger-Bovet and Dr. Jesus Garcia launch their media campaign 'American History Left Behind'

-- (Sonoma County, California)--Mr. Howard Egger-Bovet, the award nominated children's book author and media producer is partnering with Dr. Jesus Garcia, former president of the National Council for the Social Studies to launch their national media campaign *American History Left Behind*.

Mr. Howard Egger-Bovet and Dr. Jesus Garcia will launch their campaign with radio talk show host David Strauss on Talk Radio KTRS in St. Louis, Missouri, October 9 at 7 p.m. CDT. Howard Egger-Bovet, Dr. Jesus Garcia, and David Strauss will be discussing the state of history education in our nation's schools, and emerging evidence that indicates No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is marginalizing the subject of social studies in the K-6 curriculum.

"We're quite concerned that if students do not get the basic skills in social studies in grades K-6, that the result will be students entering high school with very little background in the social studies subjects," said Garcia in a recent interview. "Squeezing in social studies in the elementary grades will leave many students unprepared for the history courses they will encounter in middle and high school, and the high school graduation requirements."

Equally concerned is Howard Egger-Bovet, history media producer and children's education advocate. "The past must be present in students' lives. It is vital that they have every opportunity for a successful future. And yet, the opportunity for the past to be in students' lives is eroding. Any reduction of classroom time spent teaching U.S. history lowers a student's opportunity for success. Success is shaped by an understanding of yourself and the patterns of the world in which you live. Knowledge of history offers an understanding of human behavior, governments, and human reactions and adaptations over time.

"It is my hope that through the American History Left Behind campaign we will raise awareness about the consequences of pushing American history further into the classroom shadows," said Egger-Bovet in a recent interview.

For more information on American History Left Behind, see the Find the Fun Productions PowerPoint

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Jesus Garcia PhD is a professor of education and the coordinator of secondary teacher education at the University of Kentucky. Garcia is the former president of the National Council for the Social Studies, an organization influential in determining what future teachers learn about history. He has published numerous articles and several books including *Creating America, A History of the United States*, and *Social Studies for Children: A Guide for Basic Instruction*.

Garcia began his career as a classroom teacher before earning his doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1975 he began teaching social studies education at Texas A&M University. He subsequently joined the faculties at Indiana University, then the University of Illinois before relocating to the University of Kentucky in 1999.

Howard Egger-Bovet is an author of the award-nominated, five-book series USKids History Series by Little Brown. This series has garnered great reviews from the New York Times and the Boston Globe. In addition, he has been a guest on TV and numerous radio programs including National Public Radio programs such as Talk America, and has taped shows for NPR's affiliate WNYE in Brooklyn, New York.

Howard Egger-Bovet is the president of Find the Fun Productions, a video production company and the creators of original, theatrical programming on American history for children. The first production titled American Colonies/American Revolution, directed by Academy Award winning director Bert Salzman, received praise from notable journals such as School Library Journal, Booklist, and The Social Studies Review

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