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Randolph Middle School Teacher Named NJ History Teacher of the Year for 2007

Dale Baumwoll, a sixth-grade social studies teacher at Randolph Middle School in Randolph (Morris County) has been named 2007 U.S. History Teacher of the Year for New Jersey by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's Preserve America Program.

Baumwoll, a resident of Randolph, was designated runner-up for New Jersey in the 2006 program, which is designed to honor one outstanding teacher of American history from each state. State winners are selected based on their experience in teaching American history for at least three years; their commitment to teaching American history; evidence of creativity and imagination in the classroom, and close attention to documents, artifacts, historic sites and other primary materials of history.

"Congratulations to Dale Baumwoll for earning this prestigious honor," said Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy. "She stands with her distinguished peers throughout the country to symbolize social studies and history teaching at their highest levels."

As New Jersey's U.S. History Teacher of the Year, Baumwoll will receive a \$1,000 check and represent the state in the competition for National History Teacher of the Year. The national winner will attend a recognition ceremony to mark the 2007-08 school year.

Baumwoll is known for her enthusiastic classroom presentations in which she has portrayed characters from American history so that her students can relate to history in the first person. A career educator, she recently completed her 13th year teaching in the Randolph Public Schools. She came to Randolph after earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida.

The award-winning teacher is a member of the state and national councils for social studies. She is founder and club advisor to Randolph Middle School's History Club. This year, club members visited a local historical museum, Maculloch Hall, to help clean and preserve artifacts.

She has published a novel, *There's No Room for You Maddie Morrison*, for boys and girls ages 9-14. The book is being used in classrooms and elementary and middle schools throughout the U.S.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Preserve America Program was established in 1994 to promote the study and love of American history. It has co-sponsored the History Teacher of the Year program since 2004.

Preserve America is a White House initiative that encourages greater shared knowledge about the nation's past and increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and national heritage assets.