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U.S. Department of State, Smithsonian Institution, and National Park Service Launch the "Diplomacy in Action" Free Webinar with Digital Badge for Educators and Students

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The U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Reception Rooms (DRR) will unveil a new digital learning resource, the Diplomat digital badge, in a free online conference on February 12, 2014. Conference participants will learn about diplomacy by exploring digitized objects, important places, and primary sources from the U.S. Department of State (10:00 a.m. ET), the National Park Service (1:00 p.m. ET), and the Smithsonian Institution (4:00 p.m. ET) and will engage in a live, online question and answer session with conference presenters. Secretary of State John Kerry will deliver opening and closing remarks via video at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET respectively.

The Diplomat badge was created by the Diplomatic Reception Rooms, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Park Service in collaboration with the American Library Association, National Council of Teachers of English, National Council for Social Studies, and National Council for Literacy Education. The group is part of the Inter-Agency Initiative on Learning, formed in 2012, to bring government agencies with museum collections together with educational organizations to create tools that bring history to life digitally for teachers, students, and the public and enhance learning.

Three online conference sessions will be held on February 12. Marcee Craighill, Curator of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms and Dr. Susan Holly, Senior Historian, Office of the Historian, will present "Practicing Diplomacy from Early America to the Present" at 10:00 a.m. ET. They will take participants into the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at the U.S. Department of State and explore objects in their collection that show diplomacy in action.

Dr. Stephanie Toothman, the National Park Service's Associate Director for Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, will present "Places of Negotiation" at 1:00 p.m. ET. She will showcase several national parks, including Eisenhower National Historic Site, San Juan Island National Historical Park, and



Jimmy Carter National Historic Site, which tell stories of diplomacy and negotiation during major turning points in U.S. and international history.

Harry R. Rubenstein, curator from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, will present "Changing America and the People behind a Movement" at 4:00 p.m. ET. He will discuss the pivotal role local grassroots movements played in the history of civil rights in America, from the Emancipation Proclamation to the March on Washington and beyond.

Participants will be encouraged to complete educational activities or quests to earn the Diplomat digital badge.

Please visit <https://diplomaticrooms.state.gov> for additional information about the Diplomatic Reception Rooms and <http://smithsonianeducationconferences.org/diplomacy> for the "Diplomacy in Action" online conference and companion digital badge. To schedule interview requests, please email MediaRequests@state.gov.