Dr. Scovill’s Title III Presentation

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This was the 8th conference I have attended since coming to Lincoln University. They have always been held in large Metropolitan areas including Denver, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Seattle, New Orleans, and Boston. The event focuses on three days of non stop seminars, presenters and poster sessions all focused on how to better teach social studies related topics. Guest speakers, typically hocking their latest book are included too.

Sadly, there has never been a discussion of the homeless who fill the city park benches and doorways in everyone of these cities.
This year the event was held in San Francisco. Walking the streets this year included the notable and regular whiff of cannabis. California is enjoying their move into the pro-pot column of states. Perhaps the tax revenue generated from marijuana sales will help pay for the care of the highest per-capita percentage of homeless in the nation.

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My itinerary was grossly disrupted by travel delays at the Columbia, Missouri airport, Kansas City International and San Francisco. I had planned to take a nice tour of the city Thursday afternoon. That did not happen.
Itinerary

• Thursday – Travel delays
• Friday - Sessions, Angel Island
• Saturday - Sessions, Coastal Trip, Historic sites, Redwood City
• Sunday - Sessions, Alameda, Travel
I did take an evening walk going several blocks in all directions from my hotel Thursday night. I did this after a nice plate of Irish Pot Roast and a Guinness Stout. As you can see in the next slide the San Fran Sickos try to do Christmas up right.
Next morning I walked to the conference center and checked in, getting my conf. materials, etc. There was a nice morning talk on the ageless topic of *Using Technology in the Classroom*. Of course the presenter had problems with their computer and the glare from morning sunshine was a laugh. Nice talk though and I snagged some websites. A follow presentation was about setting up blogs for your class and doing short video chats to the class.
Over the years, what I have found to be by far the more useful aspect of most of these cities is exploration. I hoof it and quickly to experience as much as possible. I always bring back very useful information for the students of my history courses at Lincoln University from sight seeing. Friday’s trek was to Angel Island, location of the famous East Asian Immigration processing station in the early 20th Century.
From the Conference Center I walked down Powell street and others to the Pier. This took me up and down some very steep hills, and roads.
I walked through part of Chinatown on the way and another part on the way back to the Hotel in the late afternoon. A closer look at the older apt. with the curved cupolas shows a man hanging laundry, we exchanged long stares. I stopped at a market for fruit and shop for pastries.
For you K-12 educator veterans, remember, we are in San Francisco, open spaces are beyond a premium price. Schools then are quite urban. This one took up a couple different blocks, no playground, certainly no ballfield.
The Blue and Gold must hold the main charter contracts for Angel Island, Alcatrez and other tourist points. The ferry was fine. Not crowded on the way out but nearly full several hours later.
As you have seen the weather was very nice, light jacket is all that was needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thursday evening was the “typical” cloudy rainy late autumn day. No complaints here!

That is a WWII submarine, open to the public for touring. I did not go through this one but I have toured four or five American WWII subs. I encourage you to take a tour. You may have a new appreciation for fresh air and your own living quarters no matter how small.
Looking west to and through the Golden Gate Bridge
Angel Island has a multilayered history of which I was generally ignorant. My visit consisted of a walking tour of the 5 mile perimeter road. He following slide show one of the old supply houses dating back to the late 1800s.
Old employee building, now a museum
Next three slides: Original dorm buildings for immigrants being processed, etc.
Angel Island was also the sight of Fort McDowell during the first and second world wars, and a Nike Missile defense system during the early Cold War years.
Bustling Army Post

Picture this spot a century ago. You can hear raised voices and the crunch of boots as soldiers drill. The smell of dinner wafts through the air. It's hard to see the end of the mess hall line.

Fort McDowell was first used to quarantine soldiers returning from the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. In later years, it served as a discharge and recruit depot. By 1900, the fort had become the center of island military activity.

The peak of activity occurred during World War II. Thousands of troops were sent to battle from here. The fort processed men on special assignments and replacement troops. When the war ended, Fort McDowell was no longer needed. In 1946, the base closed and the island was declared surplus. The army reopened the hospital during the Nike missile era as a barracks and administration building.

Did You Know?

- In 1900, the whole island was known as Fort McDowell. Camp Reynolds became West Garrison; this site was East Garrison.
- Many soldiers who came through here were replacement troops for units already fighting in the Pacific. The troops nicknamed replacement depots such as this "repple depples."
- Angel Island was known as "The soldier factory" during World War I.
- The busiest week in Fort McDowell was in December 1945, when 9,555 troops were discharged so they could get home in time for Christmas.
Officer’s quarters
Fort McDowell
The nice surprise of the day was walking upon the following old abandoned church and military buildings.
Nourishing the Mind and Spirit

The Chapel of Saint Marie was built by the Army in 1876 and served as a place of worship and as a schoolhouse for children. One of the chaplains of this post, Lt. Colonel Allen Allensworth, retired from the U.S. Army, in 1906, as the highest ranking African American officer.

In 1908, he founded the town of Allensworth, CA.
A great day of seeing, smelling, listening, tasting, and touching the history of Angel Island.
Back at the convention teachers from across the country were wowing over virtual technology.
Saturday started out with the most useful seminar session of the weekend. A discussion of the importance of graduating High school students to plan and prepare for their college experience. Figure out whether their choice of majors would be the financial gateway they are looking for.
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Two sessions later I was headed to the Golden Gate Recreation Area, then down Highway 1 to Redwood City.
A stop by Half Moon Bay and the beech before we headed in back inland to Redwood City
Nothing like Fresh Lemons and oranges in the backyard.
Midnight on the Metro; Reflecting on the day.
Sunday in the Bay area took me to Alameda, Blue Collar, college campuses and Redwoods
The stuff science fiction movies are based on.
Tour guides can be helpful when you are in a unfamiliar area. Having a Lincoln University Alum who lives in the area is fantastic.

My guide was a dear family friend Seth Henderson who graduated with his degree in Art a dozen years ago and whose father Mike is still keeping the university up and running.
Chicago in mid-November? This may be one to miss.