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An Interview with Kristine Condon Ph. D.

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Dr. Kristine Condon, a Kankakee Community College professor involved with the Illinois Civics Academy for Secondary Teachers, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Education is Key – Civics Education* Oral History project.

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Kristine Condon was born in Harvey, Illinois in June 1962. She grew up in Frankfort, Illinois and graduated from a growing high school district, Lincoln Way Central, in 1980. Kristine graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1984, majoring in social studies education. In 1986, she became a Deputy Clerk in the Office of the Clerk, Illinois Supreme Court, then served as a computer literacy coordinator for Roosevelt University Lawyer's Assistant Program (1988-1990). Kristine later worked at Keck, Mahin, & Cate from 1992-94, then as a paralegal coordinator and adjunct faculty at South Suburban College (1991-1998), as well as a trainer at the American Medical Association (1994-98). She joined Kankakee Community College in 1998, beginning as a computer instructor, then professor, and finally as program coordinator. At KCC, she has implemented the Paralegal program. Kristine earned a Certificate of Completion with the Lawyer's Assistant Program, a Masters of Education of Adult and Corporate Instructional Management at Loyola University and a Ph. D. from National Louis University (Chicago) in 2014. Dr. Condon has received several awards and is a participant in the United States Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers. The latter Institute helped shape her interest in increasing civics awareness.

Dr. Condon talks about the Illinois Civics Academy for Secondary Teachers and the Jr. Edition for K-8 teachers, which was developed at Kankakee Community College (KCC). The Civics Academy for Secondary Teachers is a three day event that focuses on the three branches of government, utilizing officials from those branches. The course is also tied to the Illinois Social Studies Standards and the C3 Framework (College, Career, and Civics Life). Condon also stresses the important role the paralegal program plays in the court system which began at Kankakee Community College. She reviews Civic Engagement, which is part of the KCC student experience, and talks about being a participant in the U.S. Supreme Court's Summer Institute program in 2013.

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