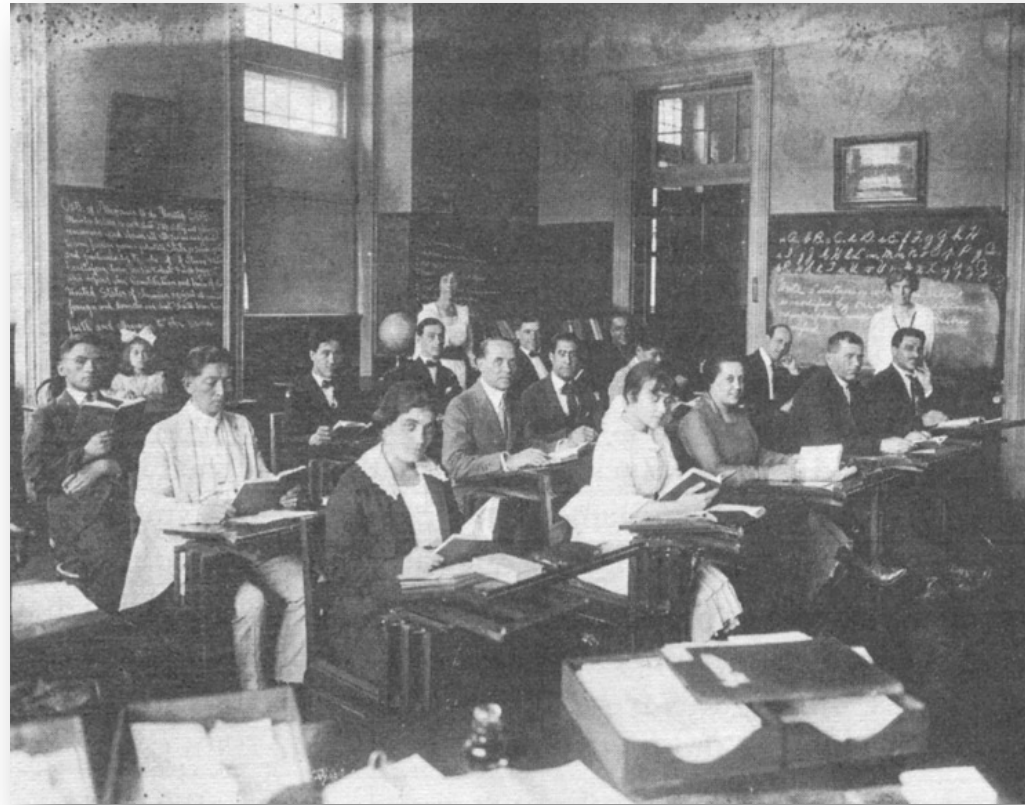


# A Brief History of Adult Education in California



# Beginnings of Adult Ed in CA

- 1856 - First recorded adult school in San Francisco, St. Mary's Cathedral
- 1907 - Evening School legislation
- 1910 - public education set aside legislation
- 1914 - four hour minimum day



Source: Meeting the Challenge – A History of Adult Education in CA  
[http://www.otan.us/images/publicarchive/ArchivesDigitalFiles/ref\\_3807\\_meetchallenge.pdf](http://www.otan.us/images/publicarchive/ArchivesDigitalFiles/ref_3807_meetchallenge.pdf)

# Roaring Twenties

- Expansion of “Americanization” program
- 1921 – legislation mandating adult education
- Tradition of “any time, any place, any pace” education
- 1926 – first State Plan for Adult Education
- 1926 – formation of Bureau of Adult Education



# Depression Thirties

- Temporary closure of adult schools
- WPA and CCC programs
- George C. Mann becomes Chief, Division of Adult Education
- 1937 – first state handbook of adult education





# Wartime Forties

- Adult education enrollment grows again
- Employment training for women
- Military services training programs
- Establishment of CCAE



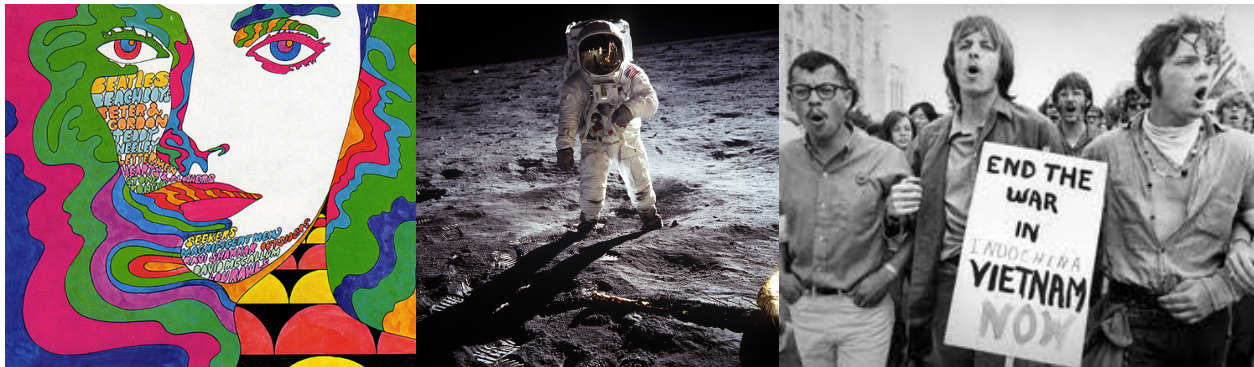
# Fabulous Fifties

- Development of modern adult education programs
- A million students in 261 high school districts and 45 junior colleges



# Expansion of Federal Role in the Sixties

- 1966 – Adult Education Act
- Federal vocational programs
- CA Regional Occupational Centers/Programs



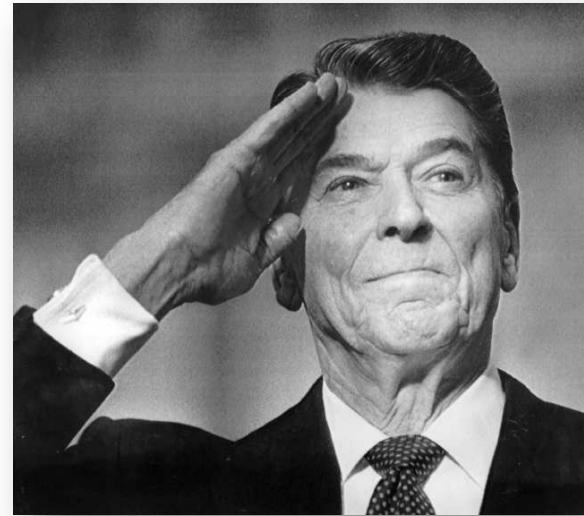
# Growth and Setbacks in the Seventies

- National competency based adult education movement
- Concepts of andragogy
- 1978 – Proposition 13 tax reform; whole categories of programs no longer supported
- 1979 – Strategic Plan for adult ed in CA



# The Eighties: CBE

- Institutionalization of Competency-Based Education
- California Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS)
- ESL Teacher Institute
- Job training initiatives (JTPA/GAIN/JOBS)
- Programs for amnesty applicants





# Statewide Support Projects & Collaboration in the Nineties

- Federal AEA funding used for support
- Formation of OTAN, CDLP, ALIT, ESL Teacher Institute, Leadership Training Program
- 1992 – adult education legislation reform for starting new adult schools
- Federal and CA legislation for welfare reform with education (CalWORKs)



# Accountability and then decline in the twenty-first century

- Standards-based education and accountability
- Rapid growth with innovation programs
- Decline beginning in 2008-09 due to flexed Adult Education funding



# Global Measures of Adult Literacy

Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgRwgFD-Ynk>

# Adult Education in CA Today

- State K-12 delivery system
  - Approximately 223 programs (down from 535 programs and 1.2 million students at its peak in 2008-09)
- Other providers
  - Community colleges, libraries, prisons, jails, one-stop centers, CBOs....
- Federal program
  - WIA Title II AEFLA Program & EL/Civics
  - 2013 CA funding - \$86 Million
  - 12% set aside for Leadership Projects

# Addressing California's Literacy Needs and Challenges

- 19.1 percent of adults 18 years and older (5 million adults) do not have a high school diploma
- More than 3 million adults speak English “less than well” and 14.6 million (43 percent) residents speak a language other than English.
- More than 1.6 million residents of labor force age are unemployed

Source: CA Adult Education WIA Title II Performance Report, June 2012



# Literacy Rates in CA and Sacramento

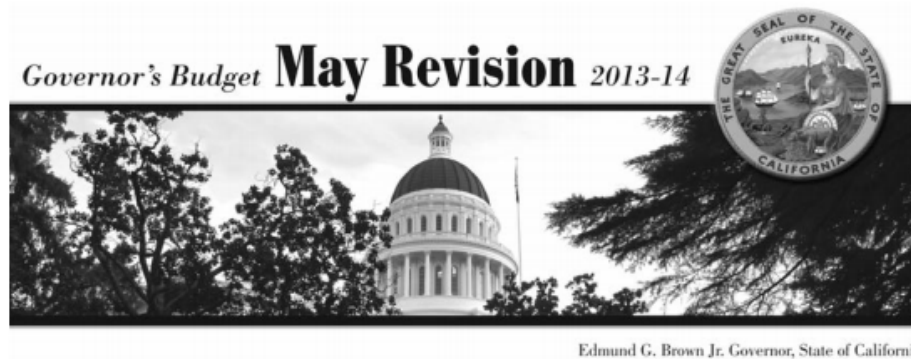
- National / State Adult Literacy Survey – 1992  
Education Testing Service
  - California – 23% at Level I
  - Sacramento – 23% at Level I
- National Assessment of Adult Literacy - 2003  
National Center for Education Statistics
  - California – 23% lacking basic prose literacy
  - Sacramento – 13% lacking basic prose literacy

Source: <http://nces.ed.gov/naal/estimates/StateEstimates.aspx>

# Greater Sacramento Landscape

- School district general fund programs
- WIA Title II 2014-15 funded programs
  - CA Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
  - CA Dept. of Developmental Services
  - Center JUSD
  - Elk Grove USD
  - Folsom Cordova USD
  - Sacramento City USD
  - San Juan USD
  - Twin Rivers USD
- Other providers: libraries, SETA, CCC, Job Corps, Urban League, CBOs, and more
- Two of three CA Leadership Projects ([OTAN](#) and [CALPRO](#))

# New Vision for CA Adult Education



“Proposes \$500 million in apportionment funding beginning in 2015-16 to fund adult education schools jointly operated by regional consortia of community college districts and school districts.”

Source: [http://edsources.org/wp-content/uploads/2013-14\\_May\\_Revision.pdf](http://edsources.org/wp-content/uploads/2013-14_May_Revision.pdf)