



Please join us for a **FREE** workshop given by two of our local
PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators

Thursday, April 30th

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WNEB Studios, 140 Lower Terrace, Buffalo, NY 14202

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by Monday, April 27th

2014: Kirsten Kenny teaches Religion 9 at the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart in Erie County, Buffalo, New York. Kirsten was one of 100 educators in the US selected as a PBS Digital Innovator for 2014-2015. In this role, she reaches out to other educators in the community to share new features, benefits and advantages of PBS LearningMedia's educational web-based content. Kirsten loves being a 21st-century educator, and doing what she can to engage as many learners in her midst as possible by creating new materials for facilitating exploration or instruction in the classroom and in life. Kirsten's favorite PBS LearningMedia resource is a video entitled "Jewish Hair-Cutting Ceremony" as it shares symbolism, meaning, tradition and culture.

www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/awr09.socst.world.glob.jewishhair/jewish-hair-cutting-ceremony/

Kirsten's presentation will include PBS LearningMedia, a free service providing direct access to over 100,000 classroom-ready resources. This interactive presentation will cover navigating the features of the site, and allow teachers to delve into the content to find their own resources to integrate into their curricula.

2012: Andrew Wheelock, professional developer of teachers in the WNYRIC. Andrew became a finalist through the submission of his "Understanding the Holocaust" project. This project used an interactive simulation to give students a strong understanding of this time period and allowed virtual engagement in discovering the story of Anne Frank. The virtual world re-created the streets of Amsterdam in 1942 where Anne Frank and her family and 4 others were in hiding. This interactive simulation gives students a mind's eye look at this time period. Additionally there are 10 Common Core based activities for students to complete that will help give them a unique understanding of the time period.

www.pbs.org/teachers/innovators/gallery/2012/entries/1115/

Andrew's presentation will highlight the "Understanding the Holocaust" project, as well as, a new project that involves the collaboration of WNEB/PBS. The Learning by Virtual Design Project embeds WNEB's resources and lesson ideas around Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House. Students will learn about the history of Buffalo and Frank Lloyd Wright's design principals to create their own virtual builds.