

## 2nd ANNUAL TEACHING SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE: EMPOWERING TEACHERS AND LEARNERS

### CONFERENCE AGENDA Saturday, May 3, 2014 Museum of the City of New York

All events take place at the Museum of the City of New York located at 1220 Fifth Avenue and 103 Street.  
Please use the Side Entrance on 103 Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues.

**8:45 am – Registration** – *Ground Floor Classroom 3*  
Coffee and Networking

**9:30 – 10:00 am – Key Note Address, *Ground Floor Classroom 2***

Lady Pink (Sandra Fabara) was born in Ecuador and raised in NYC. In 1979 she started writing graffiti and soon was well known as the only female capable of competing with the boys in the graffiti subculture. Pink painted subway trains from the years 1979-1985. In 1982 she had a starring role in the motion picture "Wild Style". That role and her other significant contributions to graffiti have made her a cult figure in the hip-hop subculture. Today, Lady Pink continues to create new paintings on canvas that express her unique personal vision. She also shares her 30 years of experience with teens by holding mural workshops and lecturing to students throughout the Northeast. Lady Pink will speak about her artwork (currently on display in the Museum's *City as Canvas* exhibition), her inspirations, and the work she is currently doing with students.

**10:10 – 11:00 am – Session I**

**Facing History and Ourselves: A Pedagogical Approach to Civic Agency**

*Middle School and High School*

Juan Castellanos, Facing History and Ourselves

*Third Floor Library*

**As I Live and Breathe: Learning about History Using Interviews**

*Middle School*

Maribeth Whitehouse, IS 190

*Ground Floor Classroom 1*

**Leveraging Local History to Engage Students in Social Activism: An Example from the Hunts Point Slave Burial Ground Project**

*Elementary School*

Justin Czarka, PS 48

Phil Panaritis, Bronx TAH Grants

*Ground Floor Classroom 2*

**11:10 am – 12:00 pm – Session II**

**Connecting to History: Using Past Genocide to Understand Hate Crimes Today**

*All grades*

Marisa Berman, Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center, Queensborough Community College  
*Third Floor Library*

**All Power to the Imagination**

*Middle School*

Kiara Downey, United Nations International School  
Pavi Mehta, Bread and Puppet Theatre  
Prof. Kristin Horton, NYU Gallatin  
*Ground Floor Classroom 2*

**Teacher Activism: Changing Education Policy**

*Middle School*

Laura Schenke, Educators 4 Excellence & P369  
Kate Mobley, Educators 4 Excellence, Jessie McKenzie, Educators 4 Excellence  
Matt Barnum  
Julia Gonzalez  
*Ground Floor Classroom 1*

<p><b>11:10 am – 12:00 pm – <i>City as Canvas</i> Guided Tour</b></p>
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**12:00 – 12:45 pm – Informal Networking Lunch**

Join like-minded colleagues for an informal lunch (provided) to discuss shared interests.

Art/Theater Networking and Lunch – *Classroom 2*

Community Networking and Lunch – *Classroom 2*

Content and Curriculum Networking and Lunch – *Classroom 1*

**1:00 – 1:50 pm – Session III**

**Embracing Digital Literacy to Instill a Capacity for Conservative Action**

*All Grades*

Erin Prada, Wildlife Conservation Society  
Jared Ozga, Wildlife Conservation Society – Bronx Zoo  
Emily Stoeth, Wildlife Conservation Society – Prospect Park Zoo  
Sonia Bueno, Wildlife Conservation Society – Queens Zoo  
Joanna Domenicali-Shah, Wildlife Conservation Society  
*Third Floor Library*

**Bringing the Civil Rights Movement to Life**

*Elementary School*

Jody Drezner Alperin, Off the Page

Vicky Finney Crouch, Off the Page

DeAndra T. Henderson, PS 10 Magnet School for Math, Science and Design Technology

Giuliana Reitzfeld, PS 10 Magnet School for Math, Science and Design Technology

*Ground Floor Classroom 2*

**Take Action! Youth and Human Rights Advocacy**

*High School*

Sandra Sirota, The Advocacy Lab

Maya Saoud, The Advocacy Lab

*Ground Floor Classroom 1*

**1:00– 1:50 pm – Facilitated Conversation: Talking Testing with Activist Cynthia Copeland *All ages***  
*Third Floor Library*

**2:00 – 2:50 pm – Session IV**

**Feminist Art as Inspiration for Teaching Co-Educational Adolescents**

*High School*

Cheri Ehrlich, Teachers College Columbia University

*Ground Floor Classroom 3*

**Marching with the Civil Rights Movement**

*Middle School*

Michael Freydin and Matthew Foglino, NYC DOE

*Ground Floor Classroom 2*

**Teaching Empathy through Character Strength**

*Elementary School*

Sharon Paige, Riverdale Country School

*Ground Floor Classroom 1*

**2:00– 2:50 pm – *Activist New York* Guided Tour**

**3:00 – 3:30 pm – Wrap-up and Reflections. Join us for an energetic town-hall style meeting – share your ideas for next steps and reflect on what you learned!**

*Please note: Participation in the conference counts towards maintaining professional certification from the New York City Department of Education. All participating educators will receive a letter of attendance.*