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**LOCAL TEACHERS CAN FIND FREE RESOURCES TO USE IN THE CLASSROOM AT
WPSU-TV'S FALL FEST**

Creative Lesson Plans, Media Solutions Aim to Enhance Students' Learning Experience

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (Oct. 23, 2007) — For many teachers, new and creative resources to use in the classroom can be hard to find—and expensive. Now local teachers can go to an event, hosted by Penn State Public Broadcasting's WPSU-TV Educational Services, which showcases the free resources available to them through WPSU, PBS, and other educational broadcasters.

Fall Fest, a half-day conference on Saturday, Nov. 10, at Penn State's DuBois campus, will feature workshops for elementary and secondary teachers that demonstrate how to access free lesson plans, curriculum and activity guides, and media resources that aim to enhance the classroom learning experience. This conference will appeal to teachers across the education system, in any subject and at any grade level.

"The conference is a venue for teachers to learn about all the many free educational resources we offer," said Dr. Babs L. Bengtson, director of Educational Services. "There will be presentations from WPSU staff, as well as from 'Sesame Street Workshop', PBS, and others; which means there will be something for teachers in every subject."

For example, the workshop "Bringing 'Sesame Street' to Life in Your Classroom" highlights how the show can be used to build on existing literacy curriculums for elementary students. A "GeoWall" workshop shows teachers how middle school students can learn concepts in astronomy, chemistry and Earth science with the 3D projection system known as GeoWall—examples include flying through the Milky Way Galaxy and a tour of Mars. Donelle Blubaugh, director of preK–12 Education at PBS, will deliver a keynote address on emerging educational technology.

Teachers can earn three Act 48 hours for participation in the Fall Fest conference, which costs \$45 to attend. Teachers can find more information and register to attend by visiting <http://www.wpsu.org/edservices/index> and clicking on "Fall Fest."

The Educational Services unit for WPSU serves as the connection to teachers, parents, teens and kids to extend the rich resources found in public television. For more information about WPSU's Educational Services unit and resources available visit wpsu.org/edservices. WPSU serves central Pennsylvania with programming, educational services and community outreach. The public media services produce, acquire and distribute programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of an audience within central Pennsylvania.

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