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# MIDWEEK NEWS

WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE NEXT  
WTL PODCAST EPISODE TO COME OUT...



## Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 96: LANGUAGE LEARNING THROUGH DIGITAL GAMES  
WITH JONATHON REINHARDT

One of the most powerful vehicles for learning is through play. In this episode, PhD student Meghan McGinley interviews Professor Jonathan Reinhardt about his research into the process, product, and effectiveness of learning languages through digital games. This interview explores current research and good practices in game-based language learning and lays out the false dichotomy between work and play in language learning. For those teachers who are using learning-through-play in their classrooms, this episode may provide you with some of the historical and theoretical justification to know that you are on the right track as well as some useful ideas for game-based learning!

Play and learning go  
hand-in-hand.

-Dr. Jonathon Reinhardt



RECAP OF EPISODE 95: LOCAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH BECKY PETERSON, KELLY SCHEETZ, AND LUIS DEOCARES

If you are not yet plugged in to your local professional organization, hopefully this episode gave you that little push you needed! The annual dues are low, the professional development opportunities are conveniently located, and there are so many opportunities for awards and leadership in your community. If you are no sure where to find YOUR local professional organization, here are a few places to start your search:

- ▶▶▶ ACTFL's list of member organizations
- ▶▶▶ TESOL's list of affiliates
- ▶▶▶ The Language Consortium's list of professional organizations



Reactions to past episodes:

 **Rebecca Blouwoff** @MmeBlouwoff Following ▾

Who are your World Language/Education heroes? Consider interviewing them for a [@weteachlang](#) podcast! It's a great entrée to lots of exciting conversation. [#langchat](#)

 **Linda Egnatz** @miprofeAP Following ▾

Local involvement is great PD! It offers mentoring, connections & relationships with passionate, committed educators.

 **Caroline Schlegel** @senoraschlegel Following ▾

Replying to [@weteachlang](#)

[@LunaKantzes](#) awesome follow up to the episode on Latin as a spoke. Language! You both rock!! What you do IS AWESOME

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 **Srta. Rodriguez** @SrtaNRodriguez Following ▾

Discussed very useful WL teaching podcasts this evening during the [@FLENJ](#) mentor meeting! [@weteachlang](#) & [soundcloud.com/user-456391322](https://soundcloud.com/user-456391322) GREAT resources for all! [#langchat](#) [#talkinL2](#)

 **Arianne** @dowd124 Following ▾

Why should YOU be a member of [@FLENJ](#) or any state org? 💡 to this [#Langchat](#) ! 💡

 **We Teach Languages** @weteachlang

We Teach Languages Episode 95: Local Professional Organizations with Becky Peterson, Kelly Scheetz, and Luis Deocares [weteachlang.com/2019/03/15/ep-...](https://weteachlang.com/2019/03/15/ep-...)

Kelly Scheetz



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MARCH 17, 2019 AT 3:03 AM

Thanks Stacey. That was very interesting. As you know, I'm a keen advocate for teachers not only joining, but being actively involved in their local (state and national) professional association. I remember hearing that story that Noah Geisel relates, when a new teacher was asked at a conference registration desk if she was a member of the association, and she said "No." He then asked "Are you a professional teacher? ... Well, professional teachers are members of their professional [associations]." And that's so true! I think that was when I started following your podcast.

★ I like

Updates from Past Contributors



PEARLL (episode 79) is announcing their upcoming summer workshops! They will hold three separate workshops at the University of Maryland. Session one will focus on effective unit planning and will be held June 25-27. Session two is scheduled for July 11-13 and will focus on facilitating teacher effectiveness. Finally, session three will be August 19-21, and the theme is from paper to practice: designing lesson plans. The workshops will also feature previous WTL guests like Laura Terrill (episode 37) and Thomas Sauer (episode 66-67).