The Deaf Education Student Association of Utah State University
Proudly Presents: 20th Annual Winter Workshops

Friday, February 8th
Workshop Kick-off
Reception, skits, and book signing with Dr. Robert Hoffmeister!
WITH an ASL Poetry presentation by BEN JARASHOW!
At 6:30 pm TBA

Saturday, February 9th
Breaking Down Barriers in Deaf Education
Winter Workshops
8:00 a.m. ~ Check in @ ESLC 130
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ~ Workshops
COST: Regular rate: $75.00
Student rate: $55.00
Club Members/Deaf Individuals/Parents of Deaf Child: $50.00
~ Bags, catered lunch, certificate of attendance, professional development, CEU/CEH credits are included ~

WHO: The workshops are an opportunity for Deaf Educators, Education Administrators, interpreters, interpreter agencies, parents, Deaf individuals, those involved in Deaf Studies, ASL teachers, students of interpreting, ASL & Deaf Education related programs and other members of the ASL Community to come together to enhance their skills, knowledge, and potential in American Sign Language.

WHY: We provide professional development credits for Educators, CEU and CEH for Interpreters, and attendance hours for students. The workshops provide a place where attendees can network and increase knowledge and skills in American Sign Language and Deaf-related issues.

The deadline is FRIDAY February 2nd, 2013 MIDNIGHT, Pacific Standard Time (PST)
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Workshop Topics and Presenters

Keynote speakers:

- "Overcoming Bias in ASL measurement" Dr. Robert Hoffmeister, Deaf Educator
  - Robert Hoffmeister is currently the Director of the Center for the Study of Communication and the Deaf at Boston University. He grew up at the residential American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Connecticut. He attended the University of Connecticut, graduating in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Language. He received his Master’s degree in Deaf Education from the University of Arizona and his doctorate in Psychology, and Language and the Deaf in 1978 from the University of Minnesota. In 1980 at Boston University he created the first university major and specialization in Deaf Studies. This was also the first Bilingual-Bicultural Deaf Education program in the country. He was a director of Programs in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education until 2008. Dr. Hoffmeister has focused his research on five principal areas: the acquisition of American Sign Language (ASL) by Deaf children; Deaf people as a bilingual/bicultural minority group; problems in the education of the Deaf; the effects of implementing public laws on Deaf children; and the improvement of interactions between hearing parents and their Deaf children.

- “Utilizing Deaf Community Cultural Wealth in Education” Dr. Flavia Fleischer, Deaf Educator
  - Dr. Flavia Fleischer is currently the Chair of Deaf Studies Department at California State University, Northridge. Flavia was born to the field of Deaf Studies as her father was one of the pioneering academicians in the field. Deaf Studies has been a central theme in Flavia’s life, where Deaf education, Deaf Studies issues, and Deaf activism were constant areas of discussion. In her childhood, most of her focus was on understanding herself as a Deaf person and the role of Deaf people in our world. Although her academic background centers on linguistics, Flavia is an activist and is very interested in fighting against oppression of all minorities, especially oppression of Deaf people. Flavia has given numerous workshops and presentations relating to ASL, ASL Linguistics, Deaf Education, and Deaf Cultural Studies. Flavia is married to Dr. Will Garrow and they have a 19-year-old daughter, Ryssa, and three dogs.
Workshop Attendees will be assigned to a group based on their profession:

**Group A – Students and Professionals in Deaf Education and Deaf Studies:** Professional Development Credit provided through Attendance Certificate.

**Group B – Interpreters, students of related fields, ASL students, parents of deaf children:** CEU and CEH Credits will be provided along with Attendance Certificate. Please note CEH is provided for Utah. If CEH is desired for those outside of Utah, the attendee is responsible for obtaining CEH approval from the proper agency in their state. Please notify DESA if CEH is approved outside of Utah. *Interpreter Continuing Education Credits:* UTRID is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. This professional studies program is offered for up to 0.7 CEUs at the little/none Content Knowledge Level for each session. Sessions providing credits are noted with the number of credits earned next to the session description. Up to 7.0 UIP CEHs are also available. You must sign the roll for each entity for which you are requesting credit! There is a separate roll for RID and UIP. Please complete the evaluation form to get credit.

Both groups will have their own schedule and each group will see each of the following workshops.

**Group A and B**

- **"Building Deaf Community Cultural Wealth Through Storytelling" Dr. William Garrow**
  - Will Garrow is from upstate New York, where he was first introduced to the Deaf community through snowboarding. Ever since, he has been very involved with the Deaf community. He holds a BA degree in Deaf Studies from Gallaudet University and his MA and Ph.D. degrees are in Linguistics also from Gallaudet. Currently, Will teaches in the Deaf Studies Program at California State University, Northridge. His teaching mainly focuses on how oppression works in American society, ASL Linguistics and Deaf Culture courses. On a personal note, Will is married to a Deaf woman, Dr. Flavia Fleischer and they have a Deaf 19-year-old daughter, Ryssa. He is also currently the head coach for the U.S. Deaf Snowboard Team with USA Deaf Sports Federation.

- **"The Shared Reading Project" Arlene Gunderson, M.Ed. GURC-SW Director**
  - Arlene Garcia-Gunderson was born in The Bronx, New York with Deaf parents and sister. She is currently the Director for the Gallaudet University Regional Center – Southwest and is an assistant Professor of the ASL-ESOL program at Austin Community College. Arlene brings years of teaching experience in ASL, Deaf culture, Deaf education, Interpreting and Human services. Arlene earned her B.A. in Social Work from Gallaudet University in 2000 and her M.S. in Deaf Education from McDaniel College in 2004. Arlene has always been involved with various organizations in the Deaf community. Arlene is also the Director of the Miss Deaf America Ambassador Program for National Association for the Deaf. As a newly appointed board member of DWU, Arlene hopes to focus on improving Deaf youth leadership and the Bilingual (ASL & English) rights in the Education system nationwide as well as providing services and resources to families with Deaf children.

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"Resources and Educational Opportunities: Closer Than You Think!" JoAnn Benfield, M.Ed. GURC-SW Coordinator

JoAnn Benfield is currently the Coordinator of the Gallaudet University Regional Center Southwest (GURC-SW) at Austin Community College. JoAnn earned her B.A. degree in Production and Performance Arts with a minor in Educational Drama in 2006. In 2007 she returned to Gallaudet to pursue a different major in Secondary Education and English and received her B.A. in 2009. She continued her studies in Deaf Education and received her M.A. degree in 2011. JoAnn has a diverse work experience. In 2001, she worked as a caretaker for a deaf group home for 6 months prior to transferring to Gallaudet University. From 2003-2005, she traveled the world with an ASL performing group called Rathskellar. In 2006, JoAnn temporarily worked as a Para-professional and cheerleading coach for Kansas School for the Deaf then decided to return to Gallaudet University. She also performed with Quest for Arts from 2009-2010, which is well known for Educational Visual Arts.

"To Desegregate or Not" Dan Hoffman

Born to deaf parents, Dan has used American Sign Language all his life. He has been bestowed a unique educational background. He attended various school settings, first oral communication, then total communication (Signed Exact English and Oral), and finally graduating from a residential program where ASL was mainly used in Florida. After 14 years working for the United States Postal Service, he decided to change his direction because his passion/talent lies in teaching. This led to obtaining his bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies from Gallaudet University. He also obtained a Master’s in Deaf Studies/Deaf Education at Lamar University. Currently he is working on his doctoral dissertation and is anticipating graduation next year from the same university. He had taught ASL/Deaf Studies at Hillsborough Community College in Florida, Austin Community College and University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Texas and currently is teaching at Utah Valley University. He is married to Meme Kerr and has two grown daughters and a step-son.

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Additional Information

Accommodations: DESA is offering a list of hotels available in Logan for this year’s Winter Workshop. The cost for the rooms varies. The list can be found on our website: http://www.usu.edu/desa/hotel.html

Workshops are offered in American Sign Language (ASL); however, interpreters are available upon request. The request can be made by marking "YES" on "Since the workshop will be expressed in ASL. Do you need an interpreter?" on the online registration form. Anyone needing further accommodations may make those requests via the information email listed below.

Location: The workshops will be held in ESLC at Utah State University. The map of USU Campus with the location of ESLC on campus is available at this link for reference: http://www.usu.edu/map/index.cfm?id=15

Meals: Saturday’s buffet lunch is provided in the USU Taggart Student Center Marketplace, but breakfast and dinner are on your own.

Parking: While most parking areas are free on Saturdays, we recommend parking in the Terrace Parking Garage for your convenience. Parking map can be found at: http://www.usu.edu/desa/map.html

Transportation: DESA is offering a list of transportation options from the Salt Lake City Airport to the University. The cost for the transportation services is varied. More information can be found on our website: http://www.usu.edu/desa/transportation.html

For more information or to register visit the website: www.usu.edu/desa

Questions? Fill out the contact form @ http://usu.edu/desa/contact.html

Checks: payable to DESA Credit Card or Debit is welcome by continuing the registration process online.

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