

Dropping the Form: English to ASL - March 5th

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This class will be held **March 5, 2010** in the staff development room from **1:30 to 3:30**

Often we feel bound to the English words, and find it difficult or daunting to “drop” the words and express the actual meaning. We have to understand the meaning of the message before we can clearly express it in the target language. This introductory workshop will focus on some of the most vital aspects of the process of providing the meaning to the message. This includes, hearing the message and being able to analyze the source language for meaning, and finally produce an equivalent message in ASL.

.2 CEUs toward reading

Developing Receptive Skills Part 1 - April 23rd

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This class will be held **April 23, 2010** in the staff development room from 1:30 to 3:30

This workshop focuses on the improvement of visual receptive language skills among sign language interpreters/users. Many interpreters/signers for the Deaf today acquire American Sign Language (ASL) as a second language; the ability to understand sign language is critical to a comprehensive understanding of the signed message. Providing interpreters with the tools needed to identify areas of concern will aid them in building the skills needed for a quality interpretation and comprehension. Attention will be given to various techniques that aid in developing greater receptive ability. Some topics addressed: contextual clues, numeric recognition, fingerspelling, regional signs, and techniques used to elicit repetition from Deaf speakers.

.2 CEUs toward reading

UPDATED: 2010 CASS CALENDAR

DATE	WORKSHOP	TIME	LOCATION
3/5/10	English to ASL: Dropping the Form	1:30-3:30	NCS D
3/8/10	Maryrose Claussen: Medical Classifiers	6:00-9:00	Chapel
3/12/10	Multiple Meaning Words	1:30-3:30	Staff Dev.
3/25/10	Interpreting: Building a Context	3:00-5:00	WCRC
3/26/10	MS Publisher: Making a Poster	8:15-10:15	RL Computer Lab
3/29/10	Incorporating Expansion Techniques	— —	Cabarrus County
3/30/10	Conceptual Accuracy/Multiple Meaning Wds.	— —	Winston-Salem
4/23/10	Developing Receptive Skills Part I	1:30-3:30	NCS D
5/10/10	Shawn Frank: TBA	6:00-8:00	Chapel
5/14/10	Developing Receptive Skills Part II	1:30-3:30	NCS D
5/28/10	Conceptual Accuracy/Multiple Meaning Wds.	— —	Guilford County
6/11/10	“Introduction to ASL Linguistics	— —	BCPS

Shaded Area denotes NCS D Teacher In-Service Training

Your attendance at any workshops/trainings must be approved by your supervisor

UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring Events

MARCH

- ◆ 5-Dropping the Form: English to ASL
- ◆ 12-Multiple Meaning Words
- ◆ 23-Free community class for toddlers
- ◆ 25-free community classes for adults and children
- ◆ 26-MS Publisher, Making a Poster

APRIL

- ◆ 23-Receptive Skills Development Part 1

MAY

- ◆ 14-Receptive Skills Development Part 2

June

- ◆ 11 “introduction to American Sign Language Linguistics (BCPS)



*You can tell whether a man is **clever** by his answers. You can tell whether a man is **wise** by his questions.*

Naguib, Mahfouz

Designer/Editor: P. Sanders

Can You Design A Poster?



The CASS department uses the program Microsoft Publisher to design our bulletin "In The Loop." Have you ever thought about designing a flyer, a newsletter or a bulletin? If so, Bill Ross will be teaching a class for those interested on **March 26, 2010** in the computer lab on the second floor of Main Building. You will learning

how to make a poster or flyer using Microsoft Publisher. This workshop will provide .2 CEUs for technology.

FREE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ALL!

March 23, 2010 the CASS Department will offer the Infant/Toddler Sign Language Class. The goal of this class is to introduce parents to another communication option for their very young children. Emphasis will be on signing in a manner that is appropriate for young children; for example shorter sentences, easier vocabulary and facial expression. Lastly, we will share about the signs your child will be signing to you. The age limit for the class is 0-5 years of age.

On March 25, 2010 both the adult and children sign language classes will be offered:

◆ **Description of Adult Class:**

The goal of the Adult Sign Language Class is a general overview of American Sign Language (ASL) designed to introduce conversational/functional communication. The focus of the class will be to exchange information in a culturally, grammatically appropriate way. Topics addressed are grammar, natural gestures, facial expressions and fingerspelling. Ages: 16 and up.

◆ **Description of Children's Class:**

The Children's Sign Language Class is a general introduction to American Sign Language (ASL). The focus of the class will be learning to "talk" in sign language. Some of the topics addressed are gestures, facial expressions and fingerspelling. Children, ages 6-15 are invited to attend. Parents of children attending the class may stay with the children or attend the adult class upstairs in the chapel but need to remain in the building.

All of the classes will be held at NCSd's chapel, the adult classes in the upper area and the children and toddler classes in the basement.

CASS OUTREACH TRIES AGAIN!

Due to that 4 letter "bad" word, "SNOW" the CASS Department has had to make major changes to the planned visits to public school systems that have made contact with CASS Department. Public schools along with CASS were affected when that white stuff blew through the North Carolina. Because of this, CASS has had to accommodate public school changes causing us to reschedule our visits, observations, and workshops. March 3, 2010 Bill Ross will be heading to Wake County for a day of observations. March 29th and 30th Bill will be on the road. First, Bill will journey to Cabarrus County on March 29th to present to their interpreters and then go on to Winston Salem on March 30 for a workshop with their educational interpreters.

On May 28th some members of the CASS Department will travel to Guilford County to present a workshop to their educational interpreters. The CASS department wants to continue to be of assistance to the educational interpreter community.

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It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.



Charles Dickens

It's that time of year again. Don't forget to set your clock ahead on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Daylight savings time begins March 14, 2010.

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Spring arrives March 20, 2010

