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14TH Annual ESL Symposium

(COVID Style: Virtually from your home at no cost)

Saturday, February 26, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)

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Landmark Legislation and Arkansas Act 663 Bilingual Education/Dual Immersion: Envisioning Possibilities for Schools, Teachers, and Emergent Bilingual Students with a Translanguaging Lens

Keynote Speakers



Shantel E. Meek, Ph.D. is a professor of practice and the founding director of the Children's Equity Project (CEP) at Arizona State University. She manages strategic partnerships with CEP partners at 15 universities and non-profit organizations, policymakers, and national organizations, and sets the strategic direction of the CEP. Dr. Meek previously served as a consultant in early childhood policy and strategy at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington D.C. where she advised senior staff on a range of federal and state equity and early childhood policy issues.

Representative Megan Godfrey is a second-term legislator in the Arkansas House of Representatives. Driven by her core values of compassion, equality, and inclusiveness, Rep. Godfrey represents her hometown of Springdale with a commitment to elevating all of the diverse voices of District 89. Her most significant legislative accomplishments include allowing DACA recipients to be licensed as nurses, permitting candidates to use campaign funds for campaign-related childcare expenses, and allowing bilingual and dual immersion programs in Arkansas' schools. She serves on the House Education Committee and the City, County, and Local Affairs Committee. Outside of the legislature, Rep. Godfrey was a career-long public educator and will complete her PhD in curriculum and instruction from the U of A this spring.



Susana Ibarra Johnson, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Bilingual Education and TESOL at New Mexico State University. She specializes in developing bi/multilingual and biliteracy curriculum, instruction, and assessment with bilingual/TESOL educators through participatory action research. Her research focuses on translanguaging pedagogy in bilingual education and English language development contexts to promote effective bilingual education instructional programs and materials for emergent bilingual student populations.

Agenda

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| 9:00-9:05 am | Welcome and Overview of the ESL Symposium |
| 9:05-9:35 am | <i>Supporting the Youngest Emerging Bilingual Children in Policy and Funding Decisions</i> , Dr. Shantel E. Meek |
| 9:35-9:55 am | <i>Championing Pro-Immigrant Education Policy in Challenging Contexts</i> , AR State Representative Megan Godfrey, District 89 |
| 9:55-11:55 pm | <i>Implementing a Translanguaging Space</i> , Dr. Susana Ibarra Johnson |
| 11:55-12:50 pm | <i>Community Resources Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families</i> |
| 12:50-1:00 pm | Closing Remarks and on-line Evaluation Survey |

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