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**REGISTER NOW!**  
**16th Annual ESL Symposium**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CDT**

**Via Zoom | Free but registration is required | [Link](#)**

***“Empowering Multilingual Learners: Access and Resources”***

**Keynote: “Creating Radical Spaces of Hope for Multilingual Learners”**



**Dr. Maria Coady, Ph.D.** is the Goodnight Distinguished Professor in Educational Equity and a Professor of Multilingual Education at North Carolina State University. Dr. Coady examines bilingual education and biliteracy development, rural education, and teacher and leader preparation. Her books include *The Coral Way Bilingual Program* (2020), *Connecting School and the Multilingual Home: Theory and Practice for Rural Educators* (2019), *Why TESOL* (with E. W. Ariza). Her edited books are *Early Language Learning Policies in the 21st Century* (with S. Zein, 2021) and *Educating Multilingual Students in Rural Schools: Illuminating Diversity in Rural Communities in the United States* (with P. Golombek and N. Marichal, 2023). Dr. Coady consults with the US Department of Justice and Office of Civil Rights on language and educational rights for multilingual learners and families. In 2020 she was awarded the AERA Exemplary Contributions to Practice-Engaged Research award.

**Keynote: “Applications for Practice in Rural Settings and Beyond”**



**Grisel Cuadrado, M.Ed.** is the Instructional Leader at Coats Elementary in Harnett County, North Carolina. She started as a Spanish teacher at Overhills Middle School and after a year of training at Sandhills Leadership Academy, she joined the administration team at Coats Elementary School. She has been a principal for five years after serving four years as the Assistant Principal at Coats. Mrs. Cuadrado works closely with rural multilingual students, families and communities. She works in a K-5 rural school where forty percent of students are multilingual. Mrs. Cuadrado leads a Kindergarten through Fifth Grade 50/50 Dual-Language Immersion Program in English and Spanish that started in the fall of 2013.

***Agenda***

9:00-9:010 am	Opening Remarks and Symposium Overview
9:10-10:10 am	First Keynote, Dr. Maria Coady
10:10-10:20 am	Break
10:20-11:20 am	Second Keynote, Ms. Grisel Cuadrado
11:20-11:30 am	Break
11:30-12:30 pm	Community Resource Panel: Dr. Cathy Luo, Chinese Association of Northwest Arkansas; Diana Dominguez, Owner, Más Libritos Bookstore, Springdale; Moo Wah, Karen Interpreter/Translator, Green Forest School District

***Registration Deadline* | **Tuesday, February 20, 2024****

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