

GIVING THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE

A Teacher Training Workshop for Native Language Instruction and Acquisition

April 21-22, 2017 - Evan Hardy Collegiate - Saskatoon, SK. Canada

Welcome Address:

Belinda Daniels

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Speaker:

Robert Hall

Graduate Student
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University of Montana

Workshop Facilitator:

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Greymorning**

Professor of Anthropology
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Host Organizations:

Hinono'eitiit Ho'owoo
Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
Saskatoon Public Schools
BATC Education



Conference Site:

Evan Hardy Collegiate

Classroom 7
605 Acadia Drive - Saskatoon, SK.

Conference Hotel:

Best Western Plus

3331 8th Street East
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For room reservations:

Phone: (306) 986-2400

Please mention:

Giving the Gift of Language

Conference Room Rate:

\$132+tax

Standard double occupancy room

Room reservations must be

made by March 31, 2017

to get conference rate

For workshop updates or additional information, go to:

www.nsilc.org

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About the Teacher Training for Language Instruction and Acquisition

People often confuse Giving the Gift of Language with a conference, which it is not. Giving the Gift of Language is a two-day intensive teacher-training workshop that will guide language instructors through a method or approach specifically developed for Native language instruction called Accelerated Second Language Acquisition©™. This method has broad application as a tool for language instruction across diverse languages and age groups, which will be illustrated during the workshop through video footage of language instruction with children and university students, as well as offering hands-on training for classroom language instruction with participants. To date ASLA©™ has been used with remarkable results by numerous Native language teachers in over 15 states in the US, 3 states in Australia, and all but 2 provinces in Canada. Dr. Greymorning developed this approach to specifically bring second language learners to a level of language competency while accommodating language instructors who are working with limited resources and time. This year will highlight a Graduate student, and Blackfoot tribal member as second language learner, who will speak about his experiences toward becoming a fluent speaker of Blackfoot.

Participants are strongly encouraged to bring a laptop computer as the workshop will provide a foundation on which language learning materials/curriculum will be developed that should carry students through a full academic year of language classes. Participants should also come with the understanding that the two-days of teacher training will be work intensive, but also rewarding. For additional information see www.nsilc.org where you can listen students of ASLA speaking and telling stories in a Native language, and read teacher and student comments about their use and effectiveness of ASLA©™

Over the past 30 years, efforts to restore, salvage or revitalize North American Indigenous languages have not seen new speakers replacing the rate of language loss as a result of Elder speakers passing away, as made evident by the small number of new fluent second language speakers in North America. I have chosen this year's speakers to focus on his research and experiences within the field of language acquisition with the idea that it might bring an important aspect to the challenges faced when learning a second language from the perspective of a second language learner. It is hoped that this will help participants gain important information on the transmission of their languages to second language learners that may aid in keeping their languages vigorous and healthy.

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The registration fee for the two-day Teacher Training Workshop is \$725CAD or \$550 in US dollars. Only 28 applications will be accepted for this year's workshop. Both registration form and fee must be mailed and post marked no later than March 24 to guarantee your registration to participate in the training. We are not authorized to accept credit card payments so payments can only be made by check, bank cashier check, or money order. Make payment out to: Hinono'eitiit Ho'oowu' and mail both the registration form and registration fee to:

Dr. S. Neyooxet Greymorning

P.O. Box 5285

Missoula, Montana 59806-5285

Statement of Understanding and Agreement

Accelerated Second Language Acquisition, a.k.a. ALSA©™ is protected under international copyright laws. By taking part in ALSA©™ training workshop, whole or in part, you are agreeing to acknowledge Dr. Greymorning as its developer and to abide by the following: You cannot change or alter the name of the ALSA©™ method, market, publicly display, or turn over any part of the ALSA©™ method to a third party for public display over the Internet, without first making a written request to, and then obtaining written permission from Dr. Greymorning. Additionally, having taking part in an ALSA©™ training does not allow anyone to rename the ALSA method in order to claim to have developed the ALSA©™ method, or qualify them to facilitate an ALSA training workshop.

Registration Form and Willingness to Abide by Terms of Agreement

(Circle) Mr. Mrs. _____

Affiliation (Tribal or Work Position) _____

Address _____

City/State or Province & Zip _____

Email _____

Work # _____ Home/Cell # _____

Signature _____

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