

Serving the Whole Student: English Language Development and Trauma-Sensitive Practices to Maximize Multilingual Learner Engagement in School

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8:00AM – 4:00PM



In person at Bethel University, Anderson Center

Best practices for supporting English Language Development (ELD) for multilingual Learners (MLs) and Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE), sponsored by Metro ECSU.

- Trauma-informed practice with a focus on working with SLIFE/refugee-background Multilingual Learners.
- Best Practices in English Language Development (ELD) for ML/SLIFE with a focus on Academic Language: Beyond the Vocabulary List.



Target Audience: Teachers, Administrators, and Support Staff

Facilitator, Jill A. Watson, M.A., Ph. D.



Jill A. Watson is a career ESL and world language teacher and teacher educator. She has taught at the University of Minnesota, Cornell University, and Hamline University, and is Associate Professor of English as an Additional Language and World Languages Education at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, USA. Dr. Watson consults extensively with schools and districts on strengthening English learner service, she has served as president of Minnesota’s TESOL chapter, and worked with legislators to craft the SLIFE components of Minnesota’s ground-breaking 2014 EL legislation, the Learning English for Academic Proficiency and Success (LEAPS) Act. She served as Special SLIFE consultant to the Minnesota and South Dakota Departments of Education, and as expert witness in a lawsuit filed in federal court by a Minnesota family alleging that their Minnesota urban school district failed to appropriately educate their EL children. Her current projects include exploring the convergences between SLIFE and indigenous education, and a forthcoming book on RISA, an oral interaction protocol she created to support struggling language learners. Her scholarly publications appear in such outlets as the Routledge Handbook on Second Language Acquisition, Reading & Writing Quarterly, LESLLA, the Modern Language Journal, and The European Journal of Applied Linguistics. She is fluent in English, French, and German, conversant in Spanish, and has studied several other languages, including Somali and Lakota.

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