

# Enhancing Children's Literacy:

## Foundations of Comprehension for Spoken and Written Language

**Annual Zelma Wynn Symposium - Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017**

664 East Central Avenue, Edgewater, MD 21037



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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Enhancing Children's Literacy: Foundations of Comprehension for Spoken and Written Language will provide insights and strategies for understanding comprehension to classroom teachers, special educators, speech-language pathologists and psychologists. Dr. Sandra Gillam will talk about the cognitive-linguistic processes children need to understand narrative – spoken or written. Those in attendance will learn how to break comprehension of narrative text and oral discourse into basic elements, and turn that knowledge into strategies for intervention. Today's classrooms, in public or independent school settings, include children who learn in a variety of ways and have a variety of foundational language skills that they bring to academic learning. Whether a child demonstrates typical language development or varies based upon the presence of a language-based learning difference, specific language impairment, and autism or if the child is an English learner, this seminar will enhance understanding of how children understand literature and how to enhance teaching strategies for reading comprehension.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Participants will describe processes involved in the comprehension of discourse level language
- Participants will explain how situation models are formed
- Participants will be able to differentiate among different types of inferences
- Participants will be able to describe the kinds of inferences that are most important for successful comprehension of narrative and expository text
- Participants will describe how underlying comprehension processes may differ across differing populations of children with language learning impairments
- Participants will describe various types of instructional activities and procedures that may be used to improve comprehension of discourse level information.





### **SANDRA LAING GILLAM, PH.D., CCC-SLP**

Sandra Laing Gillam is a Professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education at Utah State University and the Vice President for Speech Language Pathology Practice for the American Speech Language Association. She teaches courses in phonological development and disorders, professional issues, assessment and intervention for speech and language disorders across the age-span. Her research interests include assessment and intervention of language and literacy impairments, multi-cultural populations, and processes involved in text comprehension. Sandi was the PI on a Goal II IES grant to develop narrative intervention procedures and is now Co-PI on a Goal III grant to conduct a randomized controlled trial of the narrative program.

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### **AGENDA:**

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration, Coffee, and Light Refreshments
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Welcome and Introductions
8:45 am - 10:15 am	Defining Discourse: Text Processing vs. Sentence Processing
10:15 am - 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 am - 11:45 am	Models of Memory and Discourse Comprehension
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 pm - 1:45 am	Text Structure, Graphic Organizers, Methods for Reducing Cognitive Load
1:45 pm - 2:00 pm	BREAK
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Assessment & Intervention Considerations
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Review and Wrap-up

*All facilities are wheelchair accessible.*

Zelma Wynn (1916 - 2003) was born in Maine but lived most of her life in Maryland. She was the daughter of two immigrants and worked as an interior designer. She was known as a good listener, and had a healthy respect for education. She enjoyed mentoring young people's minds and spirits. Those who were fortunate enough to have met her found a lifelong friend. Zelma Wynn passed away at the age of 86. This symposium series is dedicated to her love of learning.

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Presented by Sandra Laing Gillam, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Utah State University.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Symposium materials, light breakfast, coffee, and a boxed lunch are included.

- Early Bird Registration**..... \$60 (postmarked by 9/22/17)
- Regular Registration**..... \$75 (postmarked after 9/22/17)
- Professional Development Credit Hours**..... \$30 additional  
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