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Dr. Dionna Latimer-Hearn has served as a multilingual speech-language pathologist and educational consultant since 2002. She has held positions in France, Illinois, Japan, Maryland, and Texas. Her internationally recognized research focuses on issues of race and class equity. Dr. Latimer-Hearn has founded programs including REACT Initiative, Inc., The Culture We Speak Podcast, and the Respect the Dialect online community. She currently supports organizations in the United States and abroad in improving equity and access for historically marginalized groups.

FEATURED IN:



AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS:

- NBASLH Clinician of the Year
- AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship Award
- WERA World Congress Most Innovative Poster Award
- CREATE Doctoral Scholarship

VENDOR IN:

- Irving ISD
- Fort Worth ISD
- Frisco ISD
- Mansfield ISD
- Richardson ISD

ASHA LEADER ARTICLE:

Don't Get it Twisted--Hear my Voice

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SPECIALIZING IN

PUBLIC SCHOLAR AND LECTURER

Sample Courses:

DIAGNOSTIC & INSTRUCTIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ENGLISH IN THE CLASSROOM >

Course presents an outline of the history and perceptions of African American English dialect and lists features of the dialect. Strategies (e.g., task and item analysis) to overcome barriers presented by dialect are reviewed. Implications for testing and instruction are discussed.

DISPROPORTIONALITY IN SPECIAL EDUCATION AND DISCIPLINE >

This course is designed to explore contributing factors to disproportionality and examines solutions to mitigate over identification of minoritized youth. Disproportionality contributes to deficit theories and potentially eclipses the educational future of many students, particularly those who are misidentified as needing remedial or punitive recourse.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR CULTURALLY & LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE POPULATIONS >

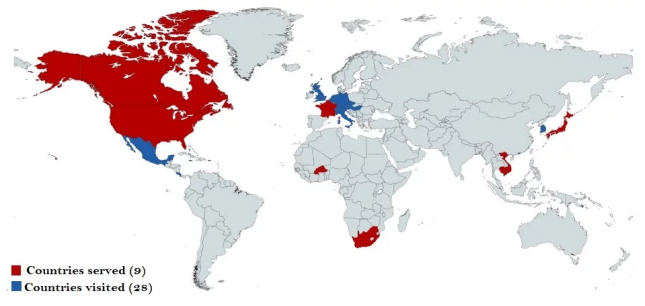
This course is designed to support employee identification of ethical dilemmas and the resultant impact on equity and equality. Issues of diversity are investigated and the implications of varied cultural-linguistic experiences on curricular and/or organizational processes are explored.

See more

INTERNATIONAL SLP AND EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT

Past and Present Clients in:

- United States
- Canada
- Mauritius
- Burkina Faso
- France
- South Africa
- Cambodia
- Japan
- Vietnam



FOUNDER AND ADMINISTRATOR

REACT Initiative, Inc.
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 Advocating for Equity in Education



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 Online Community Promoting
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