

Following the Science: Bilingualism as an Asset Supporting Early Brain Development
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Moderator:



Leigh Giangreco
Journalist

Leigh Giangreco is a freelance journalist based in Chicago where she writes for The Washington Post, Bloomberg Citylab and Pew Stateline. Since 2020 she has contributed to Early Learning Nation magazine, where she has covered preschool television programming, New Mexico's fight for early childhood education aid and the challenges facing bilingual educators in Chicago.

Speakers:



Claude Goldenberg, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, Stanford University

Claude Goldenberg, Ph.D. is Nomellini & Olivier Professor of Education, emeritus, in the Graduate School of Education at Stanford University. A native of Argentina, his areas of research and professional interest have centered on promoting academic achievement among language minority children and youth. Prior to his arrival at Stanford, Goldenberg was Professor of Teacher Education, Associate Dean of the College of Education, and Executive Director of the Center for Language Minority Education and Research (CLMER) at California State University, Long Beach. Goldenberg received his A.B. in history from Princeton University and M.A. and Ph.D. from Graduate School of Education, UCLA. He has taught junior high school in San Antonio, TX, and first grade in a bilingual elementary school in the Los Angeles area.



Viorica Marian, Ph.D.
Professor, Northwestern University

Dr. Viorica Marian is the Sundin Endowed Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and of Psychology at Northwestern University. Since 2000, she directs the Bilingualism and Psycholinguistics Research Laboratory, with funding from the National Institutes of Health. Marian received her PhD in Psychology from Cornell University and Master's degrees from Emory University and Cornell University. She previously served as Department Chair and as Chair of the NIH Study Section on Language and Communication, and is a

recipient of the University of Alaska Alumni of Achievement Award, the Clarence Simon Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring, and the Editor's Award for best paper from the *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*. Marian studies the cognitive, neural, and linguistic consequences of bilingualism and multilingualism. She is the author of the 2023 book "The Power of Language," currently being translated into a dozen languages.



Martha Martinez, Ph.D.
Senior Director of Research and Evaluation, SEAL

Martha I Martinez, Ph.D. has over twenty years of experience researching, overseeing and supporting policies and programs designed to improve educational outcomes for underserved students. Currently, she is the Senior Director of Research and Evaluation for Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL), a nonprofit dedicated to improving the educational experiences and outcomes of multilingual learners. She has written about SEAL's work related to bilingual/dual language education, including equity issues in bilingual education, and increasing the numbers of bilingual teachers and their capacity to teach multilingual learners. Prior to joining SEAL, Dr. Martinez worked at the Oregon Department of Education where she oversaw the state's dual language grant program. She received her Ph.D. in Educational Methodology, Policy and Leadership from the University of Oregon. Her dissertation was on student integration patterns in two-way dual immersion programs.



Robert Stechuk, Ph.D.
Director of Early Childhood Education Initiatives, UnidosUS

Robert Stechuk, Ph.D., is the Director of Early Childhood Education Initiatives at UnidosUS (formerly the National Council of La Raza). He co-leads the Latino Infant Initiative, a collaboration with Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors. From 2010-2015, Dr. Stechuk was the co-Director of the Office of Head Start National Center on Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness (NCCLR). Previously, as an independent consultant, he was the lead author of *Revisiting and Updating the Multicultural Principles for Head Start Programs Serving Children Ages Birth to Five*. Dr. Stechuk has been a faculty member at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He holds an M. Ed. in early childhood special education and a Ph. D. in child development and early literacy from George Mason University.