



The Texas Language Center presents:

# Language Matters

A Series of Monthly Teacher-Oriented Presentations

**"American Sign Language (ASL) instruction:  
Implications of not having a writing system &  
possible insights for spoken language instruction"**

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Mar. 9  
2:00 - 3:00pm  
Lone Star Room, UNB 3.208

As part of the Language Matters Series, Dr. David Quinto-Pozos, Assistant Professor in the Department of Linguistics, presents: "American Sign Language (ASL) Instruction: Implications of not having a writing system & possible insights for spoken language instruction."

There exists no commonly accepted written form of American Sign Language (ASL). Whereas this is also true for various spoken languages, some type of phonetic-based system can usually be used for assisting with spoken language instruction. In the absence of a writing system for ASL, instructors have utilized various techniques for assigning homework, conducting formal assessments, and exposing students to "ASL literature". Commonly used methods will be presented as key components of learning a visual-gestural language and also considered as options for the teaching and learning of spoken languages.



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