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The Washington University Language Learning Colloquium Series presents Dr. Kathy Escamilla, Professor of Education at the University of Colorado/Boulder and director of the BUENO Center.

Talk: “New Century, New Children, New Paradigms” / Feb 19 at 4pm in Women's Building Formal Lounge

The talk will be divided into three general topics. The first will discuss how the population of second language learners in the 21st century is different than that of the late 20th century. The second topic will discuss how the old paradigms related to school programs cannot meet the needs of the “new normal,” and how the old paradigms have perpetuated a deficit perceptions of emerging bilinguals in teachers and policy makers. Finally, the talk will propose some ideas for creating programs that consider emerging bilingualism as an asset and not a deficit.


The workshop will present a framework for looking at emerging bilingual children's trajectories toward biliteracy and will argue that the only valid and reliable assessment for emerging bilingual learners is in assessment in two languages. The presentation will utilize samples of elementary children's reading and writing to illustrate this framework and its underlying rationale.

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