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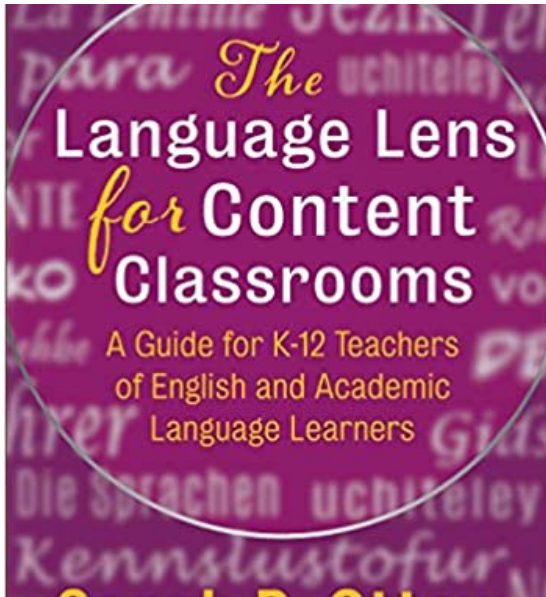
Multilingual/English Learner News

"The limits of my language signify the limits of my world."
-Ludwig Wittgenstein

Fall 2021

BOOK STUDIES

PAST AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES



This summer we held our first [summer book studies](#) which were very well attended and provided a great opportunity for educators to discuss some very important topics regarding ML/EL students.

This school year we will be continuing our book studies. It's not too late to sign up! Our next book is ***The Language Lens for Content Classrooms***.

[Register here!](#)

WIDA NEWS AND UPDATES

WIDA SCREENERS AND STUDENT IDENTIFICATION



The new WIDA Screener for Kindergarten is here! The training and certification course is live in the [WIDA Secure Portal](#). The K W-APT screening tool is still available through spring, but will be retired after this school year.

- Please ensure that your district distributes a [home language survey](#) to flag potential ML/EL students.
- Positive identification must be based on documented screener scores. See the OPI's [English Learner Guidance for School Districts](#) for detailed information.
- Work with your district clerk to [enroll students in the EL program in AIM](#).

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BEST PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES FOR ML/ELS

EQUITABLE GRADING PRACTICES FOR ML/ELS

[This mini-webinar](#) explores equitable grading practices for your ML/EL students. [Use this reflection tool](#) and the [guidelines tool](#) to guide the discussion at your school or district.

CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION

[This mini-webinar](#) will allow all stakeholders to reflect on their role in culturally responsive instruction and how to create an inclusive community for ML/ELs in your schools.

The attached [discussion tool](#) will guide discussions at your school or district.



SPOTLIGHT

EL SUMMER CAMP IN BOZEMAN

The spotlight this Fall features Bridget Kevane who is a professor of Latin American and Latino Studies Program and the director of Liberal Studies at Montana State University. Her research is centered around Latino/a studies, focusing on the literature, culture and history of Latinx communities in the United States. Through her research and awareness of the struggles of the hispanic/latinx community in Montana, she has become an advocate and voice for this population.

Most recently she has created a partnership between MSU and the Bozeman school district to run the first English Learner summer camp in the city Bozeman. [Watch spotlight here!](#)

3 Different Levels of Culture

Surface Culture
Low emotional impact

Shallow Culture
High Emotional impact

Deep Culture
Intense emotional impact

