

RISLUS Forum
Friday, May 22, 2009
Graduate Center, CUNY
Rooms 9204 & 9205

9:00 Coffee

9:20 Welcome
Ricardo Otheguy
Director, RISLUS

SESSION ONE

9:30 The Urban Fieldstation for Linguistic Research: An Experiment in Language Documentation
Daniel Kaufman

10:00 L1 Attrition in Bengali-English Speakers: L1 Disuse or L2 Interference?
Hia Datta, Loraine K. Obler, Mira Goral, Martin Gitterman and Valerie L. Shafer

Chair: Edmund O'Neill

Break 10:30 – 10:45

SESSION TWO

10:45 Spanish/English Codeswitching in Service Encounters: Accommodation to the Customer's Language Choice and Perceived Linguistic Affiliation
Laura Callahan

11:15 The Role of Sociodemographic Factors on Spanish Subject Pronoun Placement in New York
Rocio Rana

11:45 Crossing and Mocking African American and Asian Immigrant Speech Styles
Angela Reyes

Chair: Teresa Fredericks

LUNCH 12:15 – 1:00

SPECIAL SESSION: EDUCATING NEW YORK'S EMERGENT BILINGUALS FOR A GLOBAL WORLD

Chaired by Anthony Picciano
Professor and Executive Officer, Ph.D. Program in Urban Education, Graduate Center, CUNY

1:00 Welcome
Chase Robinson
Provost and Senior Vice-President, Graduate Center, CUNY

1:15 Diverse Learners on the Road to Success
Maria Santos

1:45 From ELLs to Emergent Bilinguals: Educating for Equity
Ofelia García

2:15 Capitalizing on the Multilingual Advantage: Spotlight on SIFE
Elaine Klein, Gita Martohardjono

Break 2:45 – 3:00

3:00 The Biliteracy Challenge for U.S.-Educated Emergent Bilinguals at the Secondary Level: Spotlight on Long-Term English Learners
Kate Menken

3:30 Developing Literacy in English-language Learners: Guidelines for Effective Practice
Diane August

4:00 -4:30
Summation and Discussion led by Anthony Picciano