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Presentation Title:

Closing the Language Gap: Oral Language, Textbooks, and Teaching Reading

Presentation Description:

Focusing on the different educational learning needs, individual learning styles and standards-based instruction, Dr. Bell will present and discuss the most recent research on the relationship between oral language skills and reading. Differentiated strategies for teaching literacy in content areas and effective techniques for using textbooks and other informational reading material will be presented.

Michael J. Bell is currently a member of the faculty of West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania teaching in the College of Education. Dr. Bell received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas at Austin in Curriculum and Instruction in 1989. He received his Master's degree from Northern Arizona University in 1980 and his baccalaureate degree in elementary education from Arizona State University in 1978.

Dr. Bell has consulted with many regional and state-level educational agencies throughout the United States. Dr. Bell works as an administrative consultant for schools focusing on school improvement, school-wide assessment, successful classroom practices and remedial educational programs in urban settings. He has lectured at many universities in the United States and around the world. Dr. Bell has conducted workshops and delivered keynote speeches and invited lectures for schools and professional organizations throughout the United States. He has recently conducted teaching seminars and invited lectures in the South Pacific, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, South America, Micronesia as well as several nations in the Caribbean.