Early Announcement

2014 Van Riper Lectures

Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition

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The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Western Michigan University, together with Psi Iota Xi and the College of Health and Human Services, are pleased to announce the 2014 Van Riper Lecture Series. This year’s conference will be held on Thursday, October 9, and Friday morning, October 10. It is anticipated that a total of 9.5 hours toward CEUs can be earned by attending the entire conference.

These distinguished speakers will outline best practices for children who are bilingual and second language learners. A focus of the lectures will be the foundational skills, such as speech perception and cognitive control of these populations, and how these skills are linked to typical language and literacy development. Finally, best methods for assessment will be discussed, especially in differentiating language variations from language impairments, and implications for intervention will be presented. The titles of the presentations are as follows:

• Foundations of Dual Language Development and Implications for Clinical Practice
• Semantic Development and Organization in Bilinguals: Preschool through Early School-Age
• Language Assessment of Bilingual Children

Registration will be opening August 1, 2014. More information on the speakers and the agenda will be coming soon! Look for on-line registration during the summer. Contact Mrs. Paula Armstrong @ paula.armstrong@wmich.edu for more information. We hope to see you at the Van Riper Lectures this fall!