

Examining Language and Risk: Linguistic Difference and the Development of Early Reading Skills

with Dr. Julie Ann Washington



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Presenter: Dr. Julie A. Washington is a professor and Program Director in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Georgia State University. In addition, Washington is an affiliate faculty of the Research on the Challenges of Acquiring Language and Literacy initiative and the Urban Child Study Center at Georgia State. Her work focuses on understanding cultural dialect use in African American children with a specific emphasis on the impact of dialect on language assessment, literacy attainment, and academic performance. Her work with preschoolers has focused on understanding and improving the emergent literacy skills necessary to support later reading proficiency in high-risk groups, with a special focus on the needs of children growing up in poverty in urban contexts.