

The **Center for Applied Linguistics** invites you to a special presentation on Languages Across the Curriculum by **Professor Stephen Straight**:

Thursday, April 7, 2005

3:00 - 4:30 pm

CAL Conference Room (2nd Floor)

Languages Across the Curriculum: Status and Issues

The national movement to provide new opportunities for college students to make meaningful use of their existing language skills proceeds from a number of premises, takes a variety of forms, and achieves a range of educational outcomes. This presentation by H. Stephen Straight, a leader in the Languages Across the Curriculum (LAC) movement over the last decade, will lay out these premises – historical, institutional, socioeconomic, and geopolitical; describe these forms – curricular and pedagogical; and assess these outcomes – intellectual and functional. Taken together, these considerations support the overarching goal of Languages Across the Curriculum, which is to establish and support the expectation that all students will use the languages they know in every subject at every level.

Straight will describe and discuss examples of LAC structures, methods, contents, and outcomes both at his home campus and elsewhere. Straight will lay out considerations for the design of LAC activities, whether they be course-specific assignments, optional LAC components for courses, or free-standing LAC courses taught wholly or partially in languages other than English. He will also elaborate on LAC-appropriate language-teaching methods, with special reference to input-processing and meta-cognitive learning strategies.

For an overview of the Languages Across the Curriculum concept, go to:

<http://www.cal.org/resources/digest/lacdigest.html>.

About the speaker...

H. Stephen Straight, currently on sabbatical at the Center for Institutional and International Initiatives at the American Council on Education, is the founding director of SUNY Binghamton's national award-winning Languages Across the Curriculum (LxC) program, which employs international graduate students as language resource specialists to design substitute course assignments in existing courses and lead course-specific study groups in the performance of these assignments throughout the semester. He has participated in research projects, presented papers at professional conferences, edited and contributed to books, given keynote speeches, organized conferences, and led workshops both on LxC and on the national LAC movement of which LxC is but one example. A professor of anthropology and of linguistics, Straight joined Binghamton's faculty in 1970. He holds the BA from the University of Michigan, and the MA and PhD from the University of Chicago. Prof. Straight has held a variety of posts while at Binghamton, including director of the interdepartmentally-staffed undergraduate linguistics program and director of graduate studies in the department of anthropology. As vice provost for undergraduate education and international affairs, Prof. Straight conducts a varied portfolio promoting coherence and creativity in the undergraduate curriculum, especially in regard to enhanced internationalization.

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