

The Campus Community is cordially invited to attend a presentation by...

Susan Schaller

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2007
Time: 4:00 – 6 pm
Place: Oviatt Library, Presentation Room
California State University, Northridge

Susan Schaller, author and human rights advocate, will be discussing her work, relevant to many disciplines, from education, psychology and anthropology to medicine, policy and minority language rights. Through writing, public speaking and stories from the rarely visited world of languageless people, Schaller explores what it means to be human, and how we can improve our vision by accepting Deaf people's superior abilities to see.

Susan Schaller, author of *A Man Without Words* (UC Press) is ready to publish her second book, *Lives Without Words, People Without Language*, about the hidden crime of children being raised without language, and the triumph of learning a first language in adulthood. In *Search of Lucy Doe* (BBC World Service), which includes stories from her upcoming second book and her work with Oliver Sacks, was chosen by the Margaret Mead Film Festival in New York.

Schaller founded and directed a non-profit, producing the educational program and award-winning video, *Vital-Signs* (now a DVD), and Deaf World Television. Through her writing and public speaking, she promotes equal access to language for Deaf people, and introduces hearing people to an astounding culture based on vision. Schaller's observations of people living outside of a shared language have inspired her and help answer "What does it mean to be human?"

For additional information visit her web site: <http://www.susanschaller.com>

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