

California State University
Northridge

**The Deaf Studies Department
Michael D. Eisner College of Education**

Proudly Presents

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Paddy Ladd is a Reader at the [recently closed] Centre for Deaf Studies at the University of Bristol, England and Director of Postgraduate Programmes including the world's only MSc in Deafhood Studies. He was born deaf and orally mainstreamed throughout his school years before joining the UK Deaf community to begin his professional life and become a community activist--co-founding the National Union of the Deaf (1976) and the Federation of Deaf People (1998). He has worked for the British Deaf Association, in Deaf television at the BBC, and was the founder of the London Deaf Video Project. In 1989 he began researching Deaf culture, and in 1992 was the Powrie V. Doctor Chair in Deaf Studies at Gallaudet University. Soon thereafter he returned to the UK for his Ph.D. studies, which he completed in 1998. In 2003 he published *Understanding Deaf Culture - In Search of Deafhood*. He is currently writing his second book on Deafhood Pedagogies.

A Final Frontier – Can Deafhood Pedagogies Revolutionize Deaf Education?

In 250 years of Deaf education, it might seem that every strategy has already been tried. While a number of important articles have been published on the subject, there is not even a single published book which examines the work of Deaf educators and the crucial nature of their contributions to improving the parlous state of Deaf education. This presentation draws on research with Deaf educators by Ladd and West to attempt the first formal framework of Deafhood pedagogies. In doing so, it draws attention to the importance of learning from other minority cultural pedagogies in attempting to revolutionize Deaf education systems.

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Nordhoff Hall, Room 113

ADMISSION IS FREE

INTERPRETERS WILL BE PROVIDED

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