

“NO CHILD LEFT MONOLINGUAL”

A TALK BY DR. KIM POTOWSKI



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Her research focuses on Spanish in the U.S. and connections between language and ethnic identity.

The U.S. has always been a linguistically diverse nation, but the overall climate usually discourages and sometimes outright discriminates against the use of non-English languages. The grandchildren of immigrants often don't speak their grandparents' language anymore, which squanders the wonderful resource of hundreds of non-English languages spoken in communities across the U.S. In addition, we don't do a great job teaching foreign languages to monolingual English-speakers. This talk explores several myths about languages in the U.S. and presents arguments and strategies that favor promoting multilingualism among our population.

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