

Daviess County Public Schools presents

***Cultural Implications of
Sensory Orientation and Audism***
Benjamin J. Bahan, PhD

Saturday, March 15, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Learning Center, DCPS – room 100
1700 Parrish Plaza Drive
Owensboro, KY 42301



About the Presentation

“... People from different cultures not only speak different languages but... inhabit different sensory worlds (Edward T. Hall 1966, 1982).” In this workshop, we will explore two different orientations - visual-tactile and audio-vocal - and the cultural implications of how different sense experiences are interpreted. This workshop will be presented in three parts:

1. Sensory Orientation brings together different cases showing how Deaf people really build a highly sophisticated and expanded visual tactile sensory reach that is ingrained in different layers of their being;
2. A documentary film “Audism Unveiled” will be shown. In this film Deaf adults convey their experiences with communication throughout their lives;
3. Sensory experiences and interpretations of dominant culture often lead to a discriminatory/prejudicial outlook on the way Deaf people are oriented in the world and vice-versa.

About the Presenter

Benjamin James Bahan, Ph.D is a professor in the department of ASL and Deaf Studies at Gallaudet University. He is a renowned storyteller, author, researcher, professor, and presenter on issues related to Deaf Studies. Among the various books and videotapes he’s authored, one popular book was co-authored with Harlan Lane and Robert Hoffmeister, *A Journey into the DEAF-WORLD*. His latest book published in 2000 was *The Syntax of American Sign Language: Functional Categories and Hierarchical Structure* (co-authored with Carol Neidle, Judy Kegl, Dawn MacLaughlin, and Robert Lee). His latest DVD was co-written and co-directed with Dirksen Bauman: *Audism Unveiled*.

Workshop and evening performance will be in American Sign Language.

Voice interpreting available upon request.

This workshop is being offered for **.6 CEU’s** in the content area of **Professional Studies**.

Participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

CEU’s cannot be awarded if you arrive late or leave early.

An Evening of Storytelling with Ben Bahan

**March 14, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Apollo High School – auditorium
2280 Tamarack Road
Owensboro, KY 42301

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Registration

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ Yes I will need a voice interpreter for this session.

Early registration (before Feb. 29)	\$80.00	_____
On site/Late registration (after Feb. 29)	\$90.00	_____
Friday evening performance	\$5.00	_____
Total		_____

Please make checks payable to “**Daviess County Public Schools**”

Mail registration form and check to:
Heidi Givens
Country Heights Elementary
4961 Hwy 54
Owensboro, KY 42303

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Please notify Heidi Givens at heidi.givens@daviess.kyschools.us by **February 29, 2008** to receive a refund.

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