
The History of African American Language (SIGs 14 and 17)

INTRODUCTION

This webinar will explore how the history of African American Language (AAL) relates to culturally sensitive and responsive practices in communication disorders. The webinar will feature first-time screenings of several excerpts from “The History of African American Language,” one episode of a documentary series sequel to the Emmy Award-winning “Talking Black in America.” During the webinar, sociolinguist Walt Wolfram and African American Language scholar and SLP Orlando Taylor will discuss the impacts of the history of African American Language on clinical practices for professionals working with individuals who speak AAL.

This webinar is part of the SIGnature Series, a collection of webinars developed by volunteers from ASHA’s Special Interest Groups, who share practical, evidence-based suggestions and solutions based on their in-depth knowledge, clinical experiences, and passion for their specialty areas. This webinar was developed by SIG 14: Cultural and Linguistic Diversity and SIG 17: Global Issues in Communication Sciences and Related Disorders.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- Identify milestones in the development of AAL over time
- Discuss societal influences on the history of AAL and how AAL has influenced U.S. culture
- Describe why the history of AAL is relevant to current practices when interacting with individuals who speak AAL

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Live webinar: Thursday, November 19, 2020

6:00–7:00 p.m. Eastern time

(5:00 p.m. Central time, 4:00 p.m. Mountain time, 3:00 pm. Pacific time)

On-demand webinar: November 21, 2020–November 19, 2025

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