

Rio Grande Valley

Texas Association for Bilingual Education



Time to Celebrate! The Cognitive Edge of Biliteracy
¡Es hora de celebrar! Las ventajas cognitivas de la biliteracidad

January 20-21, 2017

South Padre Island Convention Centre

<https://2017rgvtabeconference.sched.org/>

Conference Registration



Exhibitor/Sponsorship



Presentation Proposal



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Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
23rd Annual RGV-TABE Bilingual Education Conference
South Padre Island Convention Centre
South Padre Island, Texas
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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Friday, January 20, 2017

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Conference Registration / Visit with Exhibitors
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast / Visit with Exhibitors
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony / Keynote Speaker: Dr. Janet Zadina
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break / Visit with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Session #1
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Breakout Session #2
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Visit with Exhibitors
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Breakout Session #3

Saturday, January 21, 2017

7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Visit with Exhibitors
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast / Entertainment / Visit with Exhibitors
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	General Session / Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ellen Bialystok
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break/Visit with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Session #4
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Awards Recognition Luncheon (included w/registration)
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Breakout Session #5
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Visit with Exhibitors
2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Session #6
4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Door Prizes



Rio Grande Valley Texas Association for Bilingual Education

September 16, 2016

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of the RGV-TABE and Executive Board, I would like to take this time to extend our invitation to the 23rd Annual RGV-TABE Conference to be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center on **January 20-21, 2017**. As always, our conference will be offering high-quality professional development sessions, as well as wonderful networking opportunities with other bilingual educators and administrators from other parts of the world!

Through a balanced program of professional development and public education, RGV-TABE pursues the implementation of educational policies and effective bilingual-bicultural programs that promote equal educational opportunity and academic excellence for Bilingual/ESL students in the Rio Grande Valley. RGV-TABE firmly believes that only enrichment forms of bilingual education ensure that Bilingual/ESL students are successful cognitively, linguistically and affectively.

In keeping with this fundamental mission, RGV-TABE is committed to serve as a professional association for people interested in the education of bilingual learners; to review and analyze the state of bilingual education in the Rio Grande Valley and exchange practices for more effective implementation of bilingual programs; to disseminate research, ideas and information regarding bilingual and ESL education with the general public.

The theme of this year's conference is **"Time to Celebrate! The Cognitive Edge of Biliteracy"**. We will have great keynote speakers, such as internationally renowned **Dr. Ellen Bialystok**, Distinguished Research Professor at York University, in Toronto, Canada. As a cognitive neuroscientist, Dr. Bialystok has spent almost 40 years studying the bilingual brain. Much of her research is focused on the effect of bilingualism on children's language and cognitive development, as well as how long-term bilingualism protects older adults from cognitive decline.

By attending the conference you will have the opportunity to earn 12 CPE hours on best practices from other districts and other states. In addition, the conference will feature a complimentary luncheon and award ceremony where students and professionals will be recognized for their excellent work and contributions to the field of bilingual education. We are confident that with your support and participation, this year's 23rd RGV-TABE Conference will be a success.

Once again, I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support for this great conference! Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions. We hope to see you at the Island in January!

Mil gracias,

Karina E. Chapa

Karina E. Chapa, M.Ed.
President, RGV-TABE

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16 de septiembre del 2016

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Estimados amigos y colegas,

A nombre de RGV-TABE y de su mesa directiva es un placer invitarlos a nuestra vigésima-tercer conferencia anual que se llevará a cabo en la Isla del Padre el 20 y 21 de enero del 2017. Este año, nuestra conferencia ofrecerá sesiones de alto calibre académico, así como excelentes oportunidades para convivir y relacionarse con educadores y administradores bilingües, no sólo de la región, sino del estado y de otras partes del mundo.

Mediante un programa de capacitación profesional balanceado, RGV-TABE promueve la implementación de pólizas educativas y programas bilingües y biculturales que aseguran oportunidades equitativas y de excelencia académica para los estudiantes del Valle del Río Grande. RGV-TABE cree firmemente en los programas de educación bilingüe de enriquecimiento, por medio de los cuales se asegura el desempeño cognitivo, académico y lingüístico de los alumnos.

Para cumplir con esta misión, RGV-TABE se compromete a servir como una asociación profesional para las personas interesadas en la educación de estudiantes bilingües; revisar y analizar el estado en el que se encuentra la educación bilingüe en el Valle del Río Grande e intercambiar prácticas para una implementación más efectiva de sus programas bilingües; así como también diseminar con el público en general investigaciones, ideas e información sobre la educación bilingüe y de inglés como segundo idioma.

Este año el tema de nuestra conferencia es “**¡Es hora de celebrar! Las ventajas cognitivas de la biliteracidad**”. Tendremos como oradores invitados a grandes conferencistas, como la **Dra. Ellen Bialystok**, Profesora e Investigadora Distinguida de la Universidad de York, en Toronto, Canadá. Como neurocientífica cognitiva, la Dra. Bialystok ha invertido cerca de 40 años estudiando el cerebro bilingüe. Una gran parte de sus investigaciones se han enfocado en el efecto del bilingüismo en el desarrollo lingüístico y cognitivo infantil, así como en el rol que juega el bilingüismo en el retraso del deterioro cognitivo en los adultos mayores.

Al asistir a esta conferencia, nuestros miembros podrán recibir 12 horas de desarrollo profesional y aprender de las mejores prácticas educativas de otros distritos de Texas y de otros estados. Además, ofreceremos para todos los participantes un banquete para celebrar a estudiantes y maestros que gracias a su dedicación y entrega serán reconocidos en este evento. Estamos seguros de que con su apoyo y participación esta conferencia será todo un éxito.

Nuevamente, les agradezco de antemano por su apoyo y quedamos a sus órdenes para cualquier pregunta que tengan sobre esta vigésima-tercer conferencia de RGV-TABE.

Mil gracias,

Karina E. Chapa

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Presidente, RGV-TABE



Dr. Ellen Bialystok

Ellen Bialystok is a Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology and Walter Gordon York Research Chair of Lifespan Cognitive Development at York University. She is also an Associate Scientist at the Rotman Research Institute of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Her research uses both behavioral and neuroimaging methods to examine the effect of experience on cognitive processes across the lifespan, with most attention on the effect of bilingualism. Participants in these studies include children, younger and older adults, and patients, in an attempt to identify the mechanism by which experience modifies cognitive systems. She has published extensively in the form of books, scientific articles, and book chapters.

She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Society for Experimental Psychology, American Psychological Society, and other professional organizations. Among her awards are the Canadian Society for Brain Behaviour and Cognitive Science Hebb Award (2011), Killam Prize for the Social Sciences (2010), York University President's Research Award of Merit (2009), Donald T. Stuss Award for Research Excellence at the Baycrest Geriatric Centre (2005), Dean's Award for Outstanding Research (2002), Killam Research Fellowship (2001), and the Walter Gordon Research Fellowship (1999). In 2016, she was named an Officer of the Order of Canada for her contributions to our understanding bilingualism and for opening up new avenues of research in her field.

Source: <http://research.baycrest.org/ebialystok>

For more information on Dr. Bialystok, scan the QR code below.





Dr. Janet Zadina

A determination to better understand learners' struggles led high school and community college teacher Dr. Janet Zadina to an interest in neuroimaging studies of dyslexia. Pursuing that interest, she became a neuroscientist, conducting MRI research into dyslexia in the Department of Neurology at Tulane University School of Medicine, where she completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in cognitive neuroscience.

Today, Dr. Zadina is an internationally renowned speaker, consultant, and author. She is known for her extraordinary ability to debunk popular myths about the brain while keeping educators aware of credible brain research. The Society for Neuroscience honored her with the 2011 Science Educator Award for making significant contributions to public education and raising awareness of neuroscience through her powerful conference presentations and transformational workshops.

She is the author of reading and learning textbooks for students as well as professional development books for teachers, including *Multiple Pathways to the Student Brain*, and is co-founder of the Butterfly Project, a project designed to help teachers who have experienced natural disasters. Among her many honors, she has been named as a Distinguished Fellow in the Council of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Associations.

For more information on Dr. Zadina, scan the QR code below.





**Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
23rd Annual Bilingual Education Conference Registration
South Padre Island Convention Centre, South Padre Island, Texas
January 20-21, 2017**

Name (Mr./Mrs./Miss./Ms.) _____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____
Street
City State Zip

Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Employer District _____

Campus _____ Position _____

Campus Address _____
Street
City State Zip

Campus Work Phone _____ Campus FAX _____

Purchase Order# _____

- Check Type:
- _____ **\$135.00* – Early Registration** – must be received by **Friday, November 18, 2016**
(includes membership to RGV-TABE and TABE)
 - _____ **\$150.00* – Regular Registration** – must be received by **Friday, January 13, 2017**
(includes membership to RGV-TABE and TABE)
 - _____ **\$165.00* After January 13, 2017 **On-Site Registration Only****
Conference materials are not guaranteed/must present paper copy of PO or cash
(includes membership to RGV-TABE and TABE)
 - _____ **RGV-TABE Presenter – Must be approved by RGV-TABE Executive Board**
_____ **\$100.00 Discounted Registration for first presenter!**
 - _____ **\$40.00 – Current Undergraduate Student Registration**
(attach copy of current student ID)



Mail conference registration with your check/money order to:

**RGV-TABE
P.O. Box 1714
Pharr, TX 78577**

or email Purchase Order with registration form to rgvtabe@yahoo.com

Questions can be directed to the RGV-TABE Office at (956) 354-6949. E-mail questions and/or comments to rgvtabe@yahoo.com.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date: _____	Check Number: _____
Amount Paid: _____	Purchase Order: _____

No refunds will be allowed after January 13, 2017.



**Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
Presentation Proposal**
23rd Annual Bilingual Education Conference – South Padre Island Convention
Centre
January 20-21, 2017

PRESENTERS

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

School District/Company/Institution Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City State Zip

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

School District/Company/Institution Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City State Zip

Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

(Attach sheet with additional presenters, if needed)

- Topic/Area:**
- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Literacy Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomers | <input type="checkbox"/> ELPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ESL Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Biliteracy Development | <input type="checkbox"/> State Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted and Talented | <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TEKS | <input type="checkbox"/> Parental Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Math | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheltered Instruction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Language | <input type="checkbox"/> STAAR | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Language Instruction | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Session Type: Informational Panel Discussion Workshop

Audience: Elementary Teachers MS/HS Teachers Administration/University Other

Language of Presentation: English Spanish

Session Title: _____

Proposal Abstract (50-75 word summary): Attach Maximum 250 word Proposal Description

Each presentation room will be equipped with a screen and data projector ONLY. Additional equipment must be provided by presenter (adaptors, clickers, etc.)

NOTE: Registration fee is \$100 for first presenter; regular fee for rest of presenters. Please complete *Conference Registration* form and mail with payment.

DEADLINE: November 18, 2016

MAIL or EMAIL THE INFORMATION TO:

RGV-TABE Office
P.O. BOX 1714
Pharr, TX 78577

Phone: 956-354-2042 • rgvtabe@yahoo.com



**Rio Grande Valley
Texas Association for Bilingual Education
Exhibitor Registration/Sponsorship
2017 Conference – South Padre Island Convention Centre, South Padre Island
January 20-21, 2017**

Yes, our company will participate in the **23rd Annual Rio Grande Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Education (RGV-TABE) Conference** to be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center, South Padre Island, Texas, on **January 20-21, 2017** and agree to:

___ Sponsor at the following level:

- _____ **\$3,500 – Platinum (written commitment must be received by November 18, 2016)**
Sponsorship includes **double booth with four** exhibitor tables, a presentation slot, company instructional packet and/or promotional items in each bag and special recognition in conference program and breakfast table.
- _____ **\$2,500 – Gold (written commitment must be received by November 18, 2016)**
Sponsorship includes **two** exhibitor tables, a presentation slot and recognition in conference program and breakfast table.
- _____ **\$1,300 – Silver (written commitment must be received by November 18, 2016)**
Sponsorship includes **one** exhibitor table, a presentation slot, and recognition in conference program.
- _____ **\$700 – Bronze**
Sponsorship includes **one** exhibitor table and recognition in conference program.

___ Exhibitor fee of \$350 – this includes one table

___ Local Independent Retail \$150 – this includes one table

NOTE: Additional tables will be provided upon request for an additional \$100 each. Requests for additional presentation slots will be accommodated if space availability permits for an additional fee of \$65. A *Presentation Proposal* must be submitted for consideration no later than **November 18, 2016.**

Company: _____

Sales Representative: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Due to a limited supply of conference materials, exhibitors may not receive conference bags. Only official level sponsors will be guaranteed at least one set of conference materials. An official exhibitor program guide will be available for all exhibitor companies.

Sponsorship/Exhibitor Fee	\$	_____
Additional Table	+ \$	_____
Additional Presentation Slot	+ \$	_____
Total Amount Enclosed	= \$	_____

As an authorized representative, I agree to have company representation at your conference from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 20-21, 2017

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**SET UP TIME
THURSDAY, January 19, 2017
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Payment Deadline: January 10, 2017

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO RGV-TABE THEN MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:

RGV-TABE Office, P.O. BOX 1714, Pharr, TX 78577
Phone: 956-354-6949 • FAX: 956-354-3072 • rgvtabe@yahoo.com

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel discount rates available for RGV-TABE Conference

<p>Schlitterbahn Resort 100 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, TX Phone: 956-761-1160</p>	<p>Rooms: \$76.00</p> <p>Deadline: January 13, 2017 Group Name: RGV TX ASSN. of Bilingual Group ID: 427596</p>
<p>La Quinta Inn & Suites 7000 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, TX 78597 Phone: 956-772-7000</p>	<p>Rooms: \$85.00</p> <p>Deadline: December 19, 2016</p>
<p>Pearl South Padre 310 Padre Blvd South Padre Island, TX 78597 Phone: 956-761-6551</p>	<p>Rooms: \$89.00</p>
<p>Hilton Graden Inn 7010 Padre Blvd South Padre Island, TX 78597 Phone: 1-800-560-7843</p>	<p>Rooms: \$104</p>

RGV-TABE 23rd Annual

“Being Bilingual” Essay Contest

Important notice to all elementary school, middle school, and high school students who are learning in two languages:

The Rio Grande Valley-Texas Association for Bilingual Education (RGV-TABE) invites all elementary, middle school, and high school bilingual/dual language learners to participate in a Writing Contest.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

DESIGNATED TOPICS

Write an essay on one of the following themes:

- Growing Up Bilingual
- Learning in Two Languages
- Why I Want to Be Bilingual
- Proud to Be Bilingual
- The Power of Bilingualism

CASH PRIZES

Grades 3-5: \$500 (1 Winner)
Grades 6-8: \$500 (1 Winner)
Grades 9-12: \$500 (1 Winner)

ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled in one of the following programs are eligible to apply:

- (1) bilingual/dual classroom
- (2) a classroom with native language support
- (3) foreign language courses

CRITERIA

Each essay will be judged on the following criteria:

- (1) originality
- (2) content/clarity
- (3) organization
- (4) grammar

RULES

Only entries that comply with the following rules will be considered.

- **LANGUAGE:** All essays must be written in the student's second language.
- **SUBJECT:** All essays must address at least one of the themes listed under “TOPICS.”
- **LENGTH:**
 - Grades 3-5 (150-200 words)
 - Grades 6-8 (250-350 words)
 - Grades 9-12 (400-500 words)

*The number of words must be noted at the end of each essay.

Format:

The essay must be handwritten neatly in ink or typed, double-spaced.

- **Application:** An application form must be stapled to the essay. Participant name should not appear on the essay.

- Applications require a teacher's signature verifying that applicants meet the contest eligibility criteria.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

All entries must be submitted electronically to: rgvtabe@yahoo.com no later than December 16, 2016.

For further information contact: RGV-TABE, at rgvtabe@yahoo.com or call 956 354-6949

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“Being Bilingual” Essay Contest

APPLICATION FORM

Instructions:

1. Staple a copy of this form to each essay.
2. Names should not appear on the essay.
3. All application forms must be signed by the teacher.

Name of Contestant: _____

Grade: _____ Native Language: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Bilingual/Dual Teacher: _____

Name of Principal: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: (____) _____ School Fax Number: (____) _____

Name of School District: _____

I certify that this student meets all eligibility criteria.

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

RGV-TABE NOMINEES 2016-2017

Please submit the name of your nominee for each category with a brief description of their work:

Community Advocate: _____ Email: _____

Bilingual Educator: _____ Email: _____

Higher Education: _____ Email: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____ District: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

RGV-TABE NOMINEES 2016-2017

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Bilingual Educator: _____ Email: _____

Higher Education: _____ Email: _____

Submitted by:

Name: _____ District: _____

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PARENT INSTITUTE

AT HILTON GARDEN INN - SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

7010 PADRE BLVD, SOUTH
PADRE ISLAND, TX 78597
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017
10:00 AM-1:30 PM
\$25 PER PERSON

REGISTER AT



**** ONLY TAKING ON THE FIRST 100 PARENTS ****