

## **Working in a Visual World**

Working in a Visual World presents topics that will increase visual awareness in the interpreting profession. By using a hands-on, multimedia approach participants will learn what visual orientation means to the interpreter, and how to develop their awareness of visual orientation. Topics covered will include: identifying visual information, expanding knowledge of ASL classifiers, the importance of facial expression, and confidence when expressing visual information. The multi-media, hands-on approach will use YouTube clips of Disney's Pixar shorts, as well as classical cartoons. There will also be group activities that will focus on enhancing clarity in communication as well as provide opportunities for feedback. Participants will leave with a greater awareness of the visual world around them, and how this awareness directly influences work as an American Sign Language interpreter.

### **Presenter: Chelsey Wiley**

Chelsey Wiley graduated with a BA from the Interpreter Training Program at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL. She began her career in Jacksonville, Illinois before moving to the Champaign-Urbana metropolitan area. Originally certified in both Missouri and Illinois at the Advanced level, Chelsey currently works free-lance in Texas. The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex provides a unique cultural and linguistic atmosphere that provides Chelsey with a variety of settings to work in; from medical appointments, to college classes, to workshops and more. Chelsey continues to develop her professional skills while learning something new every day. Chelsey believes that awareness and preparation can be the difference between a successful and a not-so-successful interpreting situation. She values continuing education, peer feedback, and openness to other people's perspectives. Her interpreting career is based on one simple philosophy, "The ability to communicate clearly is the most important tool a person can possess."