



## 2025 INTERPRETERS CONFERENCE

October 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# STUDENT CONFERENCE PRESENTER:

## DR. ERICK SMITH'S BIO:

Born in Chicago, Illinois. Erick R. Smith have navigated life's challenges and triumphs with resilience and dedication. His journey began with a profound connection to the Deaf community, being born with spinal meningitis which caused him to be Hard-of-Hearing and having a twin who was Deaf (now deceased). This personal experience has fueled his passion and commitment to the field of Interpreting and Mentoring.

He holds a Doctoral degree in Theology and Biblical Studies, which has deepened his understanding and ability to serve diverse communities, especially in the Religious Settings. With over 30 years of experience, he has honed his skills across various settings including Religious, Theatre, Platform, Consultative, Medical, and Educational Environments.

As an Educational Interpreter he has been committed to fostering accessible learning environments by mentoring emerging interpreters, coaching individuals to reach their highest potential, and providing counseling support. He is proud to hold an EIPA score of 4.0+ and BEI Basic Certification, a reflection of his proficiency and dedication to excellence.

His current affiliation is with Purple, a Leading Interpreting Company, where he continues to advocate for and support the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community.

Through his extensive experience and unwavering commitment, he ensures that communication is clear, respectful, and empowering for all.

**To register - on next page.**



## 2025 INTERPRETERS CONFERENCE

October 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Renaissance Hotel - St. Louis, MO

# STUDENT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

## PRESENTER - ERICK SMITH:

**9 AM - NOON**

**"BEI, CRACKING THE CODE"**

Workshop description: "What is the BEI?" We will talk about the preparation for the BEI Written Test of English Proficiency (TEP)\* and delve into the Expressive/Receptive Transliterating and Interpreting portion of the test as well as the scoring methods of the Pass/Fail component.

**NOON - 1 PM LUNCH**

**1 PM - 4PM**

**MORPHOLOGICAL VS PHONOLOGICAL  
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD YOU SAID/SIGNED"**

We will discuss and answer the difference between Morphological and Phonological Process of ASL. We will delve into discussing the two different morphological processes, Derivational and Inflectional morphology. We will also at the Phonological structure which consist of the 5 Parameters of ASL.

## DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

[Click here to Register](#)