

## **RICDHH News - Presentation at Brown University - April 15th**

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Title: "Rethinking Deaf: Shifting the Paradigm" by Ella Mae Lentz

Date: April 15, 2013

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Brown University, Smith-Buonanno Hall, Room 106, 95 Cushing Street, Providence, RI 02912

Voice interpreters will be provided. All are welcome to this free event.

Workshop Summary:

Society and the media often portrays Deaf people as disabled and needing to be fixed. Examples of this includes the media hyping medical, scientific and technological developments based on hearing and speaking as dominant values. However, they ignore or dismiss social injustice which impacts Deaf children's ability to acquire language, foster their self-esteem, and have equal access to education, all of which lead to opportunities to thrive in life.

Ella Mae Lentz, a well-respected Deaf poet, activist, and co-author of the Signing Naturally curriculum used to teach American Sign Language in colleges and universities, will present a culturally-oriented perspective. Learn how many Deaf people are making the journey to self-actualization through Deafhood.

For more information, contact Timothy Riker at [timothy\\_riker@brown.edu](mailto:timothy_riker@brown.edu).

Sponsored by American Sign Language Studies and the Center for Language Studies at Brown University.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

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