



# VIRTUAL SCAD CONFERENCE 2021

Reconnecting SCAD and the  
Deaf community!



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*SCAD is excited to provide our 2021 conference to you in a new and safe format, virtual! This was not a decision that was easily made because we have been eager to come together again as a community. However, the impacts of COVID-19 have been volatile to say the least, and the safety of our community is our top priority. We look forward to reconnecting with our community in innovative and accessible ways and we look forward to being able to come together in person again soon! Keep an eye out for more information on that to come!*

SCAD's Virtual Conference 2021 will be hosted on Zoom! Conference attendees will receive a secure link via email. In order to view and participate in conference, you will simply open the link emailed to you. If you need assistance or have any issues we will have technical support available to help you. Thank you for participating in SCAD Virtual conference 2021, and don't forget: Get Connected, Stay Connected!





National Association of the Deaf  
[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), it is my great pleasure and honor to welcome everyone to the South Carolina Association of the Deaf (SCAD)'s virtual conference.

SCAD has a long and rich history of success, advocating for and serving for all deaf and hard of hearing since 1911! The NAD depends on strong organizations such as SCAD to accomplish our mutual goals.



The NAD has worked diligently in furtherance of its mission to preserve, protect, and promote the civil, human, and linguistic rights of all deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States. As it has for 141 years with your support, the NAD advocates and educates political leaders, legislators, judges, media, and society on the rights and needs of 48 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans. Having accomplished so much in recent years thanks in part to partnerships such as with SCAD, the NAD will continue its steadfast and tireless advocacy to achieve true equality for all deaf and hard of hearing Americans in every area of life including education, employment, health and mental health, legal and justice systems, technology, and telecommunications. Through litigation, policy work, corporate relations, Deaf Education and Early Intervention, Youth Programs, and Communications -- the NAD looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with SCAD!

Our work ahead depends on all of us collaborating to push for legislative objectives and advocate for legal victories. It is also important that we pass on our advocacy and leadership skills to the next generation to continue our progress and work. With this in mind, we invite you to join us virtually in September 2021 for our next NAD Leadership Training Conference and in Orlando, Florida in July 2022 for our next NAD Biennial Conference!

Again, our warmest wishes on behalf of the NAD to everyone in attendance for a highly successful conference and for many more years of needed service to our community!

With Support and Gratitude,

Melissa Draganac-Hawk  
Board President

Dear Conference Attendees,

Wow! What a crazy term! The years 2019-2021 has been a roller-coaster ride for SCAD and the Deaf community! With the COVID-19 pandemic spread, SCAD has been incredibly busy making sure that the Deaf Community is getting full access regarding COVID updates, etc.

This year's conference will be the very first virtual conference! The conference committee is super excited to announce the conference will be entirely virtual hosted on zoom. Since the COVID-19 is not over yet, SCAD is committed to providing the safest conference experience while being accessible to all. Our conference theme, "Reconnecting SCAD and the Deaf Community" is a perfect fit and is allowing us all to become more technical in today's world.

While keeping the conference as safe as possible by being online in the comfort of your own home, the SCAD Board and committee has made it clear they wanted to keep the conference as close to an in-person conference as possible. It will be jam-packed with two days of presenters, entertainers, Board Updates, swag bags, door prizes and the SCAD election. How exciting!! AND... it only costs \$25 for two days of fun!

This conference will not be possible without the help of someone who is helping SCAD become more technical. Many thanks go out to Joshua Holmes for his excellent expertise in technology and advice to help us make SCAD fit more with modern times. He is the mastermind behind this virtual conference and SCAD greatly appreciates everything he is doing to help us! Many thanks, Joshua, for your amazing work!

I would also like to take a moment and thank the Executive Director, Anita McDaniel and the Administrative Assistant, Joy Hill, for their tireless and hard work in keeping the SCAD office running during the pandemic. Of course, special recognition must also go out to all of the SCAD Board for their hard work during these two years. Every one of them has played a major role in keeping SCAD running and helping spread the word to the Deaf Community during the pandemic. Hats off also goes to the Conference Committee for their amazing work! Thank you all!

I sincerely hope you will enjoy this historical virtual conference!

With warm regards,  
Glenda McCary  
SCAD President



SCAD Members,

Hello and welcome to this year's 51<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference hosted by the South Carolina Association of the Deaf (SCAD)!

This is the first time in SCAD's history having our conference virtually on ZOOM. After a long year or so of not being able to get out, we are very excited about the theme "Reconnecting SCAD and the Deaf Community!" We cannot wait to have all of us get together in person safely again when the COVID – 19 goes away!

We are excited to have this year's presenters and entertainers as part of our virtual conference! With you all, we can share ideas, learn what is new, and what better resources we can provide to the deaf and hard of hearing citizens of South Carolina.

I want to offer my thanks and gratitude to my staff, all the presenters and entertainers as well as our Conference Chair Carolyn Williamson, Assistant Chair Jennifer Powell, and the rest of the Conference Committee members for all of their hard work. I want to thank Joshua Holmes for his hard work on the technical set up and design for this year's virtual conference.

It is my hope that you will enjoy every part of this conference in the comfort of your home or wherever you may be. Do not forget to share what you experienced to your friends and loved ones in the deaf and hard of hearing community!

With warmest regards,



Anita M. Steichen-McDaniel  
Executive Director



Dear SCAD Members,

I am honored to serve as the conference chairperson for the Virtual SCAD Conference 2021. We are excited to have our conference via ZOOM for the first time in SCAD's history!

I want to thank the SCAD staff and committee for taking time out of their busy schedules for meetings and planning conference this year. I also want to thank Joshua Holmes for planning and designing this virtual conference with his technical expertise.

SCAD and I hope that you will enjoy the workshops, entertainers, and win some door prizes! Do not forget to share your experiences with your families and friends. This is a great way to reconnect with each other in the South Carolina deaf and hard of hearing community.

With warmest regards,

*Carolyn A. Williamson*

Carolyn Williamson  
Conference Chair



# **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

## **Friday August 6**

- 2:00 - 3:00 Login and get settled
- 3:00 - 4:00 Business Meeting Part 1
- 4:00 - 4:30 Break
- 4:30 - 5:30 Workshop: Lisa Rose presents:  
"We + Life = ?" - Sponsored by CARTER Hears!
- 5:30 - 6:30 Dinner Break
- 6:30 - 7:00 Announcements
- 7:00 - 8:00 Fred Beam Presents:  
"Not Better... Just Different"

## **Saturday August 7**

- 9:00 - 10:00 Login and get settled
- 10:00 - 12:00 Business Meeting Part 2
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 - 2:00 Workshop: Roxie Dummett presents:  
"Beyond Black ASL: What You Need to Know"
- 2:00 - 3:00 Elections & Oath
- 3:00 - 3:30 Virtual Door Prizes
- 3:30 - 4:00 Announcements
- 4:00 - 5:00 Dinner Break
- 5:00 - 6:00 Wink Smith Presents:  
"Funny Zero!"



# PRESENTERS



***Lisa M Rose***

***NAD Board Region III Representative***

By day, I teach virtual ASL at a secondary level with Pasco County School District. By night, I teach Deaf Culture/ASL at a local college and I also volunteer my time actively involved in several organizations including NAD that I'm passionate about. I love Politics and majored in Government at Gallaudet University, where I also earned my teaching credential and Master of Arts in Deaf Education degree.

***Presenting: "We + Life = ?" - Sponsored by CARTER Hears***

## **Fun facts about me:**

I love the Baltimore Ravens.

I enjoy reading YR, Politics, and Harlan Coben books.

I have an avid interest in sampling different ground coffee from different places.

I enjoy meeting interesting and passionate people from all walks of life!







## **Roxie Dummett**

### ***ASL lecturer and Assistant Professor at George Mason University***

Roxie is currently an ASL lecturer/assistant professor at George Mason University and used to be an adjunct ASL instructor at Northern Virginia Community College for more than 10 years.

### ***Presenting: "Beyond Black ASL: What You Need to Know"***

This workshop provides an overview of a historical and linguistic study on Black ASL with respect to school history, generational differences, and language differences. For the Black ASL study, Deaf African-American informants in two age groups (over 55 and under 35) were interviewed in the southern U.S. states which had separate schools or departments for Black deaf children during the segregation period. Researchers of Black ASL have identified the geographical and social factors that foster the development and maintenance of Black ASL and provided a description of the phonological, morphological, syntactic, and discourse features that make Black ASL recognizable as a distinct variety of ASL. The examples of the features identified in the study are handedness in signs, height of location in signs, size of signing space, adoption of characters in signing, and effects of language contact between Black ASL and African American English. The findings of Black Deaf signers' perceptions of Black ASL are used to explain how some Black signs created, remained or disappeared over time.

### **Fun facts about Roxie:**

I love spending time with my girls and my granddaughter.

I enjoy refurbishing antique furniture.

I enjoy editing video lessons for my ASL courses.

I practice Yoga, mediation, and fitness/weight training workouts.

I am the daughter of a Guyana immigrant and I am a first generation Guyanese-American.

# ENTERTAINERS

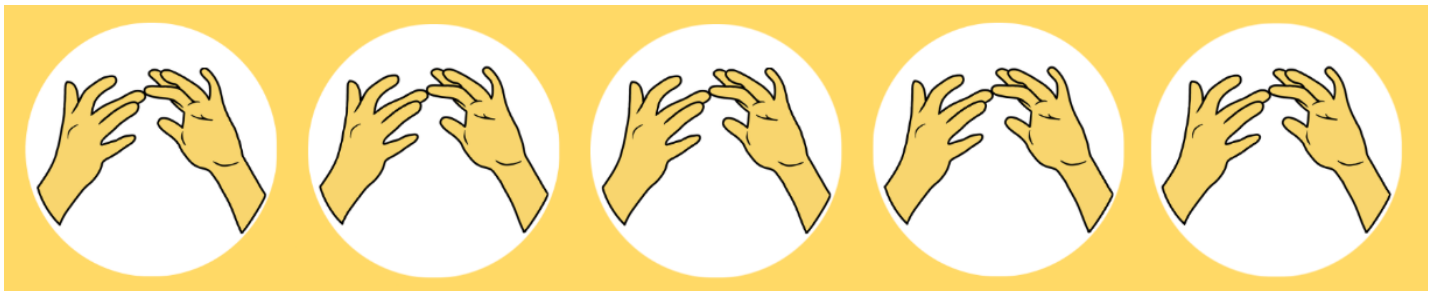


## ***Fred Beam***

*Outreach coordinator Sunshine 2.0*

*Presenting: “Not Better... Just Different”*

Fred Beam is an Alumni of NTID as well as acclaimed educator / workshop presenter, dancer, actor, poet, director and choreographer, Beam has worked with many theater companies including Kennedy Center, Arena Stage, Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts and National Theater of the Deaf, just to name a few. He also was involved in numerous dance companies, the Gallaudet Dance Company, the National Deaf Dance Theatre, the DuPont Dance Company, the Penn Vision Dance Company and the Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts. He has performed around the globe. He was also executive director of an award winning, Invisible Hands, Inc., which promotes deaf awareness through performing arts and was one of the founding members of The Wild Zappers, an all deaf male dance company, which toured nationally and internationally. He also established Theater Arts Leadership Training for Deaf People of Color at Gallaudet University. He is also an advocate for many organization. he was a former President of National Black Deaf Advocates . He also taught math and theater at Model Secondary school for the Deaf/Gallaudet University before moving to Rochester, NY.





## **Wink Smith**

*Performer Educator Advocate*

**Presenting: “Funny Zero!”**

Wink is a CODA with two Deaf parents from the Midwest (he tried but failed to get more deaf parents). His father grew up at a deaf school while his mother attended a mainstream school.

Wink has taken bits of life experiences and weaved them together into entertaining stories for all. Wink's stories highlight

various topics within the deaf, coda, interpreter, ASL, and hearing community. Wink has 16 years of professional experience as a certified interpreter across several states and is a presenter of numerous workshops that focus on various topics most known of which is depiction use in

ASL. He has also served on several committees and boards in numerous interpreting organizations and Deaf advocacy groups. However, he gets the most pleasure when performing, which he has had the pleasure of doing for the last 11 years sharing the stage with other phenomenal ASL performers. In that time he has performed numerous improv shows, developed his comedy show, his dramatic show (which centers around his mother's traumatic brain injury) and a children's show. When Wink is not performing or presenting one of his numerous workshops he enjoys sitting at the computer working on his PhD in linguistics from Gallaudet University all the while his cat Toby sits on his lap for hours on end.



# SCAD OFFICE STAFF



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Director**

Anita Steichen-McDaniel



**Office  
Administrator**

Joy Hill



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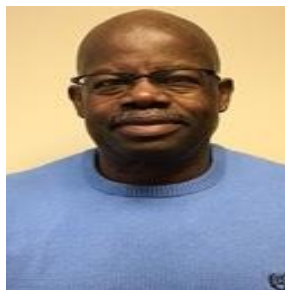
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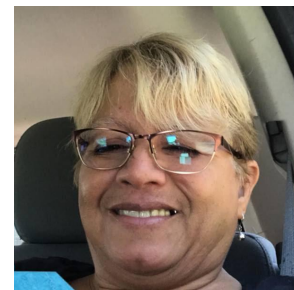
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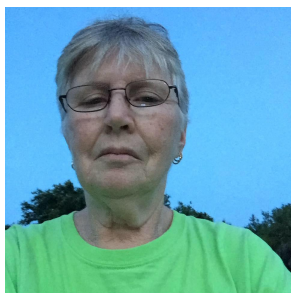
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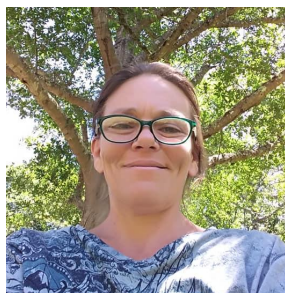
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A huge thank you to our sponsors. Connecting with you helps us elevate our community and support our members! We look forward to strong partnerships, collaboration, and innovation!



*Thanks to the Deaf community  
for welcoming SCC students!*





# **2021 CONFERENCE CHAIR COMMITTEE**

Chair-----	<i>Carolyn Williamson</i>
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Entertainment-----	<i>Sherry Williams</i>

# THANK YOU!

SCAD would like to extend our most sincere thanks to all individuals involved in conference planning, support, and execution! These members of our community are the forces that drive our association forward and allow us to have meaningful impact across the state of South Carolina. To all of our members, board members, sponsors, office staff, volunteers, support staff, and other engaged parties we truly appreciate your time, energy, and support. We are proud to have you as members of our community, and we look forward to staying connected with you!

