

Rebecca Wheeler



Rebecca works with literacy coaches, communication specialists, and classroom teachers K – 12 who want to know “what to do about all those missing –ed’s, -s’s” in their students’ writing. She is an Associate Professor of English Language and Literacy at Christopher Newport University in Virginia. While her work currently focuses on helping teachers respond to African American student writers, the practical, affirming (and research-based) strategies she brings extend to any group of students who speak and write an Everyday English differing from School English (Cajun English, Native American English, Appalachian English, Southern English, Bronx English, International English, etc). Wheeler shows teachers how to build on what students do know – Community English – as they add Standard English to their linguistic repertoires.

Speaking and Workshop Topics

Level: K-16

- Code-Switching
- Grammar Instruction
- Teaching Standard English in Urban Classrooms

Books by Rebecca

Code-Switching: Teaching Standard English in Urban Classrooms

Grammar Alive! A Guide for Teachers

What Participants are Saying

“This inservice was VERY informative. I am so excited and I can’t wait to share this information with my teachers.”

“Thank you SO MUCH for sharing all of that wonderful knowledge. It has redirected my thinking.”

“Excellent presented. Totally relevant and purposeful.”

“I liked the authentic writing samples used. I also liked the fact that this code-switching process does not demean or demoralize the students.”

Bring Rebecca to your school!

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