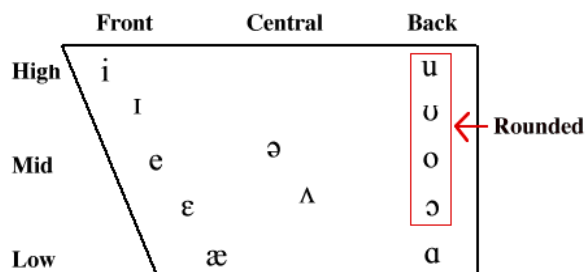


Accent Reduction: Theory and Method

When: Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: inlingua Doral Center
9763 NW 41st Street
Doral, Florida 33178



What: A comprehensive five-hour seminar and workshop on the theory and method of teaching accent reduction and pronunciation improvement (in all languages).

Who: All language instructors who wish to improve their teaching skills and increase their understanding of the theoretical and pedagogical issues relevant to helping students improve their pronunciation (in any language).

Trainer: Richard E. McDorman, Director of Programs and Professional Development

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This interactive seminar will address the most important theoretical and practical issues relevant to pronunciation and accent reduction, with particular emphasis placed on how to effectively help students improve their pronunciation (in any language). The seminar will encompass a broad array of topics related to phonetics and phonology, and will draw on numerous examples from many languages, including but not limited to English and Spanish.

Although few speakers of a foreign language who begin learning the language after early adolescence ever achieve native pronunciation, almost all speakers have the ability to improve their pronunciation over time with the appropriate expert help and guidance. However, in order to successfully help non-native speakers overcome their pronunciation difficulties, language trainers must understand both why learners make pronunciation errors and how learners can correct their pronunciation mistakes. Upon completion of this workshop, language instructors will be better prepared to help students overcome their pronunciation-related communication barriers.

Topics to be covered include language acquisition, basic phonological theory and analysis, articulatory phonetics, the phonetics and phonology of Standard American English and General American Spanish, and the International Phonetic Alphabet, as well as accent reduction teaching methods and materials.

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Please confirm your attendance with Sandra Manso by e-mail at smanso@inlingua-if.com.