

Gallaudet University Alumni Association-Austin Chapter



Invites Alumni to Dinner with **Dr. MJ Bienvenu** as our extraordinary speaker At *El Rancho*

2613 South Lamar Austin, Texas

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

A native ASL signer, originally from Baton Rouge, LA, MJ received her BA in English and MA in Linguistics from Gallaudet in 1974 and 1983, respectively. She worked at Gallaudet in various departments; including Linguistics Research Lab and English, for a total of 11 years. She then moved to be a co-director of The Bicultural Center for 7 years. She later became a director of Language and Culture Center for 3 years before she came back to Gallaudet.

MJ has published several ASL teaching materials (Faces of ASL and ASL Numerical Systems) and several American Deaf Culture videos and workbooks. She was also a sign model for the first ASL instruction books, also known as the Green Books. She also presented to schools, colleges and universities and centers around the country, Canada, Europe, Japan, Israel, and Cyprus on topics of Sign Language Instruction, Culture, Oppression and Empowerment, Cross-cultural Interactions and Interpretation.

MJ is presently the Chair of the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies since 2003. She also serves as co-chair of the Sorenson Language and Communication Center building project.



Menu

Complimentary sherbet or homemade praline served upon request

Deluxe Dinner – Guacamole Salad, Chile con Queso, Beef Taco, Tamale, Beef Enchilada, Rice, Refried Beans and Iced Tea

No. 1 Dinner – Beef Taco, Beef Enchilada, Tamale or Chile con Queso, Rice, Refried Beans and Iced Tea

Matt's Special – 2 Green enchiladas (beef, chicken or cheese), Beef or chicken taco, Chile con Queso, Rice and Refried Beans

Date: December 14

Time: 4:00 p.m. *

Cost: \$15.00 CASH

R.S.V.P. by December 12

Contact person: Iris Sandell –
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*Seating time: 4:30

*Dinner will be served at 5:30

Selection of new officers will take place after dinner.