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DEAF CULTURE IN THE US: **Misunderstood Signs**



Wednesday, Sept. 18
7:00 p.m.

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Some people have never met a Deaf person before, but they are everywhere. Every country has a Deaf community, and there is a Deaf culture with mannerisms and customs distinct from the mainstream population. This presentation will discuss and explain some characteristics of Deaf culture and some struggles of the Deaf communities in the US and the world. Alongside Deaf culture, American Sign Language (there isn't a universal sign language) and its genealogy will be also be taught. We also will look at some misunderstandings and misconceptions about the Deaf people and how they can be remedied.

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