

Winston: Self-Introduction

So with that, I'll get started.

Just a little bit about myself. As I said, my name is Betsy Winston. I'm the director of the TIEM Centre, that's T-I-E-M. That stands for Teaching Interpreting Educators & Mentors. I've been doing this for about ten years now.

And how did I get here? Well, I, long ago, many, many years ago, about 1970, went to college and majored in French. And when I finished there, I went to the Peace Corps and spent two and a half years in Togo West Africa, which is a Francophone country.

When I came back to the States, I wanted to continue using other languages, but French is not one that gets used in the United States very often, so I began to learn American Sign Language. And from a mere year and a half of learning American Sign Language, which was really probably signed English, I went straight into an interpreter training program in Portland, Oregon, and from there graduated and became an educational interpreter.

After some time doing that, I became an educator and then I became a researcher. So that's the long story made very short. My focus is primarily discourse analysis, and I'll explain what that is in a little bit. And if you want more information about me or about any of the work that I've done, you can go to my website, which is linked at the bottom of the PowerPoint slide, and that's www.tiemcentre.org. With that, I'll move on to the next slide.