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About Betty Colonomos

Betty M. Colonomos, currently serving as Director of the Bilingual Mediation Center, is a fluent ASL/English bilingual. Her academic training has been in Deaf Education/Speech Pathology (undergraduate), Counseling (graduate) and Linguistics (doctoral.) Betty was awarded the Masters Comprehensive Skills Certificate (MCSC) from RID in 1980. She was the second recipient of the Mary Stotler Award for excellence in Interpreter Education from CIT. Betty has chaired many national committees on standards and evaluation of interpreters, most recently serving her term as co-chair on the CIT/ASLTA Task Force on Interpreting Standards. Betty has been appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor of Linguistics at University of Southern Maine.

Ms. Colonomos is well known as an educator of interpreters and a language consultant. In addition to developing the most widely used model for teaching processes used in interpreting, she has consulted with schools and the legal system as an expert on linguistic and cultural issues impacting on the Deaf Community. Through The Bilingual Mediation Center, she provides services in the area of instruction, consultation, cross-cultural mediation, language assessment, interpretation, translation, and curriculum development.