

Bio Keynote Speaker

CSULA Child & Family Studies Professor Simona Montanari has been invited to be a keynote speaker or presenter at several conferences during the past year. In May 2018, she was a panelist at the *Harmonious Bilingualism Network 1* in Brussels, Belgium, where she discussed the terminology in the study of bilinguals, bilingualism and multilingualism. In early October 2018, she was an invited speaker at the international conference *The View from the Multilingual Child: Linguistic Theory, Language Use and Language Strategies in and outside School* at Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany, where she presented on family language policy and educational choices in the raising of multilingual children in monolingual cultures. Later in October 2018, she was a keynote speaker at the *Third International Conference for Teachers of Foreign Languages* at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, Honduras, where she presented (in English, Spanish and Italian) on theories of second language acquisition, the psychological and social factors that promote foreign language learning and the cognitive, social, and emotional benefits of multilingualism. Finally, in March 2019, Dr. Montanari was invited to present on bilingual education and its educational outcomes at Dipont Education in Shanghai, China, an educational organization that delivers an international education through 28 campuses across China.