

Dr. Janis Cole

Janis Cole, Ph.D., RSC, CDI, feminist, human rights advocate. Janis in her 35 plus years of professional experience, has been a national Cultural/Deaf Studies/ Interpreter/translator educator and consultant; community forum leader/facilitator. She has taught Boston University, Northeastern University and Gallaudet University. She presented various interpreting/ translation and socio-cultural Deaf Studies topics nationally and internationally. Currently working as a facilitator with Betty Colnonomos, Bilingual Mediation Center. Before she founded her LesDeux2 Production Company in 2010, she directed and produced several shows, provided ASL consultations for Broadway in NYC and Boston. As a vital member of a groundbreaking program designed to revolutionize perceptions and practices in ASL and English literacy instruction, The Magical Literacy Camp (1997), she then went on to coordinate and co-chair various national events such as Boston's 1st International Deaf Theatre Festival, the 1st International Translation Summit (DC), & Pah! Deaf Youth Theatre (Boston). Currently, Janis teaches at several universities as an adjunct with a focus on interpreting and translating. Janis's research interests include Deaf translation, interpreting pedagogy, fingerspelling, gestural studies, and social justice.

