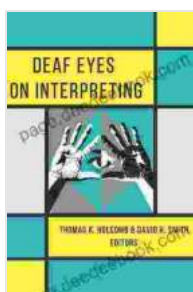


Deaf Eyes On Interpreting: An Interview with Thomas Holcomb

Thomas Holcomb is a Deaf Interpreter who has been working in the field for over 20 years. He is passionate about sign language interpreting and believes that it is essential for Deaf people to have access to communication.



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Holcomb was born deaf and grew up in a Deaf family. He began learning sign language at a young age and quickly realized that he had a talent for it. He went on to study sign language interpreting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and has been working as a professional interpreter ever since.

Holcomb has worked in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, and courtrooms. He has also interpreted for high-profile events, such as the White House Easter Egg Roll and the Super Bowl. He is known for his accuracy, professionalism, and commitment to providing access to communication for Deaf people.

In this interview, Holcomb discusses the importance of sign language interpreting, the challenges he faces, and his hopes for the future of the profession.

Why is sign language interpreting important?

Sign language interpreting is important because it allows Deaf people to communicate with hearing people. Without interpreters, Deaf people would be isolated from the hearing world and unable to participate fully in society.

Sign language interpreting is also important for Deaf children. By providing access to sign language, interpreters can help Deaf children develop their language skills and learn about the world around them.

What are some of the challenges you face as a Deaf Interpreter?

One of the challenges I face as a Deaf Interpreter is that I am often the only Deaf person in the room. This can be isolating and make it difficult to feel like I am part of the team.

Another challenge is that I am often not given the same level of respect as hearing interpreters. Some people assume that because I am Deaf, I am not as qualified or capable as a hearing interpreter. This is simply not true.

Finally, I often have to deal with hearing people who are not familiar with Deaf culture. This can lead to misunderstandings and communication breakdowns.

What are your hopes for the future of the profession?

My hope for the future of the profession is that sign language interpreting will become more widely accepted and respected. I would like to see more

Deaf interpreters working in all settings, including schools, hospitals, and courtrooms.

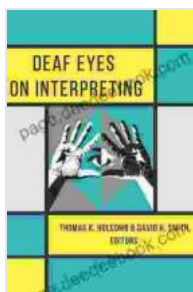
I would also like to see more training and support for Deaf interpreters. This would help to ensure that Deaf interpreters are well-qualified and prepared to meet the needs of the Deaf community.

Finally, I would like to see more research on the benefits of sign language interpreting. This research would help to demonstrate the importance of sign language interpreting and its impact on the lives of Deaf people.

Thomas Holcomb is a pioneer in the field of sign language interpreting. He is a passionate advocate for Deaf people and has dedicated his life to providing access to communication.

Holcomb's work is essential for the Deaf community. He is helping to break down barriers and create a more inclusive society.

We are grateful for Thomas Holcomb's contributions to the field of sign language interpreting. We are hopeful that his work will continue to inspire others and make the world a more accessible place for Deaf people.



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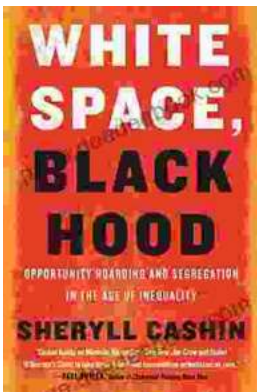
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