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Southwest International Dyslexia Association

ALTA Academic Language Therapy Association — Certifying Dyslexia Professionals — New Mexico Chapter

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2027

12:30-4:00

OPTIONAL ADD-ON

2027 Writing in Motion

A Hands-On Skills Clinic in Transcription and Composition

3 CEUs | Add to your conference registration

12:30-1:00 Clinic Check-In | 1:00-4:00 Skills Clinic

The Reading League New Mexico — Sharing knowledge, inspiring change.

CONFERENCE WELCOME & EVENING PROGRAM

3:45-4:45

Conference Check-In, Exhibits & Welcome Activities

Two concurrent offerings - attendees may enjoy either or both

WELCOME, EXHIBITS & BOOK SIGNING

Light appetizers | Explore exhibits

Featured speaker author book signing

ALTA-NM INFORMATION SESSION

What Is a Certified Academic Language Practitioner or Therapist (CALP or CALT)?

Credentialing pathway for dyslexia specialists | Q&A

4:45-5:00

Kick-Off Welcome and Introduction by ALTA & SWIDA

SWIDA Award Presentations

5:00-6:15

FRIDAY KICKOFF KEYNOTE

Casey Harrison

Teaching Beyond the Diagnosis: The Art and Science of Intentional Dyslexia Instruction

1 CEU

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SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 20, 2027 — 6 CEUs

7:30-8:15	**Registration and Breakfast**			
8:00-9:15	**MORNING KEYNOTE** — Welcome Remarks: SWIDA & ALTA **Dr. Elsa Cárdenas-Hagan** Dyslexia Among Multilingual Learners: Key Considerations for Identification to Treatment			
9:15-9:30	**Break**			
9:30-10:45	**S1** **Casey Harrison** From Sounds to Stored Words: Integrating Language Instruction for Students with Dyslexia	**S2** **Dr. Nicole Florez** Spelling Across Languages: Instructional Insights from a Translanguaging Lens	**S3** **Dr. Sarah Brown** MLSS by Design: Building Systems That Support Every Layer	**S4** **Erin Brown** Dyslexia Understood: A Hands-on Foundation for Educators
10:45-11:00	**Break**			
11:00-12:15	**S5** **Amy Miller & Amy Stanton** Supporting the Development of Self-regulation Skills for Students with ADHD and Related Disorders	**S6** **Dr. Ioulia Kovelman** The Reading Brain: Word Reading Across Languages and Learners	**S7** **Roswell Independent School District Panel** The Long Game: Building Sustainable Literacy Expertise and Capacity Across a District	**S8** **Dr. Sarah Brown** From Data to Decisions: Intensifying Instruction & Interventions
12:30-1:15	**Grand Ballroom Lunch**			
1:15-2:30	**LUNCHEON KEYNOTE** **Dr. Ioulia Kovelman** Mind & Brain Perspectives on Language Comprehension in Dyslexia			
2:30-3:00	**Snack and Stretch Break**			
3:00-4:15	**S9** **Dr. Sarah Brown** Routines for Reading Results	**S10** **Dr. Sunaina Shenoy** Identifying Dyslexia in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students	**S11** **Allison Caldwell** Beyond the Basics: Advanced Word Study Through Structured Word Inquiry	**S12** **Casey Harrison** Integrating Dysgraphia Support into Dyslexia Interventions with Intention