

# **Gisela O'Brien**

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## **Biography**

Gisela O'Brien joined the staff at CEEL|LMU in 2003 to oversee the Journalism for English Learners Program implemented at several school districts both in Central and Southern California. She also supports the Center's efforts in research, curriculum and professional development focusing on the instruction of English Learners. As an educator, she has worked as a bilingual teacher, staff developer and curriculum/materials designer and curriculum specialist in the areas of literacy, ELD and SDAIE. Dr. O'Brien has served as a project advisor and coordinator for several research grants as well as advisor/reviewer at the state and national level including the Framework for English Language Development Standards. She has co-authored and published several articles in educational journals and books on bilingual education and models for staff development. Dr. O'Brien earned a B.S. in Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles and an M.S. degree in Educational Leadership from California State University, Los Angeles. She received her Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis on Language, Literacy and Learning from the University of Southern California

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Second Language and Curriculum Development , Beginning Reading , Content Literacy

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## **Education**

**University of Southern California**

PhD Education, Language, Literacy and Learning

**California State University**

MA Educational Administration

**University of California**

BS Biology

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