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You are cordially invited to attend and provide feedback on a developing program:

ACCENTS IN THE WORKPLACE & EDUCATION

WHEN: JULY 16TH

TIME: 1-4 PM

WHERE: ROOM 112 USB

**To RSVP or for more
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Language Diversity is one of the assets of living, learning, and working at The University of Iowa. However, differences in use of language and the ability to produce "Standard English" have had serious consequences in miscommunication, misunderstanding, and missed opportunities for connecting with others. This program aims to build stronger relationships, enhance customer service, and improve communication between English-only speaking employees, students, and educators and their peers, professors, or clients for whom English is not a first language. In addition to discussing how and why we react as we do to accents different from our own, we hope to develop models or suggestions for addressing classroom and workplace dilemmas stemming from the need to facilitate communication between multilinguals and monolinguals.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Jane Gressang, Staff Language & Culture Services, in advance at 319-335-5822 or jane-gressang@uiowa.edu.