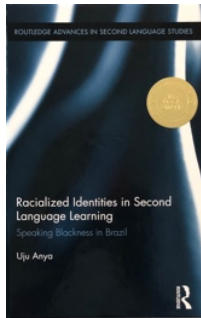


Task 2: A Message from Dr. Uju Anya

Dr. Anya is a professor of second language education and curriculum and instruction at Carnegie Mellon University. She teaches both students and teachers of other languages. Her research focuses on sociolinguistics, applied linguistics, and second language learning with particular focus on race, gender, sexual, and social class identities in the language classroom. She has expertise in diversity, equity, and inclusion in educational policy and curriculum design, and also, applied linguistics as a practice of social justice.



Dr. Anya's book, *Racialized identities in second language learning: Speaking blackness in Brazil*, was the winner of the 2019 American Association for Applied Linguistics First Book Award. With her book and her research overall, Dr. Anya studies the Black experience in language learning.

One of the things that Dr. Anya is raising awareness about is how important it is for Black language learners to have a study abroad experience. Here at **Florida Memorial University**, our goal is to prepare you to embrace global citizenship and to be the next solvers to the world's problems. When you have the opportunity to study abroad and see the world through others' eyes, you develop interpersonally as an adult, you can appreciate diversity more, and you get to meet and know others with whom you might normally not socialize. These are key aspects to academic and personal development that are necessary in order to promote social justice in this world. Plus, and in the words of Dr. Anya, you will "increase your cultural capital" and "have greater access to varied social networks!"

Now, we are going to do a task. We are going to watch a personal video that Dr. Anya made just for you all. At five different points during the video, a pop-up question will appear (see these same questions below). I will stop the video and give you a couple of minutes to answer these questions. Please write your answers in the spaces provided below. When you're finished, be prepared to discuss your answers and your opinions.

1. What "multilingual situations and multilingual interactions" do you have in your own life? (1:35)

2. What are some of the things that Dr. Anya gained from studying abroad? (3:05)

3. What does Dr. Anya mean when she says to try and "pursue on-ground, local language experiences"? How could you do that here, and also, abroad? (4:10)

4. Why does Dr. Anya say that it's especially important for Black students to study abroad? (5:10)

5. What has been the main barrier for Black students in the U.S. to be able to study abroad? How can you change this? (5:47)