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Highlights from the Ohio House of Representatives Ohio Senate Bill 27 PASSED on a 91-0 vote



Ohio State Senator Bill Beagle, chief sponsor of Ohio Senate Bill 27, poses with Dawn Watts, Board Member, Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures and Andrew Knox, student, Ohio School for the Deaf, on October 11, 2017.



Celebration at the Ohio State House

Members of the Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures Celebrate with Ohio State Representative Marlene Anielski, R-6th District (center) on the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 27, designating March 13-April 15 as Ohio Deaf History Month.



Anyone is welcome to join on FB
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Ohio Representative Marlene Anielski signs “Thank You” to supporters of the Ohio Senate Bill 27



The Ohio State House, Columbus, Ohio October 11, 2017

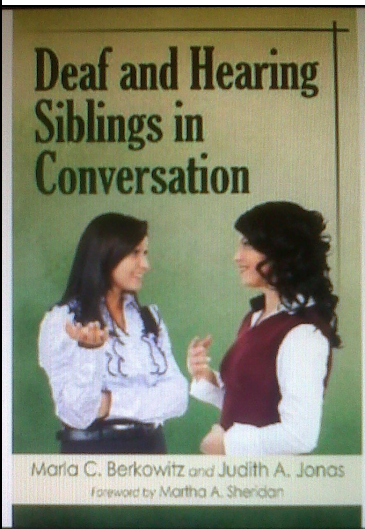
COLUMBUS—Ohio State Representative Marlene Anielski (R-6th District) announced that the Ohio House has passed legislation that designates March 13th through April 15th as “Ohio Deaf History Month.”

Senate Bill 27, sponsored by Senator Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City), passed through the House State and Local Government Committee, which Rep. Anielski chairs, prior to its unanimous passage on the House Floor. The legislation raises awareness about individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and their proud history and culture. “The designated month timeframe will allow advocates for the deaf and hard of hearing an opportunity to focus efforts across the state on increasing general awareness, knowledge and inclusion of the deaf community,” said Rep. Marlene Anielski. “March 13th corresponds to the anniversary date of the first deaf president appointed to lead Gallaudet University and April 15th corresponds with the first permanent school for the deaf in the United States, founded in 1817.”

Senate Bill 27 awaits the governor’s signature.

For more information on how to propose a similar state bill for Deaf History Month, contact: Darrell Doudt at president@cdcoho.org

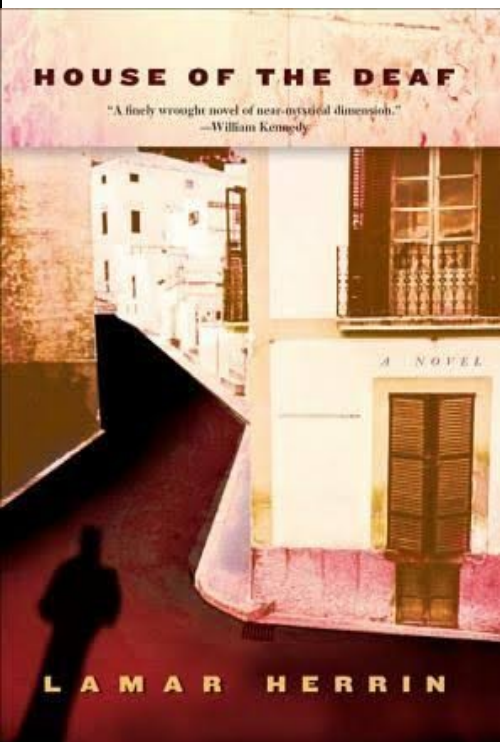
Deaf and Hearing Siblings in Conversation Deaf Author: Marla Berkowitz (2014)



Marla Berkowitz, M.A., CDI, ASLTA Professional, Certified Interpreter by the Supreme Court of Ohio; Senior Lecturer, Ohio State University American Sign Language Program

This is the first book to consider both deaf and hearing perspectives on the dynamics of adult sibling relationships. Deaf and hearing authors Berkowitz and Jonas conducted interviews with 22 adult siblings, using ASL and spoken English, to access their intimate thoughts. A major feature of the book is its analysis of how isolation impacts deaf-hearing sibling relationships. The book documents the 150 year history of societal attitudes embedded in sibling bonds and identifies how the siblings' lives were affected by the communication choices their parents made. The authors weave information throughout the text to reveal attitudes toward American Sign Language and the various roles deaf and hearing siblings take on as monitors, facilitators, signing- siblings and sibling-interpreters, all of which impact life-long bonds.

- **Paperback:** 212 pages
 - **Publisher:** McFarland (July 28, 2014)
 - **Language:** English
- Critics' Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars



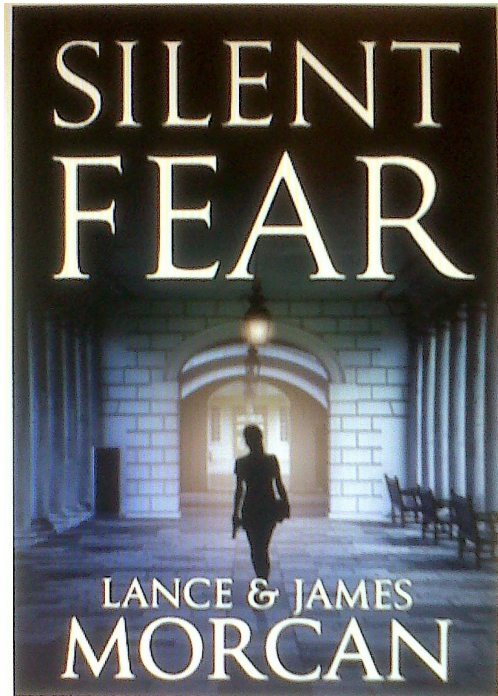
- Critics' Review: * * * * *
- [First Published:](#) Nov 2005, 240 pages
- [Paperback:](#) Sep 2006, 270 pages

Ben Williamson has lost a daughter. While studying abroad in Madrid, Michelle Williamson was caught in a bombing by Basque separatists, a bombing that killed her and several members of the Guardia Civil at a post in a park. For Ben, this act of violence has left only questions, and at a moment of despair he decides to seek out the reasons for Michelle's death. As Ben begins to learn about the endless tensions beneath the surface of Spanish culture, he finds that he wants someone to answer for his loss.

Ben's other daughter, Annie, is also wrestling with the loss of her sister. When she follows her father to Spain, she finds a changed man. Haunting and beautiful, House of the Deaf is the story of one man's brush with terrorism and his quest to find answers.

Silent Fear by Lance and James Morcan (2017)

(A novel inspired by true crimes)



When you can't hear...death comes silently.

Scotland Yard detective Valerie Crowther is assigned to investigate the murder of a student at a university for the Deaf in London, England. The murder investigation coincides with a deadly flu virus outbreak, resulting in the university being quarantined from the outside world.

When more Deaf students are murdered, it becomes clear there is a serial killer operating within the sealed-off university. A chilling cat-and-mouse game evolves as the unknown killer targets Valerie and the virus claims more lives.

A stunning, claustrophobic, "whodunit" murder mystery, **Silent Fear (A novel inspired by true crimes)** is the eighth novel by father-and-son writing team Lance & James Morcan. Included is a commentary by Deaf filmmaker Brent Macpherson on the unique aspects of Deaf culture the story covers. Together, the Morcans and Macpherson are currently developing a feature film adaptation of Silent Fear.

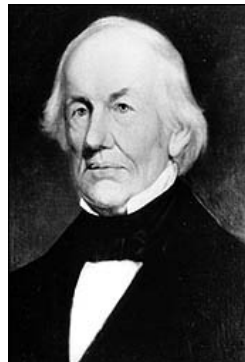
Published in September 2017. Available in U.S., Canada and Great Britain

Critics' Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars

Celebrate Deaf History with Clerc-Gallaudet Week December 4-10, 2017

Thomas Gallaudet

Laurent Clerc



Gallaudet University Archives

Celebrating the remarkable partnership between the two visionary leaders in American Deaf Education: **Laurent Clerc** and **Thomas H. Gallaudet**. Thomas Gallaudet, student at a seminary in Connecticut and Laurent Clerc, his deaf partner, founded the first school for the deaf in Hartford, Connecticut, April 15, 1817.

Public Libraries wishing to observe the week may display deaf resources in the lobby. They may also invite academic, school, public and/or special organizations to work with them on the display in which books and other library materials should promote awareness and mobilize support of the public for critical issues in American deaf education and human rights for deaf people.

Source: American Library Association

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