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4:00 p.m.

Psychology Building  
Room 290

Reception to follow in 280 PAIS

## Elissa L. Newport, Ph.D.



Georgetown University  
Center for Brain Plasticity and Recovery

“Developmental plasticity and language reorganization after pediatric stroke”

Elissa L. Newport, Ph.D., is Professor of Neurology, Psychology, and Linguistics and Director of the Center for Brain Plasticity and Recovery at Georgetown University. She came to Georgetown in 2012, after 24 years at the University of Rochester, where she was the George Eastman Professor of Brain and Cognitive Sciences and also served for 12 years as Department Chair. Her primary research interest is in language acquisition, including naturalistic studies of children learning their first languages, experimental studies of infants and adults learning miniature languages in the lab, fieldwork on emerging sign languages, and fMRI research on language and the brain. Her recent research focuses on recovery of language in children and adults after left hemisphere stroke. Her research has been funded by the NIH since 1980 and has received the Claude Pepper Award of Excellence from NIH. She is a Fellow of the American Philosophical Society, American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Cognitive Science Society, Society for Experimental Psychologists, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2013 she received the William James Lifetime Achievement Award for Basic Research from the Association for Psychological Science and, in 2015, the Franklin Medal for Computer and Cognitive Science from the Benjamin Franklin Institute. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences.