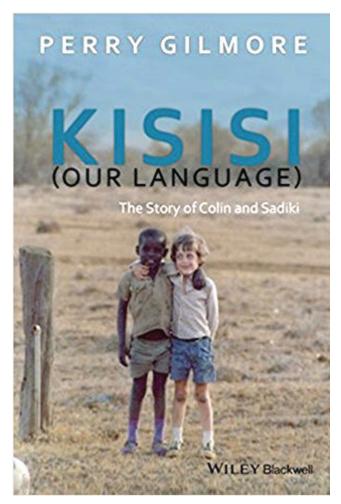
Kisisi (Our Language): An Accidental Study of Child Language Invention



Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m. Murie Auditorium, UAF

— Free —

A public talk by Professor Perry Gilmore

Dr. Gilmore will focus on her 2016 book *Kisisi* (*Our Language*), about how two five-year-old



boys, one American and one Kenyan, invented their own language, based on Swahili and understood only by the two of them. Dr. Gilmore's study of her son and his friend some forty years ago in post-colonial

Kenya provides a fascinating example of children's creative ability to learn and even invent language.

A sociolinguist and educational anthropologist at the University of Arizona, Dr. Gilmore is also an affiliate faculty member at the Alaska Native Language Center and Professor Emerita at UAF.

Copies of Dr. Gilmore's book will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.



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