



## Keynote Presentation

### Daniel Tamayo

#### *A Successful Career in Translation and/or Interpreting: A Very Personal Journey*

Did you ever say as a child: “When I grow up, I want to be an interpreter!?” Likely not. Except perhaps for individuals close to the profession, it is often difficult to envision Translation and Interpreting as highly rewarding endeavors or the worth pursuing and professional value. Part of the issue is that we often think of our professional life as something separate from our deepest personal dreams and aspirations, particularly in today’s fast-changing world. In this keynote address the speaker will share about his career and educational goals and dreams, and the decisions he made to become a successful language professional. He will also share time-tested recommendations to enjoy a purpose-driven, rewarding career. The experiences he’ll be sharing have been enriched by being an active interpreter, technical translator, and editor for over 25 years and an educator and trainer for over 15 years. He’ll share how his highly fulfilling career as an international conference interpreter started much, much earlier than his first interpreting assignment in northern Sumatra over a decade ago, several dreams ago.

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He began his career in 1993 in the insurance and med-legal sectors, and now specializes in conference interpreting in economic development, public policy, finance, education, immigration, human rights, public health, and the environment. Since 2012, he regularly interprets at United Nations summits and conferences, nationally and internationally, and most recently interpreted for various presidents of the western hemisphere at the Summit of the Americas.

Daniel completed a master’s degree in Translation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS), where he also studied Conference Interpreting and Legal Interpreting. He also obtained a master’s degree in Hispanic Language and Civilization from the University of California and has a bachelor’s degree in International Management with a minor degree in Economics.

Daniel taught at the University of California – Riverside, Cal State University, Fullerton, and at California State Polytechnic University. He has served in the executive boards and committees of various national and California-based organizations. He is regular presenter at their annual conferences and has conducted various training workshops and seminars for them over the years. Through his company, he has conducted trainings for public and private institutions in the United States and abroad.