

In an interview given to the New York *Times* given shortly after being unilaterally appointed by I. King Jordan to be Provost at Gallaudet, Jane Fernandes gave egregiously untrue and unscholarly information (rather “disinformation”) to the reporter, claiming, in reference to the issue of oral/auditory based instruction (lipreading and the use of hearing devices) compared to visually based instruction (bilingual instruction in ASL and written English), that:

“No studies exist showing that one method works better than another...”

Fernandes made that false claim, in spite of the fact that this issue had [already been settled](#) in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, before Alexander Graham Bell, along with [other supporters of the pure oral method](#), had [dishonestly](#), and [in an anti-intellectual manner](#), [co-opted the Deaf Education system](#) in the United States.

Here is the link to June 22, 2000 New York *Times* article which quoted Jane Fernandes (“Among the Deaf, Ubiquitous Sign Language Faces a Challenge,” see the 16<sup>th</sup> paragraph):

<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/06/22/us/among-the-deaf-ubiquitous-sign-language-faces-a-challenge.html?pagewanted=all&src=pm>

Alternate link (scan of article clipping):

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