

Conferences

December 14-17, 2010
ICDM 2010: 10th IEEE
International Conference
on Data Mining
Sydney, Australia
Event Website

January 12-14, 2011
IWCS 2011
International Workshop on
Computational Semantics
Special Interest Group on
Computational Semantics
Event Website

January 31, 2011
Deadline for APS
proposals
Onsite submission info

March 9-12, 2011
American Psychosomatic
Society
San Antonio, TX
Event Website

March 30-April 1, 2011
New York Academy of
Sciences: Critical
Contributions of the
Orbitofrontal Cortex to
Behavior
Event Website

March 31-April 2, 2011
Society for Research in
Child Development
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Event Website

April 2-5, 2011
Cognitive Neuroscience
Society
San Francisco, CA
Event Website

Kevin Crowley Involved in CMNH

Kevin Crowley is having quite a year. One, he has been chosen as a Distinguished Fellow of the W.T. Grant Foundation, an award that recognizes influential mid-career people working on connections between research and practice. Two, his fellowship work will be to help the Carnegie Museum of Natural History (CMNH) launch a new Center for Lifelong Science Learning. In that effort, Kevin will play a key role organizing the Center and establishing core relationships. And three -- Marianne Steiner, a former student of Kevin's and a national leader on the topic of informal science learning, has been named director of the new Center

[\(more details here in the CMNH press release\).](#)

The Center will bring together museum staff and partners from universities and other organizations to conduct research into how people learn about science in settings other than classrooms. A \$1 million grant from the PNC Foundation, the largest gift the museum has received in a number of years, will fund the new Center. Read more about PNC's role in science education in the November 17 *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* article. The Science Learning Center is the first of five new centers planned in a museum-wide reorganization under the supervision of CMNH director Dr. Sam Taylor. Taylor's quest is ". . . to have science and education work more closely together, so important programs and research that we sponsor don't just end up in journals read only by scientists." Ranked among the nation's five top natural history museums, the Carnegie is breaking new ground in this endeavor. A *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* article details that work.

Kevin's involvement with the new Center is an outgrowth of work he conducted at LRDC with Jennifer Russell, Karen Knutson, and Bill Bickel. "The Ecology of Educational Opportunities in Pittsburgh," was a 2008 RDF-funded project that explored the interdependencies in formal educational systems and non-system actors such as museums and nonprofit organizations.

Mark Your Calendars



LRDC Holiday
Party
December 10, 2010
2:00-6:00 pm
LRDC 9

New LRDC Website
Coming Soon

Kudos. . . Kevin Crowley and Chris Schunn were awarded \$2 million for the first year of their work on the "Activated Science Learner (ASL)" project.

The research seeks to measure engagement in science in late elementary/early middle school children in both classroom and out-of-school settings. The funding, from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, will total \$20 million over 15 years.