LRDC: The Year in Review

The end of the year is often the time to review the accomplishments of the past 12 months. Following is a compilation of the awards and accolades of 2011.

Walter Schneider’s interview by Lesley Stahl on 60 Minutes on October 23, 201, was an exciting first for LRDC, as was the LRDC Distinguished Alumni Award given to Susan R. Goldman; and the University of Pittsburgh’s Legacy Laureate Award given to Drew Gitomer. Senior scientist Janet Schofield’s involvement with the country of Bhutan, helping to launch the Royal Thimphu College, is noteworthy for LRDC and Pitt.

There was publicity in the University media (Diane Litman, Erik Reichle, Charles Perfetti, Lauren Resnick, and Chris Schunn) (and another article forthcoming), local media, the Pittsburgh Quarterly (Walter Schneider), and national publications: Woman’s Day (Mark Wheeler), Education Week (Kevin Crowley), and Scientific American (Walter Schneider).

Faculty members were recognized in their fields: Christian Schunn was elected to the rank of AAAS Fellow; Kevin Crowley was named a Distinguished Fellow of the William T. Grant Foundation; Diane Litman was awarded senior member status by the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI); and Erik Reichle was awarded a Visiting Professorship from the Leverhulme Society. They were recipients of national and university awards such as John Levine’s 2011 Joseph E. McGrath Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Study of Groups (with Richard Moreland) and Margaret Smith’s Loucks-Horsley Award for high quality professional learning in the field of mathematics. LRDC founder Robert Glaser was honored by the Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS) Foundation. Pitt awards include Kevin Ashley’s recognition as one of the first Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney Faculty Scholar Awards at the Law School and Jingtao Wang’s award Innovation in Education from the Common Core ELA/literacy State Standards. View here.

It was a year of successful conferences chaired or co-chaired by LRDCers at Pitt, such as Lauren Resnick’s Socializing Intelligence Through Academic Talk and Dialogue Conference and Kevin Ashley’s ICAIL. In cities such as Boston, where Chris Schunn chaired the ISDDE meeting, and in Poitiers, France, where the Society for Text & Discourse held a symposium in honor of LRDC Director Charles Perfetti. More than 100 journal articles were published in 2011 and more than $20,000,000 research dollars were generated. LRDC Research Associates and Graduate Students did well in 2011 too, garnering research grants and awards for outstanding research, leadership and best paper awards.

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