



## Upcoming Conferences

**January 3-6, 2013**  
[Linguistic Society of America](#)  
Boston, Massachusetts  
[Event Website](#)

**February 2-5, 2013**  
[Reading Recovery Council of North America](#)  
Columbus, Ohio  
[Event Website](#)

**February 12-14, 2013**  
[Global TIME: Global Conference on Technology, Innovation Media & Education](#)  
[Event Website](#)

**February 14-18, 2013**  
[American Association for the Advancement of Science](#)  
Boston, Massachusetts  
[Event Website](#)

**March 14-16, 2013**  
[Digital Media and Learning](#)  
Chicago, Illinois  
[Event Website](#)

**March 25-29, 2013**  
[Society for Information Technology & Teacher Ed](#)  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
[Event Website](#)

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## 50th Celebration Planned

In 2013, LRDC will celebrate 50 years of contributing to the learning, cognitive, and educational sciences. To commemorate the occasion, a number of events are planned, including a lecture series, various workshops, and an alumni conference. February 28, 2013, is the inaugural date of the LRDC 50<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Speakers Series. The series begins with Mitchel Resnick, LEGO Papert Professor of Learning Research, and Director, Lifelong Kindergarten Group, of the MIT Media Lab. The title of Resnick's talk, along with the other speakers in the series, appears in the column to the right.

In addition to the speaker series, an alumni conference will be held at Pitt on May 15-16, 2013. Bruce McCandliss' presentation "Educational Neuroscience: Points of Mutual Influence between Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience and the Science of Education" begins the two-day conference on Wednesday, May 15. On Thursday, May 16, 2013, a number of colloquia featuring LRDC distinguished alumni have been scheduled.

Hotel rooms have been secured at the Holiday Inn, University Place. [Click here to reserve your room now](#) (GROUP CODE: LRD). A gala dinner will be held Thursday evening at [Phipp's Conservatory](#), one of the nation's best-preserved Victorian-era conservatories.

### LRDC In the *Wall Street Journal*

LRDC Senior Scientist Moddy McKeown was interviewed in the *Wall Street Journal* on Tuesday, December 6, 2012. Read her remarks on student vocabulary performance on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in "Students Fall Flat in Vocabulary Test."



### Speaker Series

**February 28: Mitchel Resnick, MIT Media Lab, "Sowing the Seeds for a More Creative Society"**

**March 21: Kate Nation, St. John's College, University of Oxford, "Learning to Read and Learning to Comprehend"**

**April 4: Gautam Biswas, Vanderbilt University, "Open-Ended Environments that help Middle School Students Develop Metacognitive Strategies for Learning Science"**

**May 15: Bruce McCandliss, Vanderbilt University, "Educational Neuroscience: Points of Mutual Influence between Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience and the Science of Education"**

**September 19: Marshall Smith "Federalism and School Reform in a Changing Environment"**

**October 17: Judith Harackiewicz, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Optimal Motivation in Education"**