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Calendars: LRDC
2012 Bagel
Breakfasts: October
31, November 15,
November 29
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Upcoming Conferences

November 1-3 2012
[International Society for
Traumatic Stress Studies](#)
Los Angeles, CA
[Event Website Here](#)

November 2-4, 2012
[Boston University
Conference on Language
Development](#)
Boston, MA
[Event Website](#)

November 15-18, 2012
[Psychonomic Society
Annual Meeting](#)
Minneapolis, MN
[Event Website](#)

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

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LRDC Learning Sciences and Policy Faculty Making the News

The Learning Sciences and Policy Program (LSAP) is an innovative program that combines learning sciences, teaching in the content disciplines, and organization and policy studies. LSAP faculty and students have been the focus of a number of news items and awards lately. A October 29, 2012, press release, reported on LSAP faculty member Kevin Crowley's research into how communities adapt to climate change, especially pertinent given Hurricane Sandy. Evaluation for Learning Group Co-Director Jennifer Iriti working with LSAP faculty member William Bickel presented evaluation data on the Pittsburgh Promise during the scholarship program's annual report to the community on Thursday, September 27, 2012. Read the Pittsburgh Post Gazette [coverage of the event](#). Crowley and LSAP faculty member Chris Schunn's Science Activation Lab was the inspiration for a Spark Strategy Session sponsored by the Sprout Fund on July 26, 2012. The Sprout Fund supports innovative ideas that are catalyzing change in Pittsburgh. [Watch a video about the work here](#). LSAP graduate student Sam Abramovich was selected to be a 2012-2013 Humanities, Arts, Sciences and Technology Advanced Collaboratory (HASTAC) Scholar. The HASTAC Scholars program is a collective of students who are engaged with innovative projects and research at the intersection of digital media & learning.

The LSAP program is currently recruiting for doctoral student: Full Funding Package for Admitted Students include a Stipend, Tuition, and Health Insurance. The fall 2013 deadline is January 1, 2013 (For receipt of all application materials for admission to the PhD program). For specific information about the LSAP program or admissions, please visit www.lpc.pitt.edu/lsap-phd. LSAP@pitt.edu.



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: Guatam 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*"