

LRDC Alumni Write Back

As of September 2010, LRDC has an official list of alumni, based on a somewhat unofficial definition: a graduate student, postdocs, visiting scholar, center or research associate who spent a fixed period of time studying and/or conducting research at LRDC. There are more than 300 names from venues around the world; the list includes faculty, researchers, computer programmers, lawyers, diplomats, and CEOs. They are in countries from Australia to Morocco, Israel to France. Some LRDC grads stayed local, and head foundations, teach at Carlow, Pitt or CMU, or are PIs in academic, private, or governmentally funded research settings.

Some have sent news, such as former LRDC graduate researcher Paola Amaldi (early 1980s), currently at Middlesex University in London, who said “My years at LRDC are unforgettable.” Laurie deBettencourt wrote to say, “It seems like a lifetime ago I was there as a postdoc, from 1984-1985. Yet, I learned a great deal and enjoyed the time spent in Pittsburgh.” Center Associate in 1993-1994 Tony Eichelberger, currently in Pitt’s School of Education reports, wrote to say “I cherished the time I was there and the wonderful fellowship that we had--especially on the 7th floor. The people there continue to deal with some of the most important issues in education and learning faced in the U.S.” Cristina Hefferman, a graduate student in 2000, wrote about her work at Worcester Polytechnic Institute with the ASSISTments Project and her contact with other LRDC alums. “In fact I am working on the National Math Center doing research with Susan Goldman and Jim Pellegrino.”

Former Senior Scientist (1993-1994) Stellan Ohlsson, now at University of Illinois at Chicago has just written “Deep Learning: How the Mind Overrides Experience,” (Cambridge University Press). Read the [first chapter](#) here. Stellan has offered to send a review copy to anyone who wishes to review the book. Finally, Spryos P. Kalomitsines, a Visiting Scholar in the early 1980s, wrote to say he has recently published “How to Solve Problems: New Methods and Ideas” (Nova Science Publishers), and wanted to let LRDCers know about the volume.

Please send names of other LRDCers who might want to stay connected, and, stay posted for news on

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LRDC in the News

First Lady Michelle Obama announced that the University of Pittsburgh’s “high definition views of the brain’s wiring,” aka Walt Schneider’s High Definition Fiber Tracking (HDFT) work, is part of the “Joining Forces” initiative in a speech at VCU on Wednesday, January 12. View the [White House brief](#).

Kudos

Erik Reichle was awarded a Visiting Professorship from the [Leverhulme Society](#).

Chris Schunn was elected to the rank of [AAAS Fellow](#).

Alaina Wrencher, an undergrad in Julie Fiez’s lab, won the Curly Caregivers \$1000 Book Scholarship for psychology majors.

Conferences

February 4-7, 2012

[RRCNA National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom](#)

[Literacy: Achieving Literacy Excellence in Challenging Times](#)
Columbus, Ohio

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Vancouver, Canada

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San Francisco, California

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March 5-7, 2012

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