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Registration Open for 43rd National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes



Plan now to be in Eugene July 24-28 for the 43rd National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes! This year's event promises to be the best ever. The conference will include training on all levels of the DI programs, as well as sessions on classroom management, data collection and analysis and much more.

Our keynote speaker this year is Robert Pondiscio, a nationally recognized writer and speaker on educational issues, with a focus on literacy, curriculum, teaching, and urban education. He is currently a senior fellow and vice president for external affairs at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

As always, we have assembled a lineup of amazing DI trainers, and are happy to welcome back featured presenter Anita Archer, who will conduct a pre-conference session on Explicit Instruction. New sessions include DI Essentials for Administrators, Content Literacy and DI, and much more. Eugene also features all of our comprehensive institutes, including the Becoming an Effective DI Trainer, DI Coaching and the Administrators Institute: Effective Implementation and Supervision of DI. To download a complete brochure or to register for the conference, [click here](#).

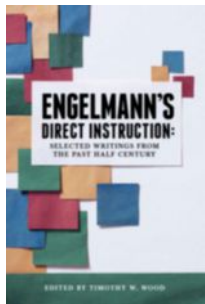
Plan on Attending the Southwest DI Conference



If you can't make it to Eugene for the National DI Conference, meet us in San Antonio for the 5th Southwest DI Conference, to be held June 19-22. This year the keynote speaker is Laura Doherty, President of the Baltimore Curriculum Project. The sessions are focused on the Kindergarten through 3rd grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature Edition (reading and language strands), DISTAR and Connecting Math Concepts, as well as Corrective Reading Decoding.

To download a copy of the brochure, including complete registration information, or to register online, visit our website by [clicking here](#).

First Installment of Video Series on Engelmann's Writings Released



The first of a four part video companion to the NIFDI Press text *Engelmann's Direct Instruction: Selected Writings from the Past Half Century* has just been released on the NIFDI website. In this one hour video, Zig Engelmann and interviewer Evan Haney discuss the first section of the book, "Theoretical Understandings of Learning and Instruction." Engelmann comments on the highlights of each of the five papers, selected from his writings ranging from 1966 to 1999. NIFDI plans on releasing the balance of the interviews over the next 3 months. To view this first installment, [click here](#). To order the book, [click here](#). Use coupon code **save5** at checkout prior to April 30 and get \$5.00 off!

Remembering Wes Becker

March 17 is notable in the DI community for something other than eating corned beef and cabbage or drinking green beers. It also marks the birthday of the late Wesley C. Becker. Wes was born in Rochester, New York, in 1928 and passed away in October of 2000. He earned a BA at Stanford in 1951 and in 1955 received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Statistics. Wes met Zig Engelmann in 1968 and worked closely with Zig and others to develop the Direct Instruction model as well as generate the research that documented the efficacy of the model. He was an amazing person of great integrity and insight. One of his former colleagues, Mark Shinn, has compiled a collection of articles by and about Wes, and has kindly given us permission to pass on the link. If you would care to learn more about Wes, go to <https://files.secureserver.net/0f4QoFz5wfVQMG>.



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