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Registration Open for Summer Trainings!

Plan on joining us for our upcoming summer conferences featuring high-quality, intensive training on the current editions of Direct Instruction programs:

[5th Annual Southwest DI Conference](#)

June 19-22, 2017
San Antonio, Texas

[43rd National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes](#)

July 24-28, 2017
Eugene, Oregon

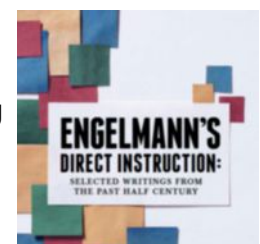
The San Antonio sessions are focused on the Kindergarten through 3rd grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature Edition, DISTAR and Connecting Math Concepts, as well as Corrective Reading.

The National Conference in Eugene will include training on all levels of the DI programs, as well as sessions on classroom management, data collection and analysis and much more. There are new sessions on DI and Content Literacy, DI Essentials for Administrators, and teaching oral reading fluency. Eugene also features all of our institutes, including the Institute on Becoming an Effective DI Trainer, a revamped Coaching Institute, and the Administrators Institute: Effective Implementation and Supervision of DI.

Click the links above to download a complete brochure or to register for either conference.

Second Installment of Video Series on Engelmann's Writings Released

The second part 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 second section of the book, "Developing Effective Curricular Material." Engelmann comments on the highlights of each of the seven papers, selected from his writings ranging from 1966 to 1996. Topics range from teaching absolute pitch to teaching oral language skills to the deaf.



We will release the balance of the interviews over the next 2 months. To view this second installment, [click here](#). To order the book, [click here](#). Use coupon code save5 at checkout prior to April 30th and get \$5.00 off!



Nominate an Educator for the Excellence in Education Award



An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success-success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years, there has been a tradition of recognizing excellence in education at the National DI Conference and this year is no exception. Individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children will be recognized through the following awards:

- Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award
- Wes Becker Excellent School Award
- The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

Please take this opportunity to identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and are available on our website.

Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so [download the application packet today!](#)

Farewell to the NIFDI Research Team



Please join NIFDI in sending a fond farewell to our NIFDI Research team, Jean Stockard and Tim Wood. Jean has been Director of Research since 2008, and Tim has been a Research Associate since 2012. Both have been instrumental in generating original research and white papers as well as creating the [Direct Instruction database](#) housed at the NIFDI website.

Jean will pursue other research projects, including various facets of retirement and grandmotherhood. When reflecting on her time with NIFDI, Jean said, "I have immensely enjoyed learning about Direct Instruction and interacting with the dedicated community of educators and practitioners."

Tim will focus on completing his graduate work in historical preservation.

For the time being NIFDI's active research will be on hiatus, but we will still be updating the research database and fulfilling research paper requests. If you or your associates publish anything related to DI, please continue to forward a copy to our offices by mail or email to research@nifdi.org.

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