

ConnBIDA Connecticut Branch



Autumn 2011 ConnBIDA Newsletter Conference Edition

ConnBIDA's 2011 Conference: **"The Struggling Reader: From Assessment to Intervention"** Conference is on October 21, 2011. It will be held at **Albertus Magnus College, in New Haven, CT** from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Refer to our website, www.connbida.org for all details and registration forms. Please join us this Friday.

Directions to the Behan Community Room in the Hubert Campus Center (No. 5) on the map. <http://www.albertus.edu/why-amc/our-campus/campus-map.html>



On Campus, take Prospect Street to Huntington Street. Then take the 1st Right past Sheffield Avenue into the parking lot. The Behan Community Room is in the 3rd Building on your right, the Hubert Campus Center, no. 5 on the map, above.

Directions to Albertus Magnus via I-95 and I-91:

From South of New Haven, Connecticut: Follow I-95 North to I-91 North. Take I-91 North to Exit 3 (Trumbull Street). Go straight ahead on Trumbull to Prospect Street. Turn right and follow Prospect Street about 1.5 miles and make a left onto Goodrich Street. After about 100 yards, turn left again at the main entrance to the campus.

From North of New Haven, Connecticut: Follow I-95 South to I-91 North. Take I-91 North to Exit 3 (Trumbull Street). Go straight ahead on Trumbull to Prospect Street. Turn right and follow Prospect Street about 1.5 miles and make a left onto Goodrich Street. After about 100 yards, turn left again at the main entrance to the campus.

Directions to Albertus Magnus via the Merritt/Wilbur Cross Parkway:

From the North of New Haven: Follow the Merritt Parkway South (Route 15) to Exit 61 (Whitney Avenue). Turn right and follow Whitney Avenue about 4 miles to Ogden Street. Turn right onto Ogden and proceed to Prospect Street. Turn right onto Prospect Street and take the first left onto Goodrich Street. After about 100 yards, turn left again at the main entrance to the campus.

From the South of New Haven: Follow the Merritt Parkway North (Route 15) to Exit 61 (Whitney Avenue). Turn left and follow Whitney Avenue about 4 miles to Ogden Street. Turn right onto Ogden and proceed to Prospect Street. Turn right onto Prospect Street and take the first left onto Goodrich Street. After about 100 yards, turn left again at the main entrance to the campus.

As a branch of The International Dyslexia Association (IDA), we have access to major sources of information and links provided by headquarters, plus the 44 branches in the USA and 20 global partners elsewhere. Key sources for links include: www.interdys.org and www.connbida.org

Dyslexia Fact sheets: <http://www.interdys.org/Intranet/default.aspx?u=55&style=2&pageid=6>

Please join or rejoin the IDA and you automatically become a member of ConnBIDA. Go to: www.interdys.org for online registration, or follow the link on our website.

Sincerely,

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October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

October 21, 2011 Annual Conference at Albertus Magnus College
"The Struggling Reader: From Assessment to Implementation"

At 9:00 AM Michael Coyne, PhD will deliver his keynote address, **"Using Assessment Data to Make a Difference in Literacy Outcomes: Instructional Decision-Making Within a RTI/SRBI Environment"**.

Breakout sessions will be focused on Implementation, Assessment, Technology, and Policy. Refer to the grid, below, for details.

| Time | Implementation | Assessment | Technology | Policy |
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| 9:00-10:00 | Keynote Address | | | |
| 10:05-11:05 | Spelling: It's Not a Lost Cause (Wendy North, M.S.) | The Language Basis of Learning Disabilities (Lydia Soifer, Ph.D.; Joanna Karasoulas, M.S.) | Assistive Technology Supports for Struggling Students (Shelley Lacey-Castelot, ATACP, M.S.) | |
| 11:10-12:10 | Morphemes are Marvelous (Susan Santora, M.S., F/AOGPE) | Neuropsychological Evaluations (Michael Cohen, Ph.D., ABPP) | Assistive Technology Panel (Nicole Feeney, M.Ed.; Shelley Lacey-Castelot, ATACP, M.S.; Michael Weiss, Ph.D.) | |
| 12:10-1:25 | Lunch Exhibit | | Floor | |
| 1:25-2:25 | A Real-Time Orton-Gillingham Lesson (Andrea Greer Silvia, Esq., F/AOGPE) | Curriculum-Based Measures (CBM) (Maureen Ruby, Ph.D.) | | RTI/SRBI Panel Discussion (Perri Murdica, M.S.; Thomas Scarice, M.S., Allison Uffland) |
| 2:30-3:30 | Writing: It's Not a Separate Subject (Pam Nuzzo, M.S.) | A Balanced Assessment: Where to Begin, Where to Stop (Jule McCombes-Tolis, Ph.D.) | | Update on Common Core Standards (Margie Gillis, Ed.D.) |

We look forward to seeing you at the conference. In the meantime, visit our website, www.connbida.org for more information, or contact us via email or telephone.

Please remember to request your CEUs at our conference.

RSVP to connbida@gmail.com re: your intended selection for breakout sessions. Choices are not binding.

ConnBIDA's annual meeting will follow the conclusion of the conference. Please notify us, by email, if you would like to attend.

Other News:

Canceled Dyslexia Dash: Rescheduled to May 2012, due primarily to Tropical Storm Irene's disruptions at Sherwood Island State Park.

IDA's 62nd Annual Conference is in Chicago on November 9-12, 2011.

On October 4, we presented the HBO Film, "Journey Into Dyslexia" at the Wilton, CT Library, to a receptive audience. We sincerely thank the Wilton Library for their assistance and for providing such a lovely venue for our film. Dr. Margie Gillis spoke after the viewing and an extensive Q&A session followed. We continue to move forward to meet the literacy objectives of children with dyslexia plus others with a need to improve reading skills and comprehension. If you would like to have the HBO video shown in your area, please contact us and we will discuss appropriate arrangements. There is no fee for the presentation.

We welcome ideas for items you would like addressed in future newsletters.