



Greetings from the Connecticut Reading Association,

We are delighted to announce the 2010-2011 CRA Lecture Series: Spotlight on Literacy. This year we are increasing the series to five events: **three half-day sessions and two all-day institutes**. The two all-day institutes will provide more intensive professional development on the topic of last year's focus of SRBI, while the three half-day sessions will continue to **evolve the topic of SRBI into the specialized arena of differentiated instruction** to meet the needs of all students – struggling readers, English-language learners, and gifted students. In bringing only the highest quality professional development to CRA members and educators from across the state, we have engaged **internationally recognized speakers** who specialize in the field of SRBI and differentiation to come to us from **Harvard University, Penn State University, New York University, and the University of Connecticut** as well as educational consultants and authors who travel across the globe to share their expertise.

As with the previous series, all events will be held on Saturdays at different venues throughout the state. This year, however, these venues are all located at universities as CRA continues its relationships with higher education institutions. We are also delighted to offer attendees, for the first time, **Reading CEUs** from Education Connection for each of the events. In response to requests for more time to network with other educators, facilitated **special interest group sessions** (geared to K-2, 3-5, 6-12, and administrators) will be hosted at the end of each event so that attendees can have time to meet with colleagues, to discuss how events apply to their specialized work, to talk in small groups with the presenters, and to join an e-mail list to contribute to ongoing dialogue. Alran Books, the official bookstore of the CRA lecture series, will be present throughout so that attendees can purchase pertinent professional development materials.

Our members have asked for more direction on SRBI and differentiation, and we are proud to answer that call. Join us for our first event on **September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Yale Law School with an all-day institute with Mary Howard for only \$60**. Come to all of the events, and purchase **season tickets for only \$180** – a savings of \$30! Imagine! For less than the price of one professional development opportunity elsewhere, CRA offers you five outstanding events with a host of acclaimed speakers. Plus, **add \$25 to become a CRA member** and enjoy a wealth of benefits: the CRA journal, invitations to CRA members-only events, and access to the most respected researchers, presenters, and authors in the country!

So, welcome to the 2010-2011 CRA Lecture Series. We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues there!

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