

Roster of the Institute's Annual Conference Speakers, 2001-2011

- **Daniel Abrams**, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery and Resident in Psychiatry, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, **2008, 2007**
- **Gary Albrecht**, Professor Emeritus of public health and of disability and human development, University of Illinois at Chicago; **2010**
- **David Allen**, PhD, Associate Vice President, University of Colorado; Director, Office of Technology Transfer, **2007**
- **Richard Appleyard**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Medical Informatics, Oregon Health and Sciences University, **2006**
- **Rodney Bell**, Principal, ASSET Consulting, LLC, Consultant, Elite Care, Inc., **2011, 2009, 2008, 2003**
- **John Bennett**, PhD, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Engineering and Applied Science; Professor, Computer Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2003**
- **Bruce Benson**, President, University of Colorado System, **2009, 2008**
- **Ted Berger**, PhD, David Packard Chair of Engineering; Director, Center for Neural Engineering, University of Southern California, **2007**
- **Allan Bergman**, Past President and CEO, Brain Injury Association of America, President, Anixter Center, **2004**
- **Michael Bérubé**, PhD, Paterno Professor in Literature, Science, Technology and Society, Pennsylvania State University, Author, **2008**
- **Peter Blanck**, PhD, JD, University Professor, Chairman, Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University, **2011, 2010**
- **Cathy Bodine**, PhD, Principal Investigator, Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for the Advancement of Cognitive Technologies [RERC-ACT]; Associate Professor in Rehabilitation Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus, **2011, 2010, 2009, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002**
- **David Braddock**, PhD, Associate Vice President, University of Colorado System and Executive Director of the Coleman Institute, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus, **2001-2011**
- **Judy Brewer**, Director, Web Accessibility Initiative [WAI] of the World Wide Web Consortium and Research Associate, MIT, **2006**
- **Hank Brown**, JD, ML, President, University of Colorado System, **2007, 2006, 2005**
- **John Seely Brown**, Chief Scientist, Xerox Corporation, **2002**
- **Ann Cameron Caldwell**, PhD, Chief Research and Innovations Officer, The Arc of the United States, **2011, 2010**
- **Vince A. Campbell**, Health Scientist, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **2001**
- **Vinton Cerf**, Sr. Vice President of Technology Strategy, MCI (and co-designer of the protocols and architecture of the Internet), **2004**
- **Michael Chorost**, PhD, Consultant and Author, **2005**
- **Bill Coleman**, Founder and CEO, Cassatt, Inc; Founding Donor, Coleman Institute, **2001-2011**
- **Claudia Coleman**, Community Leader and Founding Donor, Coleman Institute, **2001-2011**
- **Chris Collins**, Executive Director, Alliance Colorado, **2011**
- **Jose Cordero**, MD, MPH, Director, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **2005**
- **Diane Coyle**, PhD, Founder and Managing Director, Enlightenment Economics Consultancy specializing in global economic and social impacts of new technologies; author, **2011**
- **Linda Crnic**, PhD, (deceased) Director, Colorado Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Center; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2003**
- **Felix de la Cruz**, Director, Mental Retardation Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, **2001**
- **Jeff Darling**, President, Rest Assured, LLC, **2008**
- **Dan Davies**, President, CEO and Founder, AbleLink Technologies, Inc, **2011, 2008, 2005, 2004, 2003**
- **Hasker Davis**, PhD, Professor of Psychology, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, **2001**
- **Paul Davoust**, CEO, CaringFamily, LLC, **2005**
- **Melissa Dawe**, PhD candidate, Department of Computer Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2005**

- **Eric Dishman**, Director, Intel Proactive Health Research and National Chair, Center for Aging Services Technology [CAST], **2004**
- **David Drake**, Executive Director, University License Equity Holdings, Inc., University of Colorado Office of Technology Transfer, **2004**
- **Steve Eidelman**, Executive Director of The Arc of the United States, **2003, 2001**
- **Alice Elliott**, Documentary Filmmaker and Academy Award Finalist, **2006, 2002**
- **Mark Emery**, Chief Executive Officer, Imagine! Colorado, **2011**
- **Chris Filley**, MD, Director, Behavior Neurology Section; Professor, Neurology and Psychiatry, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2002**
- **Gerhard Fischer**, PhD, Professor and Director, Center for LifeLong Learning and Design, Computer Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2002**
- **Ann Forts**, Founder, The Up Syndrome Fund, **2003**
- **Curt Freed**, MD, Head, Division of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine, **2008, 2002, 2001**
- **Glenn Fujiura**, PhD, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago, **2007**
- **Laura Galbreath**, MPP, Director of Health Integration and Wellness Promotion, National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, **2010**
- **James K. Galbraith**, PhD, Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Chair and Professor in Government/Business Relations, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin; Former Director, Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, **2009**
- **James F. Gardner**, PhD, President and CEO, The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL), **2011**
- **Jay Gershen**, DDS, PhD, Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2003**
- **Thomas K. Gilhool**, JD, Former Chief Counsel, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia; former Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; legal champion who argued the seminal case in 1971 that established the right of children with intellectual disabilities to a public education, **2010**
- **Temple Grandin**, PhD, Professor, Colorado State University, Author, **2006**
- **Stephen Greenspan**, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Educational Psychology, University of Connecticut and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2002**
- **Pamela Gregory**, Special Advisor on Disability Policy and Outreach, Federal Communications Commission, **2010**
- **Vicki Hanson**, PhD, Watson Research Center, IBM, **2005**
- **Dale N. Hatfield**, PhD, Senior Fellow, Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado Boulder; formerly Adjunct Professor Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program, University of Colorado at Boulder; Chief of the Office of Engineering and Technology at the Federal Communication Commission, **2011, 2001**
- **Tamar Heller**, PhD, Professor and Head, Department of Disability and Human Development, Director, RRTC on Aging with Developmental Disabilities, University of Illinois at Chicago, **2009, 2005**
- **Richard Hemp**, Project Coordinator, State of the States in Developmental Disabilities Project, University of Colorado, **2011**
- **Sandy Henry**, Senior Director, Dungarvin, Minnesota, **2010, 2009**
- **Theresa Hernandez**, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2001**
- **John Hockenberry**, Journalist, International Disability Rights Advocate, and Author, **2005**
- **Betsy Hoffman**, PhD, President, University of Colorado System, **2004, 2003, 2002, 2001**
- **Larry Hunter**, PhD, Director, Center for Computational Pharmacology; Professor, Pharmacology, Preventive Medicine and Biometrics, University of Colorado Denver, Health Sciences Center, **2002**
- **Robert J. Jaeger**, PhD, Program Director, Research to Aid Persons with Disabilities, National Science Foundation, **2007** and Interagency and International Affairs, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research [NIDRR], Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, **2001**
- **Henry Kaplan**, Chairman and CEO, Mentor InterActive, Inc., **2007**
- **Henry Kautz**, PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Computer Science, University of Rochester, **2010**
- **John Kemp**, JD, Principal at Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville, P.C., Noted disability rights advocate; former CEO, United Cerebral Palsy Associations, **2006**

- **Anja Kintsch**, Research Consultant and Assistive Technology Specialist, Boulder Valley School District, **2003**
- **Elizabeth Kozleski**, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2001**
- **Marty Krauss**, PhD, The John Stein Professor of Disability Research, Florence Heller School, Brandeis University, **2001**
- **Raymond Kurzweil**, Inventor, Entrepreneur, and Author, **2003**
- **K. Charlie Lakin**, PhD, Director, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, US Department of Education, **2011**
- **Stephanie Lee**, Director, Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education **2003**
- **Clayton Lewis**, PhD, Scientist-in-Residence, Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities; Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004**
- **Sharon Lewis**, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, US Department of Health and Human Services, **2011**
- **Michael Lightner**, PhD, Co-principal Investigator, Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center for the Advancement of Cognitive Technologies [RERC-ACT]; Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2005, 2002, 2001**
- **Jay Lundell**, PhD, Digital Health Group, Intel Corporation, **2009**
- **Elizabeth Lyle**, Special Counsel for Innovation, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, **2010**
- **Roop Mahajan**, PhD, Director, Micro Electronic Devices in Cardiovascular Applications Center; Professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder, **2002**
- **John Maltby**, Director, Community Support Services, Westchester Institute for Human Development, **2010**
- **William C. Mann**, PhD, Director, Technology for Successful Aging Center, University of Florida, **2002**
- **Paul Marchand**, Assistant Executive Director for Policy and Advocacy, The Arc of the United States, **2002**
- **Maja Mataric**, PhD, Professor, Computer Science and Neuroscience; Founding Director, Center for Robotics and Embedded Systems, School of Engineering, University of Southern California, **2006**
- **Wil McCarthy**, Author, Journalist and Engineer, **2003**
- **Robert L. Metts**, PhD, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, University of Nevada, Reno, **2011**
- **Francois Meyer**, PhD, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2002**
- **Lucy Jane Miller**, PhD, OTR, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine and Pediatrics, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2001**
- **Tim Mills**, PhD, Managing Director, Sanderling Biomedical Venture Capital, **2004**
- **Helena Mitchell**, PhD, Director of the Mobile Wireless Technologies for Persons with Disabilities Center, Georgia Institute of Technology, **2002**
- **Teresa Moore**, Arizona Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and self-advocate, **2007**
- **Patricia Morrissey**, PhD, Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, **2005**
- **Ari Ne'Eman**, Founding President, The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN); Member, National Council on Disability, Washington, DC, **2011**
- **Tia Nelis**, Self-advocacy Specialist, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with Mental Retardation, University of Illinois at Chicago **2001**
- **Karen Newell**, PhD, Associate Professor and Markert Endowed Chair of Biology, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; Chief Executive and Scientific Director, CU Institute of Bioenergetics; Founder, Agada Inc., **2008, 2007, 2003**
- **Margaret Nygren**, Executive Director, American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), **2011**
- **David O'Hara**, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Public Health, New York Medical College; Chief Operating Officer, Center on Disability, Health and Technology, Westchester Institute for Human Development, **2010**
- **Michael Paciello**, Founder and Principal, The Paciello Group, **2008**
- **Preston Padden**, Senior Fellow, Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology and Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado, School of Law, **2010**
- **Lawrence Parsons**, PhD, Program Director, Cognitive Neuroscience Program, National Science Foundation, **2001**

- **Robert Pasternack**, PhD, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, **2003**
- **Renee Pietrangelo**, PhD, CEO, ANCOR (American Network of Community Options and Resources) **2011, 2010, 2009, 2008**
- **William Pound**, Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) **2011**
- **Laurie Powers**, PhD, Professor and Director, National Center for Self-Determination, Portland State University, **2006**
- **Sara Honn Qualls**, PhD, Professor of Aging Studies; Professor of Psychology, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, **2011, 2010, 2009**
- **Ramesh Rao**, PhD, Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Director, California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, Jacobs School of Engineering, University of California at San Diego, **2006**
- **Shauna Reitmeier**, Director of Technical Assistance and contract manager, National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, **2011**
- **Alex Repenning**, PhD, Chief Technology Officer, AgentSheets, Inc., Research Assistant Professor, Center for Lifelong Learning and Design, Computer Science Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2003**
- **Diego Restrepo**, PhD, Professor, Department of Cellular and Structural Biology, University of Colorado Denver, **2003**
- **James Rimmer**, PhD, Professor and Director, National Center on Physical Activity and Disability, University of Illinois at Chicago, **2008, 2003**
- **Corry Robinson**, PhD, RN, Director, JFK Partners, University of Colorado Denver, **2005**
- **Michael Rogers**, Customer Relations Service Specialist, Division of Developmental Disabilities, State of Washington and Self-advocate, **2006, 2004**
- **Robert Schalock**, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Emeritus, Hastings College; Past President, American Association on Mental Retardation, **2004**
- **Marcia J. Scherer**, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, The Institute for Matching Person and Technology, Inc., University of Rochester Medical Center, **2005**
- **Richard Schwerdtfeger**, Distinguished Engineer and Master Inventor, IBM Emerging Technologies Software; Chair, IBM Accessibility Architecture Review Board, **2007**
- **Jennifer Sheehy**, Policy Coordinator, New Freedom Initiative, Domestic Policy Council, The White House, **2001**
- **Eunice Kennedy Shriver**, (deceased) Executive Vice President, Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation; special guest, **2005**
- **Timothy Shriver**, PhD, Chairman of the Board, International Special Olympics, **2005**
- **James Shore**, MD, Chancellor, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2003**
- **Kathy Simon**, Director, Deming Center for Entrepreneurship, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2003**
- **Jo Ann Simons**, President and CEO, Cardinal Cushing Centers; Board Chair, National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), **2011**
- **Jenifer Simpson**, Senior Director, Telecommunications and Technology Policy, the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), **2011**
- **John Sladek**, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, **2003**
- **Michael Stein**, PhD, JD, Cabell Research Professor, William and Mary School of Law; Visiting Professor, Harvard Law School, **2007**
- **Jim Sullivan**, PhD, Co-Director, Cognitive Levers Project, Center for Lifelong Learning and Design, Department of Computer Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2003**
- **Sue Swenson**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, US Department of Education, formerly CEO, The Arc of the United States, and Executive Director of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, **2011, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2003, 2001**
- **Lynne Tamor**, President, Arlink Inc., **2010**
- **Rodney Taylor**, PhD, Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education, Interim Dean of the Graduate School, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2001**
- **Duane Tempel**, Sound Response; Senior Outreach Specialist, University of Wisconsin, **2008**
- **Nancy Thaler**, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS), **2011**

- **Paul Timmers**, PhD, Head of e-Inclusion, European Commission, Directorate of General Information, Society & Media, **2008**
- **Steven Tingus**, Director, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, **2004, 2002**
- **Jim Tobias**, Co-chair, Telecommunications and Electronic and Information Technology Advisory Committee [TEITAC]; Principal, Inclusive Technologies, **2007**
- **Jutta Treviranus**, Director, Adaptive Technology Resource Centre, University of Toronto, **2006**
- **Ann Turnbull**, EdD, Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas, **2009**
- **Rud Turnbull**, JD, LLM, Distinguished University Professor and Professor of Special Education, University of Kansas, **2009**
- **Greg Vanderheiden**, PhD, Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering; Director, Trace Center for R&D, University of Wisconsin-Madison, **2007, 2002**
- **Cynthia Waddell**, JD, Executive Director and Law, Policy and Technology Consultant, International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet [ICDRI), **2008**
- **Nancy Ward**, Oklahoma Disabilities Law Center and Self-advocate, **2006**
- **Scot Weeres**, Director, Standards Development and Compliance, Accessibility Directorate, Ontario, Canada, a unit of the Ministry of Community and Social Services, **2008**
- **Michael Wehmeyer**, PhD, Professor of Special Education and Director of the Kansas University Center on Developmental Disabilities, University of Kansas: President, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) **2010, 2006**
- **Michael Weinrich**, PhD, Director, National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, **2001**
- **Greg Wellems**, Director, Innovations Program, Imagine! Colorado, **2011, 2010, 2008**
- **Madeleine Will**, Chair, President's Committee on People with Intellectual Disabilities, **2004**
- **Michael Williams**, PhD, Chief Technology Officer, CaringFamily, LLC, **2005**
- **Cameron Wilson**, Director of Public Policy, Association for Computing Machinery, **2008**
- **Mary Woolley**, President and CEO, Research! America, **2004**
- **Dustin Wright**, General Manager, Rest Assured, Inc., **2011, 2010**
- **Holly Wyatt**, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes; National Program Director for the Centers for Obesity Research and Education and Medical Director of the Center for Human Nutrition's Weight Management program, **2008**
- **Regan Zane**, PhD, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Colorado at Boulder, **2006**, Technology Transfer Office Inventor of the Year, **2007, 2005**