

# **Learning Disabilities Association of Kansas**

*“Not All Great Minds Think Alike”*



# Celebrating Our 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

## Location

Johnson County Community College  
Capital Federal Conference Center  
Regnier Center and Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art  
12345 College Blvd.  
Overland Park, KS 66210-1299

Registration form available at [www.ldakansas.org](http://www.ldakansas.org)

Thursday, November 12, 2009

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

and

Friday, November 13, 2009

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration opens at 8:00 AM

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**Free & Open to the Public!**

Facilitator: Andrea Blair is the Director for Disability Support Services at Kansas State University. She has been in the field of LD for over 20 years and currently serves as secretary for LDAK.

**So You Want to Go to College...**

Please join us for this thought provoking discussion about being a college student with a learning disability. A panel of college students with LD, including undergraduate and graduate students, as well as college graduates, will discuss what has helped them be successful, emphasizing the importance of self-advocacy skills. Members of the panel will also elaborate on their experiences in the world of work including disclosure and strategies for success. This session will be of special interest to upper grade teachers, transition coordinators, college personnel, high school students, and parents.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Friday, November 13, 2009**

**8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**8:30 - 10:00 Morning Keynote**

**Dr. Naomi Zigmond**

*Inclusion: "What, Where, & How: Questions That Still Need To Be Asked".*

**10:15 - 11:30 Morning Breakout Sessions**

**11:45 - 12:30 Lunch**

Please plan to join us for lunch

and the

LDAK Annual business & awards meeting

**12:45 - 2:00 Afternoon Keynote**

**Dr. Naomi Zigmond**

*Students with learning disabilities and the statewide accountability assessment.*

**2:15 - 3:00 Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

## **Dr. Naomi Zigmond, Keynote Speaker**

Dr. Zigmond has been an active special education researcher and teacher for nearly 40 years; her focus is on the organization of special education services for students with disabilities in elementary and secondary schools and the impact of program organization on student achievement. Her work has focused on the various roles of the special education teacher (consultant, co-teacher, resource teacher, self contained class teacher, etc.) and how best to improve academic and social outcomes for students with disabilities. For the last decade, Dr. Zigmond has also led a team of researchers and practitioners in the development, production, distribution, scoring, reporting, and validation of the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment, the statewide alternate assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Dr. Zigmond has published many articles, book chapters, and books. She spent 5 years as Editor of *Exceptional Children*. In 1997, Dr. Zigmond received the Research Award from the Council for Exceptional Children in recognition of research that has contributed significantly to the body of knowledge about the education of exceptional children and youth. In 2008 she was awarded the highest honor that can be bestowed on a faculty member, promotion to the rank of Distinguished Professor of Education, the first faculty member in the 100-year history of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Education to achieve the rank.

## **AM Breakout Sessions**

**"Minds-on": Teaching Visualization Intentionally**

Linda Zeigler and Dr. Laura Swartz

**Implementing Response to Intervention in Both Academics & Behavior**

Heather Haynes, M.A. and Allyson Palmer, M.Ed.

**Effective Advocacy/Building Partnerships**

Leslie Girard, Families Together, Inc.

## **PM Breakout Sessions**

**Students with learning disabilities and the statewide accountability assessment.**

Dr. Naomi Zigmund

**Transition – high school to college and beyond**

Andrew Shoemaker

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