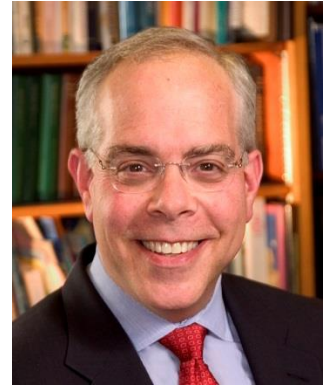


# Donald Bear

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**Donald Bear** is a professor in literacy education at Iowa State University. He was elected to serve on the ILA Board of Directors from 2014 to 2017. He teaches doctoral, master's, and preservice teachers and directs the Fred Duffelmeyer Reading Improvement Clinic. He is also professor emeritus from the University of Nevada, Reno. Donald is involved in studies that examine literacy learning, particularly studies of orthographic development in different and second languages. The research explores the specific sequence students follow across the synchrony of literacy learning from beginning concept of word in prekindergarten to how morphology underlies academic vocabulary learning. He is an author and coauthor of numerous articles, chapters, and 14 books, including *Words Their Way* (5th ed.; Pearson, 2011), *Words Their Way With English Learners* (Pearson, 2011), *Vocabulary Their Way* (Pearson, 2010), and *Words Their Way With Struggling Readers* (Pearson, 2011). He is an author on several instructional programs used throughout the United States. Donald is also involved in innovative professional development grants, and his work in assessment and word study is used widely. Donald has received several awards for teaching and service.



## Titles of Recent Talks

- Word Study and the CCSS: What Are the Roles of Vocabulary, Phonics and Spelling in Literacy Instruction in the Common Core Standards?
- Routines and Activities in Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling Instruction
- Academic Vocabulary
- Word Study and the CCSS: Vocabulary, Phonics and Spelling Instruction
- Wheels of Literacy Fortune: Champion Readers and Writers
- Word Study and Vocabulary in the Common Core

## Presentation Topics

- Developmental stages of literacy development
- Early literacy
- Elementary literacy
- Word study across the grades
- Vocabulary
- Assessment
- Reading difficulties
- Phonics, spelling
- Common Core, vocabulary and foundational skills