

University of Northern Iowa
CEDAR FALLS, IOWA
39th Annual Conference
Saturday, October 22, 2022



ASSOCIATION FOR
CONSTRUCTIVIST
TEACHING 



Hybrid

Attend
in- person
or virtually

\$50 Registration

Free to Enrolled
Students

CONFERENCE THEME

Register @ <https://acteducators.com/2022-conference>

CONSTRUCTING AN
UNDERSTANDING OF

HOW THE WORLD WORKS

Constructivist teaching is rooted in Piaget's theory of cognitive and social development which focuses on the structure of human knowledge and the process by which it is constructed. Founding members of ACT, Drs. Rheta DeVries and Constance Kamii were both students of Piaget and are often referred to as the "mothers of constructivist education." They encouraged teachers and their students to create their own unique embodiment of the paradigm, while staying grounded in certain necessary elements of constructivism. At this conference, we invite educators to add to the conversation on the constructivist elements of an active school, play, Work, the learner-teacher relationship and the social-emotional environment, and the three kinds of knowledge.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. DOR ABRAHAMSON

Dor Abrahamson (PhD, Learning Sciences, Northwestern University, 2004) is a Professor at the Graduate School of Education, University of California Berkeley, where he runs the Embodied Design Research Laboratory. Abrahamson is a design-based researcher who invents pedagogical technologies for teaching and learning mathematics. He analyzes data gathered in the course of evaluating these products to develop theoretical models of cognitive and social process leading to insight and fluency. Abrahamson is particularly interested in relations between learning to move in new ways and learning mathematics concepts. His research has been funded by federal agencies and private foundations. Otherwise, Dor enjoys playing the cello, hiking, biking, reading, and spending time with his family and pets.



<https://youtu.be/qZaZGL-vP5E>

Those attending in person are invited to be guests at a special **Oct. 21 preconference celebrating the work of Dr. Rheta DeVries.**

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Schedule

Thursday, October 20

- Shuttles provided from airport to hotel.

Friday, October 21

- Shuttle from hotel to UNI Schindler Education Center
- 8:00 Shuttle from hotel to UNI Schindler Education Center
- 8:30 Breakfast and Welcome by Dr. Beth Van Meeteren, Director of the Iowa Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education
- 8:50 Overview of Dr. Rheta DeVries and her work in her tenure as the Director of the Iowa Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education
- 9:30 Tour of curated artifacts of the work of Dr. DeVries
- 10:00 Introduction of the Drs. Melville and Judith Finkelstein Integrative Classroom Studio by Dr. Judith Finkelstein, the first Director of the Iowa Regents' Center
- 10:15 Engage in Teacher play with early STEM Materials – an outgrowth of *Physical Knowledge Activities* developed by Drs. Rheta DeVries and Constance Kamii
- 11:00 Discussion of constructivist elements in early STEM
- 12:00 Shuttle to Complimentary Lunch at George's Local in Historical Downtown Cedar Falls
- 1:00 Shuttle to hotel, or to selection of local excursions
- 6:00 Shuttle for ACT Board Member Meeting at Montage

Saturday, October 22

- Breakfast at hotel
- Shuttle from hotel to UNI Schindler Education Center
- Lunch provided in Drs. Melville and Judith Finkelstein's Integrative Classroom Studio
- Shuttle back to hotel
- Dinner

Sunday, October 23

- Shuttles will be provided for transportation to airports



Dr. Rheta DeVries

Menu of Excursions

- [Bike rental and trail ride](#)
- Hiking at [Hartman Nature Reserve](#)
- Tour of local prairie preserves cared for by the [Tallgrass Prairie Center](#)
- Shopping / Craft Beers in [Cedar Falls historical downtown](#)
- [Golf Lab](#)

