

Biographic Summary

Richard Wagner is the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology and the W. Russell and Eugenia Morcom Chair at Florida State University. He also is a co-founder and a current Associate Director of the Florida Center for Reading Research. He earned a master's degree in School Psychology from the University of Akron. He completed his school psychology internship in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, then worked for two years as a school psychologist for the Clark County school district in Las Vegas, Nevada. He then earned a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from Yale University in 1985, before coming to Florida State. His major area of research interests are dyslexia and the normal acquisition of reading. He currently is the principal investigator of a P50 Multidisciplinary Learning Disability Center funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), an Institute at NIH. It is one of three Centers in the country funded by NICHD that represents their flagship program of research on learning disabilities including dyslexia. He helped the state of Arkansas develop guidelines to implement their dyslexia legislation and he recently served on the California advisory group charged with helping the California Department of Education develop guidelines in response to dyslexia legislation in that state.