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## Reading in New Ways During Challenging, New Times: Issues for Theory, Research, and Practice

The emergence of the Internet as an essential channel of information and communication makes it imperative that we begin to reassess the nature of reading. It is time to envision reading in new ways for new times, positioning online reading, beginning at a young age, to a central position in our curriculum in order to ensure that equity and opportunity are more fully realized in our society, one that is increasingly divided by income inequality. This talk will address the challenges of these changes to reading theory, research, and practice. It will also explore the new opportunities that these changes provide.



Dr. Donald J. Leu is the John and Maria Neag Endowed Chair in Literacy and Technology in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut. A graduate of Michigan State, Harvard, and Berkeley, his research focuses on literacy education, especially the skills and strategies required to read, write, and learn with Internet technologies and the best instructional practices that prepare all students for these new literacies, especially students in economically challenged school districts. He co-edited the *Handbook of Research on New Literacies* (Erlbaum, 2008) and has published several hundred articles and numerous books on both research and practice in reading instruction. Don directs the New Literacies Research Lab at the University of Connecticut. He is a member of the Reading Hall of Fame, Past President of the National Reading Conference, and a former member of the Board of Directors of the International Reading Association. He is a frequent speaker at major conferences and has given keynote addresses in Europe, Australia, Asia, South America, and North America. His work has been funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, the North Central Educational Research Lab, the Carnegie Corporation, the Institute for Education Sciences, PBS, the Annenberg Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Australian Council of Educational Research, and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Don was recently featured in the documentary, "Out of Print," with Meryl Streep.