

**LEARNING DISABILITIES  
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**2009  
ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

**October 30 & 31, 2009**

**SPEAKERS:**  
**Larry Silver, M.D.**  
**Nancy Mather, Ph.D.**  
**Matthew Cohen, Esq.**



**Holiday Inn  
Harrisburg East**  
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## LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

**Friday,  
October 30**

**Workshop 6:00–9 p.m.**

**“Is it LD, ADD, or Aspergers?”**

**Book Store/Exhibitors**

**5:00–10 p.m.**

**Registration 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

**Workshop 6:00–9 p.m.**

**Wine and Cheese Social  
(Cash Bar) 9:00–10 p.m.**

Come meet LDAPA Board members, speakers and other conference attendees.

Dr. Silver will discuss the current understanding of Learning Disabilities, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, and Asperger's Disorder. Using the diagnostic criteria for clinicians—the DSM-IV-TR—he will explain how a clinician would go from presenting concerns or problems through the diagnostic process and reach a final diagnosis. As part of this presentation, he will highlight where specific problems might suggest one or more of these three possibilities and how the total clinical picture helps to clarify the diagnosis.

**Larry Silver, M.D.**

*Pediatric/Adolescent  
Psychiatry*

*Rockville, MD*

**Saturday,  
October 31**

**Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:15 a.m.–8:30 a.m.**

**Book Store 7:15 a.m.–3:45 p.m.**

**Exhibitors 7:15 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**Welcome Remarks 8:30 a.m.**

*Sydney Malick, Conference Chairperson*

*Nicole Jeanine Yee, former Miss Pennsylvania USA 04*

**Nancy Mather, Ph.D.**

*Professor*

*University of Arizona  
Department of Special Education,  
Rehabilitation, and  
School Psychology*

**Workshop 8:45–11:15 a.m.**

**“Let's Stop Monkeying Around:  
What We Know About Reading Disabilities”**

This session will focus on the fundamental facts we know about reading disabilities, as well as the current issues that are confronting the field. The speaker will touch upon: the history of the field; the need for comprehensive assessments, including assessment of cognitive and linguistic processes; the importance of identifying strengths and weaknesses for selecting instructional interventions; the role of RTI and ability-achievement discrepancies in the identification process; the importance of using differentiated instructional methodologies; and the need for highly trained, competent reading teachers.

**Lunch Speaker**

**The Honorable Kathy L. Rapp**

**Member of Pennsylvania House of Representatives**

**Workshop 1:00–3:30 p.m.**

**IDEA 2004 - The Impact of Rtl and Other Key Changes on  
Evaluation, Eligibility and Services for Children with  
LD & What's on the Horizon for IDEA 2010/11?**

This presentation will provide an overview of key changes in IDEA 2004 that were specifically directed to the evaluation and programming for children with suspected or identified learning disabilities, with particular focus on Early Intervening Services and Response to Intervention and on evolving interpretations of the meaning of a “free appropriate public education.” The presentation will address how these changes are being implemented, their positive and negative effects, and ways for parents, clinicians and educators to adapt to these changes. The presentation will also highlight potential changes that are being discussed as part of the upcoming consideration of further amendments/reauthorization of IDEA in 2010 or beyond and the areas of concern in relation to both the existing legislation and proposed changes.

**Matthew Cohen, Esq.**

*Monahan & Cohen*

*Attorneys at Law  
Chicago, IL*

**Book Signing/Book Store/  
Exhibitors**

**11:15–11:45 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**11:45–1:00 p.m.**

**Raffle Drawing**

**12:30 p.m.**

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Hotel Conference Rate \$105 Single/Double

Rooms at conference rate are being held for LDAPA until October 9, 2009. RESERVE EARLY! There is a 24-hour room cancellation policy.

- Seating in sessions is limited. Early registration is encouraged.
- Cancellations and requests for refunds of conference fees must be received in writing no later than **October 1, 2009**. A \$10 processing fee will be charged.
- For special needs or assistance please call 610.678.8030 by **October 9, 2009**.
- Luncheon is included in Full Conference and Saturday Only registration fees. Onsite registrants cannot be guaranteed a lunch.
- Conference is not suitable for infants and small children.

**Policy:** LDAPA is pleased to present this conference to enable speakers to present their views on the topic of learning disabilities. It is not our policy to recommend or endorse any one specific diagnostic or therapeutic regime, whether it is educational, psychological or medical.

### Registration Fees

	on or before October 9	after October 9	
Friday workshop only	\$40	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday only			
Member	\$80	\$95	
Non-member	\$95	\$110	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full Conference (Friday night and Saturday)			
Member	\$105	\$120	
Non-member	\$120	\$135	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Act 48 attendees:** Please add a surcharge of \$15 per person.

Pin# (for Act 48 credit hours) \_\_\_\_\_

LDAPA membership \$35

Additional contribution to LDAPA (tax deduction)

Total Registration

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Select payment method (select one):

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For conference information contact:

Kristina Smith at 610.678.8030  
Debbie Rodes at 717.266.7362  
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### Mail registration and payment to:

LDAPA 2009 Conference  
c/o Kristina Smith  
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### Registration Form

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You are a (circle one):

Parent | Teacher | Young Adult | Other (please specify)

Individuals attending these workshops must arrive on time and stay for the entire workshop in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours.

\*Participants will be eligible to receive Act 48 hours through a partnership between LDAPA and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit.

If not applying for Act 48 Hours but need a Letter of Attendance, check here

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**Larry B. Silver, M.D.** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist in private practice in the Washington, D.C. area. He is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Georgetown University Medical Center. For more than thirty years his primary areas of research, clinical and teaching interest have been focused on the psychological, social, and family impact of a group of related neurologically-based disorders – learning disabilities, language disabilities, sensory integration dysfunction, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. He has more than 150 publications, including the popular book, *The Misunderstood Child. A Guide for Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities*. He is active with the Learning Disabilities Association of America and in 1992 received the Association’s highest award, The Learning Disabilities Association Award, for outstanding leadership in the field of learning disabilities.

**Nancy Mather, Ph.D.** is a professor at the University of Arizona in the department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and School Psychology. She specializes in the areas of assessment, reading, writing, and learning disabilities. She has served as a learning disabilities teacher, a diagnostician, a university professor, and an educational consultant. She has published numerous articles and conducts workshops on assessment and instruction nationwide. Among the books that Dr. Mather has co-authored is *Learning Disabilities and Challenging Behaviors, the Evidenced-based Interventions for Students with Learning and Behavioral Challenges* and she is the co-author of the *Woodcock Johnson III*.

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### 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Dr. Mather was a private consultant for Dr. Richard Woodcock in test development (1985-1989) and had the mentorship of Dr. Samuel Kirk as a post-doctoral fellow at University of Arizona (1984-85). Dr. Mather was selected for the Samuel Kirk Award (1994) for Outstanding Special Educator for the State of Arizona.

**Matthew Cohen, Esquire** currently practices law in Illinois, with a concentration in the representation of children and families in special education and discipline disputes with public schools. Mr. Cohen frequently litigates special education matters in the federal courts, and has represented hundreds of families in special education disputes. He lectures on special education, mental health and confidentiality issues throughout the United States and publishes frequently on these topics. He is a legal commentator for LD Online and a periodic columnist for *Attention Magazine*. He contributed to the introduction in the *K&W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities, 8th Edition* (College Admissions Guides). He also has completed a book on special education advocacy titled, *A Guide to Special Education Advocacy: What Parents, Clinicians and Advocates Need to Know*, which was published in February 2009.

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