



AT4ALL: Assistive Technology for All

ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

AUGUST 27-29, 2009

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Keynote Speakers: Dave Edyburn & Will Richardson

The conference will promote enhanced understanding of assistive technology (AT) in meeting the needs of all learners by:

- sharing evidenced-based research on the efficacy of a variety of AT tools for learning;
- furthering the role of AT in supporting differentiated instruction;
- enhancing awareness of the role of AT in life-long learning.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Educators, Parents and Families, Technicians who work in AT, Professionals (i.e. School Psychologists, Speech and Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists), Vendors and Publishers.

Please visit www.AT4ALL.ca to register, and for complete conference details.

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Thursday Keynote: Dave Edyburn

*Associate Professor, Department of Exceptional Education,
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

Dr. Edyburn is an Associate Professor in the Department of Exceptional Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Edyburn's teaching and research interests focus on the use of technology to enhance teaching, learning, and performance. He has authored more than 100 articles and book chapters on assistive and instructional technology. Along with Drs. Higgins and Boone, Dr. Edyburn is a co-editor of the recently published book, *Handbook of Special Education Technology Research and Practice*. He is a past president of the Special Education Technology Special Interest Group (SETSIG) in the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) as well as a past president of the Technology and Media (TAM) Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).



Friday Keynote: Will Richardson

(<http://www.weblogg-ed.com>)

Will Richardson is known internationally for his work with educators and students to understand and implement instructional technologies and, more specifically, the tools of the Read/Write Web into their schools, classrooms and communities. A public school educator for 22 years, Will's own Weblog ([Weblogg-ed.com](http://www.weblogg-ed.com)) is a primary resource for the creation and implementation of Weblog technologies on the K-12 level and is a leading voice for school reform in the context of the fundamental changes these new technologies are bringing to all aspects of life. His critically acclaimed, best-selling book *Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Tools for Classrooms* (March 2006, Corwin Press) is already being used by thousands of teachers to reinvent their practice, and his keynotes, presentations and workshops to audiences around the world communicate a fresh and inspiring vision of what schools can and must become.



Saturday Keynote: Todd Cunningham

Motivational speaker, Ph.D. student and researcher Todd Cunningham from the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education, University of Toronto and the Hospital for Sick Children will discuss strategies for students with learning disabilities and the potential of assistive technology. He has struggled with a learning disability and has learned to accommodate his dyslexia with the use of assistive technology. This engaging presentation will provide a personal life perspective on how assistive technology (text-to-speech, graphic organizers, word prediction, voice recognition) and learning strategies can help individuals with learning disabilities succeed.

