

Linda Gambrell

Linda B. Gambrell, a professor of education in the Eugene T. Moore School of Education at Clemson University, is president of the International Reading Association and will serve until May 2008. Gambrell served as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Reading Association from 1992–1995 and, in 1998, she received the IRA Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award. In 2004, she was elected to the Reading Hall of Fame.



Linda Gambrell received her BS, MEd, and PhD from the University of Maryland, College Park. She began her career as an elementary classroom teacher and reading specialist in Prince George's County, Maryland. She became a member of IRA as an undergraduate student member at the University of Maryland and served as president of the State of Maryland International Reading Association Council in 1986–1987. Since 1999, she has been active in the South Carolina International Reading Association.

Her current research interests are in the areas of reading comprehension strategy instruction, literacy motivation, and the role of discussion in teaching and learning. She has written books on reading instruction and published articles in journals such as *Reading Research Quarterly*, *The Reading Teacher*, *Educational Psychologist*, and *Journal of Educational Research*. She is coeditor of *Literacy Teaching and Learning* and serves on the editorial advisory boards of *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Journal of Literacy Research*, and *Reading Research and Instruction*.

Statement of philosophy

“The complexities of modern society make the attainment of high levels of literacy an urgent priority for our schools. The International Reading Association does important work in promoting literacy worldwide, supporting teacher empowerment, and providing quality publications and conferences.”

Presentation topics

Creating classroom cultures that support motivation to read
Comprehension strategy instruction: Teaching to independence
Teaching higher level comprehension through discussion
The power of reading literature aloud to students

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