

Biography of David Rose

In 1984, David Rose helped to found CAST with a vision of expanding educational opportunities for all students, especially those with disabilities. First articulated by CAST in the early 1990's, evidence about learning from new brain research combined with the development and application of new technologies gave rise to the theoretical and practical framework of Universal Design for Learning. UDL mirrors the universal design movement in architecture and product development, which calls for designs that from the outset consider the needs of the greatest number of possible users, eliminating the need for costly, inconvenient, and unattractive individual refits. For example, curb cuts, ramps, elevators, speaker phones, and closed captions that were originally designed for individuals with disabilities, benefit everyone. UDL creates the conditions for inclusive education by starting with multiple, flexible curricula (goals, methods, materials, and assessments) designed from the outset for diverse students.

Dr. Rose holds a B.A. in psychology from Harvard College, a Master's in teaching from Reed College, and a Doctorate in education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Specializing in developmental neuropsychology and in the universal design of learning technologies, Dr. Rose lectures at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he has been on the faculty for twenty years.

Dr. Rose is the co-author (with Anne Meyer) of the books *Teaching Every Student in the Digital Age: Universal Design for Learning* (ASCD, 2002) and *Learning to Read in the Computer Age* (Brookline, 1998). He is the coeditor (with Anne Meyer) of *A Practical Reader in Universal Design for Learning* (Harvard Education Press, 2006) and the coeditor (with Anne Meyer and Chuck Hitchcock) of the book, *The Universally Designed Classroom: Accessible Curriculum and Digital Technologies* (Harvard Education Press, 2005). He is also the author of numerous articles and a frequent speaker at regional, national and international educational conferences.

An author of Scholastic's highly successful Literary Place and contributor to *Wiggleworks®* and *Thinking Reader©*, Dr. Rose has worked as a consultant for Houghton-Mifflin, Scholastic, Tom Snyder Productions, EBSCO Publishing, Pearson, Sopris West, and other publishers.