

2022 Annual Reading, Literacy, and Learning Conference



SAMUEL TORREY AND JUNE LYDAY ORTON MEMORIAL LECTURE & AWARD

FUMIKO HOEFT, MD, PH.D.

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is pleased to announce **Fumiko Hoeft, M.D., Ph.D.** as the 2022 recipient of the Samuel Torrey Orton Award. The Samuel Torrey Orton Award and the Samuel Torrey and June Lyday Orton Memorial Lecture, the highest honor bestowed by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), recognizes a person or persons who have:

- made a vital contribution to advance our scientific understanding of dyslexia;
- significantly enhanced and advanced our capacity to successfully intervene and assist people with dyslexia;
- expanded national and international awareness of dyslexia; or
- demonstrated unusual competence and dedication in service to people with dyslexia.

The recipient(s) of the Samuel Torrey Orton Award and the Samuel Torrey and June Lyday Orton Memorial Lecture also has the strong communication skills necessary to convey the importance of the recipient's work to a broad audience in a way that appeals to professionals in a variety of work settings and to individuals who have dyslexia and their families.

Dr. Hoeft is the Interim Director of University of Connecticut (UConn) Waterbury Campus; Professor of Psychological Sciences, Neuroscience, Mathematics, Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Education at UConn, and of Psychiatry at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF).

She is also the Director of UConn's Brain Imaging Research Center (BIRC); and Co-Founder of the Haskins Global Literacy Hub with Prof. Ken Pugh. She is a neuroscientist who has been conducting research on reading and dyslexia; as well as on resilience and emotional well-being over the past 19 years. She is primarily funded by NIH, NSF, Oak Foundation and Tremaine Foundation to conduct her research.

Dr. Hoeft received research training at Harvard, UCLA, Caltech, and Stanford, and has held faculty positions at Stanford, UCSF, and UConn. Honors include awards from the International Dyslexia Association (IDA; 2014, 2022), Learning & the Brain Foundation (2015), Int'l Mind Brain & Education Society (IMBES; 2018), Society for Neuroscience (SfN; 2018), Northern CA Branch of the IDA (2018), Eye to Eye (2019), and UConn (2021). She has published over 175 articles, reviews, and book chapters, and has delivered over 300 keynotes, talks, and workshops at venues such as local schools, international conferences, TEDx and the White House.

Her work has been widely covered in media such as The New York Times, NPR, CNN, the New Yorker, and Scientific American. She was on IDA's Board of Directors (2015-2020) and Co-chaired the IDA's Scientific Advisory Board (2018-2020); and has made significant contributions to support individuals and families with dyslexia and related challenges through research, advocacy and outreach.

