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Program in the  
Edward F. Reidy, Jr.  
Interactive Lecture Series

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## Assessing Student Learning of the Next Generation Science Standards



### Conference Overview:

The Next Generation Science Standards are almost four years old. Efforts to assess the knowledge, skills and abilities captured by the standards are at different stages of development and based on different conceptions of what it means to assess the NGSS. The goal of this conference is to draw together those involved or interested in efforts to assess the NGSS to better understand:

- The NGSS and the challenges the standards pose to assessment,
- Approaches to assessing the NGSS in ways that meet the intentions of the standards,
- How to evaluate the technical quality of NGSS assessments and how we might need to reconceptualize some traditional approaches for conducting such evaluations,
- Potential approaches for designing systems of assessments to meet the many purposes and intended uses of NGSS assessments, and
- What the future of NGSS assessment might look like, with emphasis on what questions or issues will become important and how current and future design efforts can address them.

By gathering a diverse group of participants, this conference is meant to provide a place for individuals to share lessons learned and possibly pool resources to address common concerns. The conference is also meant to provide a check in on the state of the art of NGSS assessment – providing an overview of development efforts across schools, districts, states and organizations that can act as a touchstone for future development efforts.

In addition to the many experts at the Center for Assessment, we're pleased that the following speakers and panelists will be joining us in Portsmouth:

**BILL PENUEL**  
*University of Colorado Boulder*

**KATHLEEN SCALISE**  
*University of Oregon*

**ANEESHA BADRINARAYAN**  
*Achieve, Inc.*

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*SRI*

**KEVIN KING**  
*WestEd*

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*Louisiana Department of Education*

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*Michigan Department of Education*



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### About the Conference:

The Reidy Interactive Lecture Series and its publications are an ongoing means of communicating with researchers and educational leaders. The series is named to honor Edward F. Reidy, Jr., a lifelong educator who played a significant role in improving public education in the state of Kentucky and in the country as a whole, particularly through standards-based reform. Ed passed away in August 1999, leaving a legacy of commitment to improved assessment and accountability practices.

RILS is purposefully designed to encourage and facilitate interactions among speakers, panelists, and all participants. The conference consists of a mix of plenary sessions, panel discussions, and participant-focused activities. Speakers and panelists include noted researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to help us wrestle with challenging issues while keeping an eye on pragmatic solutions or approaches. Participants regularly remark that RILS is the most interactive and engaging conference they attend each year and everyone comes away learning important things.

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### Meeting Logistics:

When: September 28-29, 2017  
Where: Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center  
100 Deer Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

Additional details are available at [here](#).