

Jerome C. Harste background

Jerome C. Harste is an Emeritus Professor of Literacy, Culture, and Language Education at Indiana University.

He was named the first Martha Lea and William Armstrong Chair in Teacher Education in IU's School of Education.

In 2008 he was named Outstanding Language Arts Educator by the National Council of Teachers of English in recognition of his lifetime leadership and research in language education.

His early literacy research with Drs. Carolyn Burke and Virginia Woodward was awarded the David H. Russell award for outstanding contributions to the teaching of English.

Dr. Harste served as the President of the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Reading Conference, the National Conference on Research in English, the Whole Language Umbrella, and as a Board Member of the International Reading Association.

In 2005 he was awarded the Frederic Bachman Lieber All-University Teaching Award by Indiana University and in 2006 he was given the Gorman Teaching Award by IU's School of Education.

He is best known for his co-authored books on how teachers might support literacy learning in their classrooms. Titles include *Language Stories & Literacy Lessons*, *Creating Classrooms for Authors & Inquirers*, *Creating Critical Classrooms*, and *Teaching Children's Literature: It's Critical*. He is also the host and developer of several professional videotape series (*The Authoring Cycle at Work in Classrooms*, *Visions of Literacy*) and the author of several children's books, his most popular being *It Didn't Frighten Me!*

When his children's book *My Icky Picky Sister* was published, his in-the-flesh sister remarked, "Well thank goodness, at least you had the sense of not dedicating it to me!"

Since retiring, Dr. Harste has picked up watercolor painting. His piece entitled "Don't Touch My Junk!" was named best in the school at the Options Juried Art Show, and his "Chief Little Elk of the Dakota Sioux" was juried into the Missouri 2011 National Watercolor Competition.