



Virginia Berninger

Virginia Wise Berninger (Ph.D., Psychology, Johns Hopkins University, 1981) was a faculty member at the University of Washington, Seattle, 1986-2016 (Professor Emerita, December 2016 to present), at Tufts University Medical School, 1983-1986, and at Harvard University Medical School, 1981-1983. She has also been a clinical psychologist in hospital and private practice settings. Early in her career (1968-1977) she taught students in general education in inner city and suburban schools and special education in rural and urban schools. At the University of Washington, she was Principal Investigator of NICHD-funded research grants for typical writing and reading development, and related neuropsychological processes and interventions for low achieving writers and readers, 1989-2008, and for a multidisciplinary research center on specific learning disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and OWL LD (genetics, brain imaging, assessment, and instructional studies), 1995-2006, and 2011 to 2016. For her research on dyslexia, she received the Samuel Torrey Orton Award from the International Dyslexia Association (2015) and the OWL Award for Outstanding Work and Leadership from the Slingerland Institute (2015).