



### **Sharon Vaughn Recognized at CEC Convention**

University of Texas Professor Sharon R. Vaughn received the Jeannette E. Fleischner Award for Outstanding Contributions to the field of Learning Disabilities at the annual convention of the Council for Exceptional Children in Washington, DC, 26 April 2011 in recognition of her career-long contributions to advance the field of learning disabilities.

The Fleischner Award, presented by the Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD) of the Council for Exceptional Children, honors those who advance the field through a combination of direct services, policy development, community service, research and organizational leadership.

“Shari Vaughn fits our idea of a recipient of the Fleischner award to a T,” said Michael Gerber, President of DLD. “Not only has she served as a president of the organization and as editor of our journal, but she’s an eminent researcher who has addressed some of our discipline’s most thorny issues.”

Vaughn, who holds the H.E. Hartfelder/Southland Corp Regents Chair of Human Development, is Executive Director of the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk and of Reading Institute at the University of Texas.

The Division for Learning Disabilities is dedicated to supporting educators of individuals with learning disabilities and excellence in educational practice. Historically, it is the largest division within the Council for Exceptional Children, the largest special education professional organization in the world.