Storrs, Conn. - Donald J. Leu, the John and Maria Neag Chair in Literacy and Technology at the Neag School of Education, has been elected to the International Reading Association (IRA) Board of Directors. His three-year term begins in May 2007.

The IRA is the largest organization representing reading researchers and educators in the U.S. and internationally.

Dr. Leu, is director of the Neag School’s New Literacies Research Lab and is past-president of the National Reading Conference. His work focuses on the new skills and strategies required to read, write, and learn with Internet technologies and the best instructional practices that prepare students for these new literacies. He is a principal investigator on a number of federal research grants and has authored more than 100 research publications and sixteen books. He has been the invited keynote speaker at events in Europe, Australia, Asia, South America, and North America.