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EDUCATION

S.B. (1960)	Electrical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
M.S. (1965)	Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie Institute of Technology
Ph.D. (1968)	Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Carnegie Mellon University
	Major Area: Organizations and Social Behavior
	Thesis: Decision Making and Search in a Complex Environment
	EMPLOYMENT HISTORY
1964-1966	Instructor, Mathematics Department, Carnegie Institute of Technology
1966-1967	Instructor, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago
1967-1969	Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Information Sciences, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago (on leave 1968- 1969)
1968	Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Education, University of Stirling, Scotland
1969	Visiting Fulbright Lecturer, London Graduate School of Business Studies
1969-1976	Associate Professor, Graduate School of Industrial Administration and
	Department of Psychology, Carnegie Mellon University
1976 -	Professor, Department of Psychology, Carnegie Mellon University
1983-1993	Head, Department of Psychology, Carnegie Mellon University
1988-1996	Director, Literacy in Science Center, Carnegie Mellon University
2005 -	Training Director: Program in Interdisciplinary Education Research
2005 -	Executive Committee and Education Director: Pittsburgh Science of Learning
	Center

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member: National Academy of Education

Cognitive Science Society

Society for Research in Child Development

Cognitive Development Society (Board of Governors 2003-08)

International Society for the Psychology of Science and Technology (ISPST)

Fellow: Inaugural Fellow, American Educational Research Association

Division 7 (Developmental), American Psychological Association Division 3 (Experimental), American Psychological Association

Founding Fellow, American Psychological Society

Journal Consulting Editorships or Reviewer:

American Educational Research Journal	American J. of Psychology	Child Development	Cognitive Development
Cognitive Psychology	Cognitive Science	Communications of the ACM	Developmental Psychology
Human Development	International Journal of Behavioral Development	Instructional Science Journal of Business	Journal of Experimental Child Psychology
JEP: General	Journal of Math Education	Journal of Math Psychology	JASA
Management Science	Memory & Cognition	Merrill-Palmer Quarterly	Psychological Bulletin
Psychological Review	Psychometrika	Review of Educational Research	Science

Series Editor: Carnegie Mellon Symposia on Cognition

Grant Reviewer: Institute of Education Sciences National Science Foundation

National Institute of Mental Health
Canadian Research Council

Australian Research Grants Committee
Institute for Education Sciences

AWARDS and GRANTS

Active:	
2004 – 2014	Co-PI on NSF Science of Learning Center
2004- 2014	IES: Training Director, Pre-Doctoral training grant: Program in Interdisciplinary Education Research (PIER)
2010 - 2013	IES: Promoting Transfer of the Control of Variables Strategy in Elementary and Middle School Children via
	Contextual Framing and Abstraction
2011- 2014	IES: Training Director, Post-Doctoral training grant: PostPIER (with V. Aleven & K. Koedinger)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Learning Sciences, Education Sciences, especially problem solving instruction, scientific discovery in children and adults, instructional interventions in science.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS

Names of Courses Taught (Prior to 2000)

Data Processing and Computer, Interpersonal Behavior, Human Behavior, Programming Digital Computers, Mathematical Models in the Behavioral Sciences, Organizations: Structure and Process, Management Information Systems, Mathematical Analysis for Business. Simulation of Cognitive Processes, Development of Quantitative Processes, Cognitive Development, Seminar on Scientific Reasoning, Cognitive Processes and Problem Solving, Psychological Processes in Decision Making, Social Psychology (Introduction), Cognition and Instruction, Introduction to Child Development.

Recent Courses

Research Methods in Child Development, Seminar on Children and Computing, Freshman Seminar on the Psychology of Scientific Thinking, Seminar on Scientific Research in Education

Selected PUBLICATIONS (from a full set of over 120)

Books

- Klahr, D. (Ed.). (1976). Cognition and instruction. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- Klahr, D., & Wallace, J. G. (1976). Cognitive development: An information processing view. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- Klahr, D., Langley, P., & Neches, R. (Eds.). (1987). *Production system models of learning and development*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Klahr, D., & Kotovsky, K. (Eds.). (1989). *Complex information processing: The impact of Herbert A. Simon.* Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.
- Klahr (2000) Exploring Science: The Cognition and Development of Discovery Processes. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Carver, S. M. & Klahr D. (Eds.) (2001) Cognition and Instruction: 25 years of progress. Mahwah, NJ: LEA

Contributing author to following publications of the National Academy of Sciences

- Pellegrino, J. W, Chudowsky, N. & Glaser, R. (Eds.) (2001) *Knowing What Students Know: The Science and Design of Educational Assessment*. Washington, DC.: National Academies Press. (Committee on the Foundations of Assessment).
- Towne, L., Wise, L. L. & Winters, T. M. (Eds.) (2004) *Advancing Scientific Research in Education*. Washington, DC.: National Academies Press. (Committee on Research in Education)
- Duschl, R. A., Schweingruber, H. A., & Shouse, A. W. (Eds.) (2007) *Taking Science to School: Learning and Teaching Science in Grades K-8*. Washington, DC.: National Academies Press. (Committee on Science Learning, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters (Not Including Conference proceedings)

- Klahr, D. (1966). A computer simulation of the paradox of voting. *American Political Science Review*, LX, 384-390.
- Klahr, D. (1969). Decision making in a complex environment. *Management Science*, 15, 595-618.
- Klahr, D. (1969). Statistical significance of Kruskal's nonmetric multidimensional scaling technique. *Psychometrika*, *34*, 190-204.
- Klahr, D., & Wallace, J. G. (1970). The development of serial completion strategies: An information processing analysis. *British Journal of Psychology*, 61, 243-257.
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- Klahr, D. (1973). Quantification processes. In W. G. Chase (Ed.), *Visual information processing*. New York: Academic Press.

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- Chi, M.T.H. & Klahr, D. (1975). Span and rate of apprehension in children and adults. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 19, 434-439.
- Klahr, D. (1978). Information processing models of cognitive development. In J. Scandura & C. Brainerd (Eds.), *Structural/process theories of complex human behavior* (pp. 479-518). A.W. Sijthoff International Publishing Company.

Reprinted as:

Klahr, D. (1980). Information processing models of cognitive development. In R. Kiewe & H. Spada (Eds.), *Developmental Models of Thinking*. New York: Academic Press.

Klahr, D. (1981). Informationsverarbeitungsmodelle der Denkentwicklung. In R. Kiewe & H. Spada (Eds.), *Studien zur Denkentwicklung Bern*, Stuttgart, Wein: Huber.

Klahr. D. (1984). Modelos del Desarrollo Intelectual Basados en el Procesamiento de la Informacion. In M. Carretero & J. A. Garci'a Madruga (Eds.), Lecturas de psicologia del pensamiento Madrid: Alianca Editonaia.

1980 - 1990

- Klahr, D. (1982). Non-monotone assessment of monotone development: An information processing analysis. In S. Strauss & R. Stavy (Eds.), *U-shaped behavioral growth*. New York: Academic Press.
- Klahr, D., & Robinson, M. (1981). Formal assessment of problem solving and planning processes in preschool children. *Cognitive Psychology*, 13, 113-148.
- Klahr, D., Chase, W. C., & Lovelace, E. (1983). Structure and process in alphabetic retrieval. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, *9*(3), 462-477.
- Klahr, D. (1985). Solving problems with ambiguous subgoal ordering: Preschoolers' performance. *Child Development*, 56, 940-952.
- Carver, S.M., & Klahr, D. (1986). Children's acquisition of debugging skills in a LOGO environment. *Journal of Educational Computing Research*, 2(4), 487-525.
- Shrager, J., & Klahr, D. (1986). Instructionless learning about a complex device. *International Journal of Man-Machine Studies*, 25, 153-189.
- Neches, R., Langley, P., & Klahr, D. (1987). Learning, development and productions systems. In D. Klahr, P. Langley, & R. Neches (Eds.), *Production system models of learning and development*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Klahr, D., & Dunbar, K. (1988). Dual space search during scientific reasoning. Cognitive Science, 12(1), 1-55.
- Klahr, D., & Carver, S.M. (1988). Cognitive objectives in a LOGO debugging curriculum: Instruction, Learning, and Transfer. *Cognitive Psychology*, 20, 362-404.

1990 - 2000

- Klahr, D., Dunbar, K. & Fay, A.L. (1990). Designing good experiments to test `bad' hypotheses. In J. Shrager & P. Langley (Eds.), *Computational models of discovery and theory formation*. San Mateo, CA: Morgan-Kaufman.
- Klahr, D., Fay, A.L., & Dunbar, K. (1993) Developmental differences in experimental heuristics. *Cognitive Psychology*, 25., 111-146.
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- Klahr, D. (1996) Scientific Discovery Processes in Children, Adults, and Machines In D. Steier & T. Mitchell, Eds., *Mind Matters: Contributions to Cognitive and Computer Science in Honor of Allen Newell* Hillsdale, N.J.: Erlbaum.
- Penner, D. E., & Klahr, D. (1996). When to trust the data: Further investigations of system error in a scientific reasoning task. *Memory & Cognition*, 24 (5), 655-668.
- Penner, D. & Klahr, D. (1996) The Interaction of Domain-Specific Knowledge and Domain-General Discovery Strategies: A Study with Sinking Objects. *Child Development*, 67, 2709-2727.
- Klahr, D. (1996) Cognitive determinants of collaborative ebb and flow. *Bulletin of the Japanese Cognitive Science Society*, 3, 6-7.
 - Reprinted in K. Ueda and T. Okada (Eds.) (2000) In search of collaborative cognition: Cognitive science on creative collaboration. Kyoritsu Shuppan. Tokyo. (In Japanese)

- Klahr, D. (1999) The Conceptual Habitat: in What Kind of System Can Concepts Develop? In E. K. Scholnick, K. Nelson, S. A. Gelman, & P. H. Miller, (Eds.) *Conceptual Development: Piaget's Legacy*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, pp. 131 161.
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- Klahr, D. & Simon, H. A. (2001) What have psychologists (and others) discovered about the psychology of scientific discovery. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*. 10(3), 75-83
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- Klahr, D., Zimmerman, C. & Jirout, J. (2011) Educational interventions to enhance, enrich, and encourage children's scientific thinking. *Science*, 333, 971-975
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- Siler, S. A. & Klahr, D. (2012) Detecting, Classifying and Remediating Children's Explicit and Implicit Misconceptions about Experimental Design. In Proctor, R. W., & Capaldi, E. J. (Eds.), *Psychology of Science: Implicit and Explicit Processes*. New York: Oxford University Press.
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