

# SIM™ NEWSLETTER

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## SIM Professional Learning This Summer!

### Webinars

- **May 20th, 2021** 3:00-4:00 pm CST - **FREE WEBINAR** - [Accelerate Student Growth with SIM: Prepared, Inspired, Ready to Act](#)

Join us for this important webinar and learn about upcoming events that will prepare you to make school-based connections between SIM Content Enhancement and acceleration.

### Virtual Professional Learning Sessions

- **June 9 & 16, 2021** - 11:30 am - 2:30 pm CST [Word Mapping - A Vocabulary Building Strategy](#)
- **June 15 & 29, 2021** - 11 am- 2:00 pm CST - [SIM Sentence-level Writing Strategies](#)
- **June 15 & 29, 2021** - 11:30 am - 2:30 pm CST [Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing Strategy Session](#)
- **June 24 & 29, 2021** - 9:30 am-12:30 pm EST - [Unit Organizer and Question Exploration with the SMARTER Instructional Cycle](#)

Each of these professional learning events are a series of sessions, which will meet twice in June to learn the instructional routine and provide time for interaction and feedback, and three more times for one-hour small group coaching sessions in Aug., Sept., and Oct. Additionally, guidebooks, access to digital teacher resources, and three (30-minute) consultation sessions for school administrators are included in the session price.

### [SIMposium Virtual Update Conference](#)

- **July 13-15, 2021** - **July 15th is designed especially for teachers, administrators, and others new to SIM. Attend Day 3 only (for a reduced price) or join us for the entire conference!**

#### 2021 Virtual SIMposium

This Year's Conference Theme:  
Technology Enhanced Professional Learning  
July 13-15, 2021

- More than 25 sessions to choose from
- International Keynote Speaker, Dr. Olli-Pekka Malinen
- Brown Bag Lunch and Learn with Dr. Jim Knight
- Attend the whole conference or come for a single day to learn a new Content Enhancement Routine or Learning Strategy

<https://sim.ku.edu/2021-virtual-simpodium>



More than 25 session to choose from, including the chance to learn new Content Enhancement Routines (CER) or Learning Strategies (LS) on Day 3.

- **CER offered at the conference:** Course Organizer Routine, Unit Organizer Routine, Question Exploration Routine, Explore Higher Order Thinking and Reasoning Routines
- **LS offered at the conference:** Listening & Note-Taking Strategy, Possible-Selves Strategy, Word Mapping Strategy

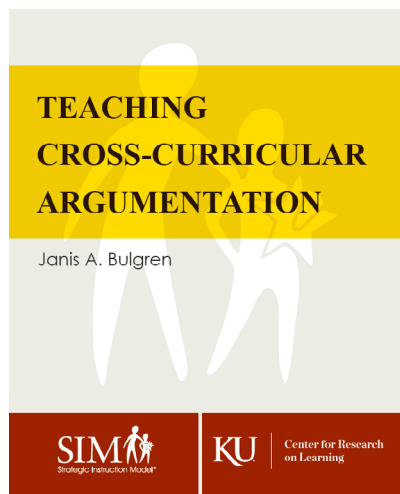
#### Conference Session Highlights:

- Keynote (July 13th) - Dr. Olli-Pekka Malinen, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- Virtual Coaching Session (July 14th) – Drs. Marti Elford Suzanne Myers, and Amber Rowland, Univ. of Kansas
- Brown Bag Lunch and Learn (July 15th) - Dr. Jim Knight, Founder of The Instructional Coaching Group

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# New Resources and Tools



## NEW Content Enhancement Routine: TEACHING CROSS-CURRICULAR ARGUMENTATION

Janis A. Bulgren  
(available in PDF or hardcopy)

The ability to engage in higher order reasoning is a critical skill for all students. Indeed, many educational standards specify that students should be able to evaluate whether a claim is supported by evidence and reasoning.

[Read more](#)

### [SIM Overview Brochure](#)

An updated Overview with current data and the What's, Why's and How's of SIM.

### [SIM Overview on Nearpod](#)

Code to Join: XTPIB

### [Xtreme Reading Micro-credentials](#)

Professional Learning, Fidelity, and Professional Developer Credentials

### [SIM Story Corps](#)

A candid conversation about what's really important in the field of education: students, connections, hope, success.

### [SIM Alignment with Other Practices](#)

Crosswalks between SIM and other commonly utilized resources

**April 2021: Ignited by Student Success and Fueled by Shared Passion.**  
Rosemary Tralli and Jocelyn Washburn

In this first edition of SIMcorps, Rosemary and Jocelyn discuss their work and inspirations.

**Listen to April 2021 SIM StoryCorps:**  
*Ignited by Student Success and Fueled by Shared Passion*

**Read Rosemary's article:** *Striving toward Instructional Excellence through the Strategic Instruction Model™(SIM): Time Sensitive Reflections from a Retired Special Educator*

## DIGITAL COPIES OF MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE KUCRL ONLINE STORE



[Click here for links to printable order forms](#)

# Partnering with KUCRL

With the recent passing of the American Rescue Plan, K-12 schools nationwide will receive funding to focus on closing opportunity gaps and increasing student engagement. Accelerating learning will be a critical focus in 2021-2022, and teachers will need to support students in new ways. That means teachers will need more intense support, resources, and evidence-based practices as well. Now is the time to transform education and approaches to professional learning.

KUCRL would like to partner with your district, school, or teacher teams to create a customized and long-term plan for supporting students' academic achievement and engagement. Long-term partnership has the greatest likelihood of turning professional learning into professional practice. Our adaptive, comprehensive, and supportive professional learning model is based on 40+ years of research and incorporates a combination of learning formats including virtual or face-to-face professional development sessions, small group or individual coaching, and consultation for administrators to create an infrastructure to foster ongoing, job-embedded teacher professional learning and implementation.

Our professional developers have held multiple school-based roles (including teachers, instructional coaches, and school administrators), and their extensive experience extends across elementary, middle, and high school environments. Most importantly, professional learning facilitated by KUCRL is anchored in partnership, data-driven decision-making with school-based leaders.

## Request for Customized SIM Professional Learning

Are you interested in earning  
**SIM Micro-credentials** for the Learning  
Strategies and Content Enhancement  
Routines  
that you implement?  
Visit:  
<http://sim.ku.edu/microcredentials>  
to get started.

Are you interested in learning more  
about **SIM Reading Programs**?  
Visit:  
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