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How can we help? The landscape for teaching is changing rapidly due to public safety concerns surrounding COVID-19. We want to support you every step of the way and help you and your students succeed by giving you what you need. *Please reach out to us at simpd@ku.edu to let us know if there's anything we can do for you. And remember that* in an effort to provide our SIM community with any of the materials they might need, we have put together Google SIM™ Teacher Resource Folders. Thank you to all the SIM Professional Developers and teachers who have worked tirelessly in recent days to transition to online learning platforms to continue to provide top-notch teaching and learning to students.
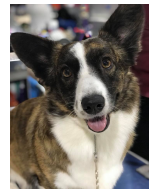
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- **Sustaining a SIM Initiative in Montana to Improve Student Outcomes**
  Big things are happening in Montana! Funded by the Educational Promise Foundation, SIM Professional Developers in Montana will build capacity to support SIM professional learning and implementation to improve student outcomes. Read more[1]

- **Grant Will Support Online Tool That Helps Students Grasp Science Concepts (CORGI)**
  Researchers at KUCRL and CAST, a nonprofit and founders of the universal design for learning framework, have won a grant to improve a tool (CORGI) that has proven effective at helping students, especially those with disabilities, grasp science concepts by making it more teacher-friendly and sustainable to use in classrooms. Read more[2] or Check out the CORGI Application[3]

SIM: Action Items

- **Virtual PD sessions - WHO'S DOING ONLINE PD!!!**
  With everything currently happening in the world of education, the ability for teachers to attend virtual PD this summer is in high demand. So, please let us know if you're conducting virtual PD that's open to the public simpd.ku.edu[4] and we'll get it listed in the SIM Events page. We're also happy to help connect people who may be doing similar sessions for collaboration or to share what you develop in SIMville to help others. Thanks!

- **StrateDirectory: We have new categories in the directory for Math and Science.**

  So, please log in today[5] and update your information in the "Edit Profile" section, and don't forget to let us know if we can **contact you** for:

  - Referrals,

  - Research opportunities,

  - Mentoring potential professional developers,

  - Mentoring teachers earning SIM badges,

  - Sharing SIM success stories, or

  - Tutoring.

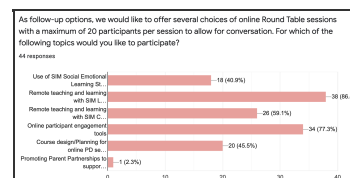| Professional Categories |
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| ☐ Administrator |
| ☐ Post-secondary teacher of students with learning disabilities |
| ☐ General education teacher |
| ☐ Independent professional developer |
| ☐ Instructional coach |
| ☐ Special Education |
| ☐ Gifted Education |
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SIM Updates

- **Webinar: Delivering Online SIM™ Professional Development**

  We had an excellen t turn out for the May 29th webinar with KUCRL researchers Irma Brasseur-Hock, Pattie Noonan, and Jocelyn Washburn. With over 80 people attending live and over 30 more watching the recorded video, we had some great conversations, ideas and questions. Click here to check out the follow up information[6]

- **Virtual Round Table Sessions**

  As a reult of the webinar discussion and in response to the follow-up survey, KUCRL researchers Jocelyn Washburn and Nanette Fritschmann will be holding two Virtual Roundtable Sessions to Support Remote Teaching and Learning with SIM™ Learning Strategies. [7] To encourage dialogue and engagement, each session will be limited to 20 participants, so register today!

- **SIM Priority Work Group Update** - *Jocelyn Washburn, Director of Professional Development, KUCRL*

  When I became the director of professional development at KUCRL, a little more than a year ago, I immediately saw my role as a facilitator to our collective efforts to expand access to SIM and deliver the best literacy instruction to adolescents. Right away, I spoke with SIM Professional Developers around the country, asking each person to share with me about his/her priorities related to SIM in his/her work. Read more[8]

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Where is SIM Happening in the Field?

SIM Workgroups are still working away on Zoom. Thanks to everyone who's participating!

Upcoming SIM Events

- **June 26th or July 14th, 2020**
  Virtual Roundtable Sessions to Support Remote Teaching and Learning with SIM™ Learning Strategies

- **Summer 2020 online PD**
  Self-directed online course from Region 13, Austin, Texas: Curriculum Planning Tools: Course Organizer

- ~~June 17-18, 2020~~ - this conference is being rescheduled to a later date (TBA)
  Upper Midwest SIM Update Conference
  St. Cloud, MN

- **Summer 2020**
  Regional Potential Professional Developer Institutes

Links on this page:

1. https://simville.ku.edu/sites/simville.ku.edu/files/docs/Stratenotes/Montana%20Initiative%20Summary%20for%20June%202020%20StrateNotes%20Final.pdf

2. http://lifespan.ku.edu/newsroom/grant-to-help-students-grasp-science

3. https://corgi.cast.org/

4. simpd@ku.edu

5. https://directory.kucrl.org/

6. https://simville.ku.edu/webinar-delivering-online-sim-professionaldevelopment-2020

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