

# Stratenotes

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## 2023 SIMposium Highlights



We loved seeing so many people this July as we celebrated 45 years of the KU Center for Research on Learning with a Disco theme. Thank you so much to everyone who presented and attended this year's SIMposium!

### Conference Highlights:

- *Spreading and Sustaining Equitable Innovations*, keynote by award winning educator, Cynthia Coburn
- Mini keynotes:
  - *SIM: A Building Block for Hope*, Cathleen Beachboard (VA)
  - *Using Stories for Impactful Professional Learning*, Janice Creneti (FL)
- *Pushing the Pause Button: Who We Are When We Lead Change*, half-day session with Instructional Coaching leader Jim Knight
- We had so much fun Disco Dancing and playing Family Feud at the end of the day on Tuesday before heading to the social!

- Mini-reunions of former KUCRL doctoral students, former staff, and retirees. It was so great to catch up with everyone!
  - Amazing conference sessions and speakers. There were so many fantastic sessions it is impossible to name them all. See more about all of the speakers and sessions at: <https://sim.ku.edu/sim-event-2023-symposium-45-anniversary>
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## **SIM News**

### **Congratulations Retirees!**



Congratulations to Mary Black (TX/NC), Beth Lasky (CA), Jan Bulgren (KS), Bonnie Robson (Fenwick) (VA), and Martha McAdams (FL). For those who are fully retiring, we will miss you and thank you for all your contributions. To the others, we look forward to having more SIM time with you. We wish many fun adventures to all!

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## **SIM in the Field**

### **Publications From the SIM Network:**

- SIM Strategies are featured in a new book from **Susanne Croasdaile** and **Samantha Layne**. [\*Building Executive Function and Motivation in the Middle Grades: A Universal Design for Learning Approach\*](#)
  - **Sean Smith, Amber Rowland, K. Alisa Lowrey**. *Formative Assessments in Today's Digital Learning Environment: WRITE PM for Middle School*. Journal: Teaching Exceptional Children, June 2023. DOI: [10.1177/00400599231171672](https://doi.org/10.1177/00400599231171672)
  - **Washburn, J.& Myers, S.** (2023). *Adolescents' perspectives about their connective and digital literacies skills*. Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy. <http://doi.org/10.1002/jaal.1300>
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## **SIM Resources & Reminders**

### Links to new brochures:

- [SIM Overview Brochure](#)
- [SIM Learning Strategies Brochure](#)
  - [SIM Math Strategies Brochure](#)
  - [Writing Strategies Brochure](#)
- [SIM Content Enhancement Routine Brochure](#)
  - [Higher Order Thinking and Reasoning Brochure](#)

### Links to new resources in SIMville:

- [HOTR slides](#)
- [Micro-credentialing checklists](#)

### Reminders:

- [Update your StateDirectory information](#)
- [Report the SIM PD work you did over the summer](#)

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### **Upcoming SIM Events:**

**Calling all SIM Professional Developers!** Join us this fall for a series of [\*FREE online sessions on the Decision Making Routine\*](#).

- Part 1 - September 21, 2023, 3-5pm CST
- Part 2 - November 30, 2023, 3-4pm CST

**October, 2023 - [Arkansas Virtual SIM Update Conference](#)**

**SIM Online PD Classes** for educators (self-paced courses on Canvas, with follow-up coaching session)

- [Framing Routine](#)
- [Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing Strategy](#)
- [Possible Selves Strategy](#)
- [Sentence Writing Strategies](#) (Fundamentals and Proficiency)
- [Unit Organizer Routine](#)