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Treasures of SIM

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A box without hinges, key, or lid, yet golden treasure inside is hid.

--J.R.R. Tolkien

Yo ho ho and the Strategic Instruction Model!

Attention all ye treasure hunters: In a few short months, join the hundreds of hearty souls who will brave the heat, the humidity, the high winds to voyage in search of the Treasures of SIM.

The legend of the Treasures of SIM is known far and wide. Legend has it that all who undertake the quest for this treasure with an enthusiastic and dedicated spirit will find the answers they seek. Like the treasure in Tolkien's lidless box, the Treasures of SIM are readily accessible. The treasure grows when these buccaneers share their bounty with others.

The biggest gems of the treasure are to be found at the 2007 International SIM Conference, July 18-20 in Lawrence. Set sail during the opening session for three days of adventure, put a shine on your pieces of eight (stages of acquisition and generalization) or (cue-do-)review your map-making know-how in sessions meant to strengthen your professional development skills, rake in the booty (of new SIM materials and ideas), walk the plank (of the poster session), and ascend to the crow's nest to spy the newest SIM technology to support your work.

Treasure your relationships, not your possessions.

--Anthony J. D'Angelo

Shiver me timbers! One of the best things about this SIM Conference remains the rogues and rapsallions you're likely to meet. Isn't the social a likely event for mingling? And a raid on the continent, er, continental breakfast, that is, sits well on a Friday morn.

Ye first-timers, take heart! The first-timer lunch will teach you the ropes, so to speak.

Harkening to calls for more free time, we're taking a new tack this year: In place of the awards luncheon, we'll have a special recognition during the opening ceremonies. Use the free time well, mateys, and forge new relationships to last you a SIM lifetime.

Truth is the property of no individual but is the treasure of all men.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Avast! We couldn't be happier to announce our keynote speaker will be Patricia Alexander, professor and distinguished scholar/teacher in the Department of Human Development, Faculty of Education, University of Maryland.

Dr. Alexander is an educational psychologist and researcher who focuses on individual differences, strategic processing, and student learning. She has been a key figure and featured speaker for the National Reading Conference, Ameri-



can Psychological Association, and the American Educational Research Association. She has been the editor of several peer-reviewed publications including Contemporary Educational Psychology and Instructional Science.



Dr. Alexander received the prestigious Oscar Causey Award in 2001 from the National Reading Conference. She has published or contributed chapters to more than 35 books and written innumerable articles, manuscripts, and more.

Heroes take journeys, confront dragons, and discover the treasure of their true selves.

--Carol Lynn Pearson

Heed the call of the Treasures of SIM, me hearties. Journey to Lawrence, and discover your personal treasure in the friendships, knowledge, and adventures that await. X marks the spot!

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SIM
Strategic Instruction Model

Tentative Conference Schedule

Wednesday-Friday, July 18-20, 2007
SpringHill Suites • Lawrence, Kan.

Wednesday, July 18

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Welcome, opening session, awards recognition
9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Keynote address
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Breakout sessions
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own Lunch for first-time attendees
1:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.	Breakout sessions
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Kaleidoscope
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Social

Thursday, July 19

8:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Breakout sessions
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Breakout sessions

Friday, July 20

7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.	Poster session and continental breakfast
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	New professional developer recognition
9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Breakout sessions, grab-and-go lunch
12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Closing session



Kaleidoscope options

We need your participation to ensure the continued success of the popular Kaleidoscope session!

Last year's Kaleidoscope featuring reports on several books that have application for education and professional development brought rave reviews, and we'd like to build on that success this year.

At the same time, we know that many of you have other excellent ideas that lend themselves to the Kaleidoscope format. We want to hear from you, too!

So this year's Kaleidoscope will combine the best of both. We plan to present an equal mix of book reports and other brief presentations.

If you have an idea—a classroom or professional development activity that works exceptionally well, for example—or if you would like to volunteer to read and report on a book, please complete the form on page 4.

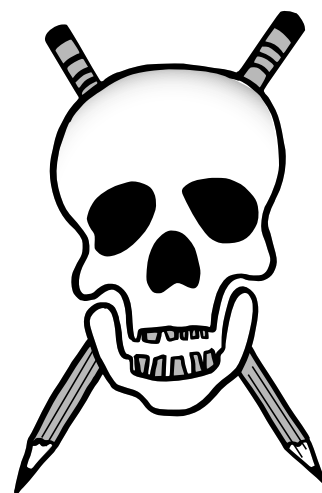
Conference Requests

Strategies, routines, or topics I would like to have included on the conference agenda:

Send requests to KU-CRL, 1122 West Campus Road, Joseph R. Pearson Hall Room 521, Lawrence, KS 66045-3101. You also may e-mail requests to crl@ku.edu.

2007 International SIM Conference

Preconference Workshops
July 16-17, 2007



Using Community Building and Cooperative Thinking Strategies Multimedia CD Programs

Sue Vernon, Edge Enterprises
12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, July 16

This half-day preconference workshop will explore the Community Building and Cooperative Thinking Strategies multimedia professional development programs. The workshop will take place in a computer lab to allow participants to have hands-on experience with the CD programs. The workshop fee includes a **complete set of seven Community Building and Cooperative Thinking Strategies multimedia CD programs**.

Building Proficiency in Content Enhancement with GIST: The Basics

Keith Lenz, Trent Steffen, Peter Lenz, and Aaron Sumner
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 (Lunch not included)

This full-day preconference workshop will explore the integration of many current and new content enhancement devices using the commercial version of GIST, formerly known as the Interactive Organizer software. During this workshop, we will review the relationships among different content enhancement devices and then use GIST to link courses, units, and lessons with other instructional materials and Internet links as part of the planning and presentation process. A full day of guided technical training, one-on-one support, and development practice will be provided in a computer lab. The workshop fee includes the **GIST software, user guide, and examples**.

Using GIST as a Tool in Presentations: Advanced

Keith Lenz, Trent Steffen, Peter Lenz, and Aaron Sumner
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17 (Lunch not included)

This advanced GIST workshop is designed for professional developers who already have some working knowledge of the GIST software. The workshop will cover the same topics as the Basic workshop, but will be more detailed. This workshop will provide more in-depth exploration of how to use GIST in presentations and in working with teachers. A full day of guided technical training, one-on-one support, and development practice will be provided in a computer lab. The workshop fee includes the **GIST software, user guide, and examples**.

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International SIM Conference • July 18-20, 2007 • Lawrence, Kansas

Preparations are under way for the 2007 International SIM Conference. If you would like to present during this year's poster session or Kaleidoscope session, please complete the appropriate application below and return it by **APRIL 2, 2007**, to KU-CRL, Attn: Mona Katz, Joseph R. Pearson Hall, 1122 West Campus Road Room 517, Lawrence, KS 66045-3101. You also may e-mail the information requested by the application to crl@ku.edu.

Call for Posters

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Poster Session

(7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Friday, July 20)

Title: _____

Description (No more than 150 words; attach a separate page.)

Check equipment requested: ☐ Electrical outlet ☐ Easel ☐ TV ☐ VCR ☐ Flip Chart ☐ Internet Access

Please note: KU-CRL's ability to accommodate electronic equipment during the poster session is limited. If needed, please plan to bring a laptop computer with sufficient battery power for your presentation.

I agree to allow KU-CRL to videotape my presentation for later use. ☐ yes ☐ no

Signature: _____

Call for Kaleidoscope Presentations

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Kaleidoscope Session

(3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18)

☐ I have an idea for a Kaleidoscope presentation. Title: _____

Description (No more than 150 words; attach a separate page.)

Check equipment requested: ☐ Electrical outlet ☐ Easel ☐ TV ☐ VCR ☐ Flip Chart ☐ Internet Access

Please note: KU-CRL's ability to accommodate electronic equipment during the Kaleidoscope session is limited. If needed, please plan to bring a laptop computer with sufficient battery power for your presentation.

☐ I would be interested in providing a presentation on a selected book during the Kaleidoscope session.

☐ Here's a book I think is perfect (attach a brief description on a separate page): _____

☐ Please select a book for me.

I agree to allow KU-CRL to videotape my presentation for later use. ☐ yes ☐ no

Signature: _____

2007 International SIM Conference

Registration Form

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Name: _____

Work Address: _____

_____ Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Preferred mailing address: ☐ home ☐ work

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

If you are not a SIM Professional Developer, who is your SIM PD sponsor? _____

How many previous SIM conferences have you attended? _____

This is my first International SIM Conference as a professional developer ☐ Yes ☐ No

I give permission for KU-CRL to include my name, address, phone number, and e-mail address in a listing to be distributed to conference participants: ☐ yes ☐ no

Registration Fee

☐ **Early Bird: \$180**

Registrations postmarked after May 1: **\$225** \$ _____ **Total Enclosed:** \$ _____

☐ **Make check payable to KU-CRL**
OR

☐ **Credit Card # (VISA or MasterCard)**

☐ Personal Card

☐ Business Card

Name on card: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature Authorization: _____

**Mail or fax completed
registration to KU-CRL**

Attn: International Conference
Joseph R. Pearson Hall, 1122 West
Campus Road Room 517
Lawrence, KS 66045-3101
Fax: 785.864.5728

Cancellation Policy

If you cannot attend the conference, you must notify KU-CRL by July 2, 2007, to receive a full refund of your registration fee. Partial refunds may be made if your cancellation is received between July 2 and July 9, 2007. We will be unable to issue any refunds after July 9, 2007.

Events & Materials

Your three-day conference registration fee includes the following:

- Social and snacks (Wednesday)
- Continental breakfast and grab-and-go lunch (Friday)
- Professional development materials

Hotel & Transportation

See our web site, www.kucrl.org, for more information about the conference, including hotel and transportation details.

Registration Form for Preconference Workshops

July 16 and 17, 2007 • Lawrence, Kansas

Name: _____

Work Address: _____

_____ Work Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

Are you a certified SIM Professional Developer? ☐ yes ☐ no

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

Workshop Selection and Registration

- ☐ Using Community Building and Cooperative Thinking Strategies Multimedia CD Programs (12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, July 16)

Fee includes seven multimedia CDs

☐ Early Bird: \$100

(After May 1: \$110)

\$ _____

- ☐ Building Proficiency in Content Enhancement with GIST: The Basics (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, July 17)

Fee includes GIST software

☐ Early Bird: \$70

(After May 1: \$80)

\$ _____

- ☐ Using GIST as a Tool in Presentations: Advanced (8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, July 17)

Fee includes GIST software

☐ Early Bird: \$70

(After May 1: \$80)

\$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

☐ **Make check payable to KU-CRL OR**

☐ **Credit Card # (VISA or MasterCard)** _____

☐ Personal Card ☐ Business Card

Name on card: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature Authorization: _____

Mail or fax completed registration to KU-CRL

Attn: Preconference Workshop
Joseph R. Pearson Hall, 1122 West Campus Road
Room 517
Lawrence, KS 66045-3101
Fax: 785.864.5728

Your receipt for registration will be
available at the workshop.

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STRATEREADERS UPDATE

Jean Piazza

SIM Professional Developer, Cody, Wyo.

The StrateReaders virtual book club's January-February selection is *School Reform from the Inside Out: Policy, Practice, and Performance* by Richard F. Elmore. The conference call will be Tuesday, Feb 27, at 6 p.m. Pacific, 7 p.m. Mountain, 8 p.m. Central, and 9 p.m. Eastern.

Here are excerpts from the conference call and online discussion of the StrateReaders' second book, *The New Division of Labor: How Computers Are Changing the Next Job Market*, by Frank Levy and Richard Murnane.

Comments from the blog:

- Forming connections to create schema is truly the essence of teaching. This idea also relates to reflection and partnership learning. The more we reflect on what we do and on our practice—be it teaching, supervising, or providing professional development—our “tacit” knowledge becomes stronger each and every time we interact with a fellow human being. This also helps teachers understand and embrace the idea of strategic teaching. If our goal is to help others learn more DEEPLY, we have to be adept and thoughtful about what experiences we bring to the table. If it is the expert thinkers who survive and prosper in this country, we as educators serve a very important role.

- What students need to learn in their lifetime is difficult. There are so many variables that teachers must take into account when delivering any single lesson that “complex communicating” must be taking place at a level of understanding for each student in the classroom. That in itself demands “expert thinking” on the part of every teacher.

- “I am telling all my friends about this book, and I am going to suggest that my principal add this to his reading list.”

Comments from the conference call:

- “This book brought home the idea that kids can no longer just get by; they have to be able to think and respond to real world problems...focusing on how Content Enhancement Routines help kids think at higher levels and articulate thoughts so they are clear, coherent, and easy to understand.”

- “Every time I talk about this book, the ideas become clearer and clearer.”

- “There is an urgency in this book; what is going to happen to students who don't get good instruction?”

- “Use computers to access information, but then we need to organize and make sense of this information; this is where Content Enhancement Routines help. They pull this information together”

The group also discussed points Murnane made in interviews Patty Brus found on line. Murnane states that the core mission for all high schools needs to be that students graduate with the basic skills needed to obtain a middle class job in a rapidly changing economy. These six “new basic skills” are:

1. Ability to read at a ninth-grade level (well enough to understand a training manual)
2. Ability to do math at a ninth-grade level (mastery of fractions, decimals, and line graphs)
3. Ability to solve semi-structured problems by formulating and testing hypotheses
4. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing
5. Ability to work productively in groups with persons from different backgrounds
6. Familiarity with computers - not the mastery of particular software packages, per se, but the confidence and skill to learn new software

CALENDAR

March 1-3, 2007

Southeast Regional Update
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Charleston, S.C.
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May 29-June 2, 2007

SIM Learning Strategies
Institute for Preservice
Teachers
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Teaching Content to All:
Effective College Teaching
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June 19-22, 2007

SIM Reading and Writing
Strategies
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More SIM Strategies
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June 27-30, 2007

SIM Institute: Writing
Strategies
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Contact: Mona Katz or Kathy
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June 27-30, 2007

SIM Institute: Intro to Content
Enhancement
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<http://stratereaders.kucrl.org/>

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If you no longer want to be affiliated with the SIM Network and the Center for Research on Learning, please e-mail crl@ku.edu. Provide your name and use "No more SIM mailings" as the subject line of your message. You also may call Kathy Schmidt at (785) 864-0535 or write to her at KU-CRL, Joseph R. Pearson Hall, 1122 West Campus Rd., Room 509, Lawrence, KS 66045-3101.

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