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More treasures of SIM

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Attention all buccaneers! As we prepare to make the 2007 International SIM Conference the best yet, we desire your participation in a number of areas. The last issue of *Stratenotes* provided a broad overview of the conference and preconference. It included registration forms for the conference and preconference as well as calls for kaleidoscope and poster session presentations. All of those forms are available on the conference web site: www.kucrl.org/conferences/sim.

This issue provides up-to-the-minute information about conference plans and offers several more ways for you to be involved in shaping the conference experience for all who attend.

As always, the conference will be packed with information and opportunities. We will have sessions exploring new technology from Edge Enterprises and Velvet Bridge (developers of GIST), explaining revisions to the *Word Identification Strategy*, and discussing current research and projects.

Read on for a look at additional opportunities we're offering in 2007.

'Neatest thing' presentations

To share a broad array of experiences, these sessions will provide an opportunity for a number of SIM Professional Developers to offer ideas for spicing up PD sessions. Participants will complete the prompt "The neatest thing I do when I do sessions on _____ is..." We envision a panel of professional developers presenting brief descriptions of their "neatest things" in two sessions: One will focus on content enhancement and one on learning strategies. The two "neatest thing" sessions will be scheduled at separate times so you can attend or present in both.

If you have an idea you believe to be suited to this format, complete the application on page 5 and briefly describe the neatest thing you do during workshops, noting the strategy or routine to which the idea applies. Applications must be returned to KU-CRL by **April 2, 2007**. Space for "neatest thing" presentations is limited. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by the deadline.

Dish about Data

If the emphasis on scientifically based research and data-based

instruction, especially as it relates to the Strategic Instruction Model, leaves you at a loss for words, plan to attend Thursday's Dish about Data general session. A panel of experts will address questions that may arise about the research behind SIM interventions in a session that is a must for all professional developers facing tough questions in the schools with which they work. If you have been challenged to respond to a particularly tricky question or if you have unanswered questions of your own, complete the form on page 5 to submit your question early.

Tutorial Friday

Need a refresher on a specific SIM intervention that you haven't presented in awhile? Want to brush up your knowledge in a particular area? If so, plan to attend Tutorial Friday. We are recruiting expert professional developers to lead small-group how-to sessions on specific SIM interventions. If you want to participate in such a group or believe you could lead one of these discussions, complete the form on page 2.

Preconference additions

Two preconference sessions have

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been added to the summer lineup. Instructional Coaching and Coaching Classroom Management will be offered Tuesday, July 17. See page 3 for all preconference details and page 4 for a revised preconference registration form.

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 6.

Keynote address

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, American 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*.

Tentative Conference Schedule

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

Wednesday, July 18

8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Welcome, opening session
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Keynote address
9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Breakout sessions
11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
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.-9:00 a.m.	KU-CRL overview, awards recognition
9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	General Session: Data
10:30 a.m.-11:30 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
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.	New professional developer recognition
8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Breakout sessions, grab-and-go lunch
12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Closing session

Tutorial Friday

☐ I would be interested in participating in a small-group tutorial on the following strategies or routines (please be specific):

☐ I would be willing to lead a small-group tutorial on the following strategies or routines:

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

Deadline: April 2, 2007

More Preconference Workshops! • July 16-17, 2007

Two new preconference sessions have been added to the 2007 lineup—Instructional Coaching and Coaching Classroom Management. See below for information about all preconference workshops and see page 4 for a preconference registration form.

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**.

Just added! Instructional Coaching

Jim Knight, KU-CRL
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 17

This preconference session will provide an overview of the approach to coaching described in Jim's new book, *Instructional Coaching: A Partnership Approach to Improving Instruction*. Thus, the session will provide a definition of what coaches do, an overview of the components of coaching, and a review of the partnership approach, which is the theoretical basis behind this approach. The workshop fee includes

a copy of the book *Instructional Coaching: A Partnership Approach to Improving Instruction*.

Just added! Coaching Classroom Management

Jim Knight, KU-CRL
12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17

This preconference session will provide an overview of the classroom management tools and teaching practices included in a new book, *Coaching Classroom Management* (2007), a collaborative effort of Randy Sprick, Wendy Reinke, Tricia McKale, and Jim Knight. Participants will learn about important variables they should observe while coaching teachers as well as powerful strategies they can use to support teachers in the creation of safe learning communities. The workshop fee includes **a copy of the book *Coaching Classroom Management*.**

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

This preconference workshop will explore the integration of many current and new content enhancement devices using the commercial version of GIST. 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. 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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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)

- ☐ Instructional Coaching (8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 17)

Fee includes Instructional Coaching book

☐ Early Bird: \$70 \$ _____
(After May 1: \$80)

- ☐ Coaching Classroom Management (12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 17)

Fee includes Coaching Classroom Management book

☐ Early Bird: \$90 \$ _____
(After May 1: \$100)

- ☐ 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 Rd., Rm. 517
Lawrence, KS 66045-3101
Fax: 785.864.5728

Your receipt for registration will be
available at the workshop.

Cancellation Policy

If you cannot attend the preconference workshop for which you have registered, 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.**

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

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"Dish on Data" general session: A panel of experts will address questions related to the research behind SIM interventions. Complete the form below to submit your question early.

"Neatest thing" applications and questions about data must be returned 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 below to crl@ku.edu.

Note that space for "neatest thing" presentations is limited; priority consideration will be given to applications received by the deadline.

Call for 'Neatest Thing' Presentations

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Title of presentation: _____

Description (No more than 150 words; attach a separate page.) **Please note whether this idea applies to a specific strategy or routine.**

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

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

Signature: _____

Call for 'Dish on Data' Questions

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

What question would you like the data experts to address during this general session? _____

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: _____

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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

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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.

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StrateDirectory & StatePubs

This package contains two special benefits of your *Strateworks* membership.

StrateDirectory is a listing of professional developers who have completed Directory Information Forms. An alphabetical listing at the beginning of the directory lists both active and inactive professional developers. More details about active professional developers only are found in the State/City and Details listings. If you are not listed in the directory or if you need to make corrections to your information, please complete the Directory Information Form on the final two pages of *StrateDirectory* and mail it to KU-CRL, Attn: StrateDirectory, 1122 West Campus Rd, Room 517, Joseph R. Pearson Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045-3101.

StatePubs contains two recent journal articles by KU-CRL staff members:

Enhancing Outcomes for Struggling Adolescent Readers by Don Deshler, Mike Hock, and Hugh Catts examines the theory of adolescent reading and the defining features of effective programs for struggling adolescent readers.

Instructional Coaches and Five Paradoxes of Change: How Instructional Coaches Can Respond to the Complex Challenges of School Improvement by Jim Knight identifies five complex issues inherent in school change efforts. When instructional coaching programs respond proactively to these challenges, educational leaders can expect that a large majority of teachers will implement new practices.

Enjoy!

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