

## Last Call for Conference

### *Don't miss out—Register now!*

Here is the tentative list of sessions planned for this summer's International Professional Developers Conference. If you haven't yet registered for the conference, complete the registration form on page 5 and send it in now so you don't miss any of these exciting opportunities.

**And Now for the Rest of the Story: Strategic Enhancers!** (*Keith Lenz and Janis Bulgren*)—Use *Strategic Enhancers* when a full-blown Content Enhancement Routine is not deemed necessary, but when some component of background information or understanding is needed for learning to proceed.

**Do These 'Go' With My Pearls? CLC Complementary Interventions to Meet the Needs of All Learners** (*Patty Graner and Michael Faggella-Luby*)—Review a variety of research-based practices that can complement SIM at each of the five levels of the CLC for middle and high schools.

**The EDIT Strategy** (*Charles Hughes*)—Get to know the EDIT Strategy, a blended update of the *Error Monitoring Strategy* and the *InSPECT Spell Checker Strategy* that helps students

edit writing projects generated on a word processor.

**e-Learning Programs for Content Enhancement Routines—Impact and Application** (*Joe Fisher*)—Examine a series of e-learning programs for professional development on the *Concept Comparison*, *Concept Anchoring*, *Question Exploration*, and *Concept Mastery* routines.

**Embedded and Emerging Strategies at Level I of the Content Literacy Continuum™** (*Janis Bulgren and Keith Lenz*)—Learn the difference between **emerging** strategies (those that naturally evolve through the use of Content Enhancement Routines) and **embedded** strategies (literacy strategies that are incorporated with routines or general content instruction).

**Free Online Tools for Curriculum Integration** (*Doug Adams*)—Integrate Internet resources into classroom instruction with these free, easy-to-use tools.

**Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing** (*Jim Knight*)—Help students paraphrase words, phrases,

and sentences and identify main ideas and details with the *Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing*.

**Fusion Reading™: A Comprehensive Adolescent Reading Program** (*Mike Hock and Irma Brasseur*)—Review Fusion Reading™, a comprehensive two-year reading program organized into three components: 1. Motivation, 2. The Bridging Strategy, and 3. Comprehension Strategies.

**Getting More from the Stratepedia Learning Labs** (*Aaron Sumner and Amber Hoffman*)—Explore how to add wikis, multimedia, assessments, community glossaries, and more to your Learning Labs group.

**High-Quality Content Enhancement Implementation** (*Janis Bulgren and Keith Lenz*)—Examine factors at the course, teacher, department, and school levels that need to be considered in determining “good” implementation.

**Increasing the Social IQ of Youth using Technology** (*Sue Vernon*)—Learn about a new interactive multimedia program for teaching social skills to at-risk adolescents.

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**Inference Strategy** (*Nanette Fritschmann*)—Help students comprehend reading passages and improve their ability to respond to inferential questions with the *Inference Strategy*.

**Literacy Pearls Are Not All Alike: Differential Discipline-Specific Requirements** (*Don Deshler and Barbara Ehren*)—Explore the different pearls of domain knowledge, language processing, and strategic approaches as they relate to specific academic areas and experience the literacy requirements of a difficult academic text.

**Locating Struggling Readers in a Reconfigured Landscape** (*Keynote speaker: Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar*)—Take a look at four perspectives useful to exploring success and failure in learning to read and in using reading for learning, knowledge building, and personal growth.

**The Main Idea Strategy: Improving Reading Comprehension Through Inferential Thinking** (*Dan Boudah*)—Become acquainted with the *Main Idea Strategy*, which addresses students' difficulties understanding the main ideas in what they read, especially when they have to "read between the lines."

**Making Content Enhancement Make a Difference: Let's Find all the Pieces to the Puzzle** (*Janis Bulgren and Keith Lenz*)—Solve the Content Enhancement puzzle: Each routine is a necessary part of the whole, but it takes *all* the pieces to complete the picture.

**Keynote Speaker**



**Michael Fullan**

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**MATRIX Math: Motivating Middle-School Students with Games** (*Melanie Bacon*)—Use technology games and simulations in after-school programs to improve middle school mathematics achievement.

**Mini-Pearls**

*Brief, yet excellent, presentations*

• **Authentic Classroom Opportunities** (*Devona Dunekack and Lynn Barnes*)—Gather data with the Authentic Classroom Learning Opportunities tool (ACLO).

• **Designing Learning Experiences** (*Hilly Bernard*)—Explore student motivation as a central focus of designing learning experiences by merging components of Grant Wiggins' *Understanding by Design* with Content Enhancement Routines.

• **Learning Strategies for Large Classes** (*Cris Romero*)—Consider new ideas for dealing with issues related to providing instruction for large groups, including management, feedback, activities, and differentiating instruction.

• **Learning Strategies: The Indian Scenario** (*Lalitha Ramanujan*)—Explore how Learning Strategies are incorporated into the curriculum at Alpha to Omega Learning Centre for children with specific learning difficulties in Chennai.

• **Using Content Enhancement to Promote Self-Determination** (*Darren Minarek*)

**Neatest Things: Content Enhancement** (*Gail Cheever, Facilitator*)—Hear short, powerful ideas related to Content Enhancement professional development and instruction.

**Neatest Things: Learning Strategies** (*Bev Downey, Facilitator*)—Hear short, powerful ideas related to Learning Strategies professional development and instruction.

**Pathways to SIM in Florida** (*Anna O'Connor and Mary E. Little*)—Learn how professional development, communication, and supporting materials have contributed to Florida's professional developer completion rate soaring above 70 percent.

**Professional Developers and Administrators: Pearls of a Successful Project** (*Ken Geisek and Mary Black*)—Hear the perspectives of a principal and superintendent as they discuss schoolwide or districtwide CLC projects.

**Keynote Speaker**



**Annemarie Sullivan Palincsar**

LITERACY

**The PROVE Strategy: For Identifying, Explaining, and Defending Knowledge** (*David Scanlon*)—Use the *PROVE Strategy* to identify knowledge or belief, provide supporting evidence, and consider alternative perspectives.

**STRUCTURE Your Reading** (*Barbara Ehren*)—Learn about *STRUCTURE Your Reading*, a strategic reading approach in which students learn what they need to do before, during, and after reading to improve their reading comprehension.

**Tutorial Time: Edge, GIST, Teachscape, ALTEC**—Get one-on-one assistance with new SIM-related technology.

**Using Question Exploration as a Scaffold for Essay Writing** (*Janis Bulgren*)—Leverage the *Question Exploration Routine* and *Question Exploration Guide* to explore an important content question and write a five-paragraph essay.

**Using Stratepedia Depot for Content Enhancement Support** (*Aaron Sumner and Amber Hoffman*)—Get to know Depot, the latest online collaboration tool from Stratepedia.

**The Word Mapping Strategy** (*Monica Harris*)—Use the new *Word Mapping Strategy* to break words into their morphemic parts; attach meaning to each word part; make a prediction about the meaning of the unknown word based upon the meaning of each part; and check the dictionary for the definition.

**Xtreme Reading™** (*Jean Schumaker, Mike Hock, Don Deshler, and Suzanne Robinson*)—Review different aspects of the research conducted on the Center's new reading curriculum, Xtreme Reading™.

## Tentative Conference Schedule

July 15-18, 2008 • Kansas City Marriott, Country Club Plaza • 4445 Main, Kansas City, Mo.

### Tuesday, July 15

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Registration & Refreshments

### Wednesday, July 16

8 a.m.-8:30 a.m.  
Registration  
8:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  
Welcome & Conference Overview  
9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
Keynote Address: Annemarie Palincsar  
10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
Breakout Sessions  
11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Lunch (on your own)  
1 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Poster Session  
1 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Breakout Sessions  
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Social & (Non)Talent Show

### Thursday, July 17

7:30 a.m.-8 a.m.  
Registration  
8 a.m.-8:30 a.m.  
Welcome  
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  
Keynote Address: Michael Fullan  
9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Breakout Sessions  
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  
Lunch (on your own)  
1:15 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Breakout Sessions  
5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Cash Bar  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

### Friday, July 18

8 a.m.-9:15 a.m.  
Kaleidoscope Session  
9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
Breakout Sessions  
Noon-12:30 p.m.  
Closing Session

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## CALENDAR

### June 10-11, 2008

#### Registration Closed!

Iowa Update Conference  
Hilton Garden Inn, Des Moines

### June 18-21

SIM Reading and Writing  
Strategies Institute  
Burge Union, Lawrence, KS  
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### June 18-21, 2008

More SIM Strategies  
Burge Union, Lawrence, KS  
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### June 23-27, 2008

SIM Potential Professional  
Developer Institutes for  
Learning Strategies and  
Content Enhancement  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence  
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### June 24-27, 2008

Introduction to Content  
Enhancement  
Burge Union, Lawrence, KS  
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### July 14-15, 2008

SIM Preconference

### July 16-18, 2008

International SIM Conference  
30th Anniversary Celebration  
Kansas City Marriott on the  
Plaza, Kansas City, MO  
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## KU-CRL Pearl Anniversary SIM Conference

July 16-18, 2008 • Kansas City Marriott, Country Club Plaza  
4445 Main, Kansas City, MO

Preconference: July 14-15, 2008

Current information & schedule: [www.kucrl.org/conferences/sim](http://www.kucrl.org/conferences/sim)

## Conference Announcements

### Cancellations and Closings

- The following preconference session has been cancelled: *Using Community Building and Cooperative Thinking Strategies Multimedia CD Programs*.
- The following preconference session is full and registration has been closed: *Applying an RTI Framework to Adolescent-Age Students*.

### Reservations

Our room block at the Marriott is full. Make your reservations at the Holiday Inn, 1 East 45th Street, Kansas City, Mo. Rooms are reserved for Tuesday, July 15, through checkout on Friday, July 18. This hotel is across the street from the conference hotel, within easy walking distance.

Online: [www.ichotelsgroup.com](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com)

Phone: 816.753.7400 or 1.800.957.4654. The name of the group is 2008 International SIM Conference. Our group rate is \$94

### Certificate Ceremony

The presentation of SIM Professional Developer certificates will be slightly different this year from past years. If you are receiving a certificate, please plan to arrive at the hotel ballroom at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, for photographs. The ceremony will follow at 1:15 p.m.

### Preordering Books

Because the conference will be in Kansas City this year, help us plan which books we need to stock at the conference book store. If you know you are going to purchase a large number of a specific title, let Pete know at [pmynsted@ku.edu](mailto:pmynsted@ku.edu).

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# 2008 International SIM Conference

## SIM Professional Developer Registration Form

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Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred mailing address: ☐ home ☐ work

Summer E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We e-mail **important conference information** unless you prefer land mail: ☐ e-mail is fine ☐ postal service

Emergency contact name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

How many previous International SIM Conferences have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This is my first International SIM Conference as a professional developer

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

### Certified SIM Professional Developer and Apprentices Registration Fee: \$225

For registrations postmarked after April 15, 2008, add \$25 late fee. **Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Non-Professional Developers

We have a limited number of spaces available for individuals who are not certified SIM Professional Developers to attend the conference. The registration fee for non-Professional Developers is **\$300**, if registration is received before April 15, 2008. After April 15, a \$35 late fee will be assessed. **For registration forms and more information, contact Patty Graner (pgraner@ku.edu) or Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu).**

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#### Cancellation Policy

If you cannot attend the conference, you must notify KU-CRL by July 2, 2008, 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, 2008. We will be unable to issue any refunds after July 9, 2008.

#### Events & Materials

Your conference registration fee includes the following:

- Refreshments (Tuesday evening)
- Social (Wednesday)
- 30th Anniversary Banquet (Thursday)
- Professional development materials

Refreshments during breaks will include coffee and tea; soda vending machines are available in the hotel.

#### Hotel & Transportation

See our web site, [www.kucrl.org](http://www.kucrl.org), for more information about the conference, including hotel and transportation details.

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**August 7-9, 2008**

Instructional Coaching Level I  
University of Kansas, Lawrence  
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**August 11-13, 2008**

Instructional Coaching  
Level II  
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**October 6-8, 2008**

Instructional Coaching Level I  
University of Kansas, Lawrence  
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**October 9-11, 2008**

Instructional Coaching  
Level II  
Contact: Mona Tipton (mkatz@ku.edu)

**October 10-11, 2008**

CAL-SIM  
Hilton Garden Inn, Emeryville, Calif.  
Contact: Rosalind Davenport  
(rdavenport@alameda.k12.ca.us)

**November 5-6, 2008**

Canadian Update  
Prairie Spirit School Division Conference  
Centre, Warman, Saskatchewan  
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