

Conference Time! July 16–18, 2014 · Lawrence, Kan.

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Do you come for the food? No. How about the heat and humidity that is July in Kansas? No. (No?)

The laugh-a-minute nonstop entertainment and frivolity? The chance to rub elbows with celebrities? No.

What the International SIM Conference has to offer is so much more enticing than any of those things: The opportunity to hone your professional development skills, deepen your understanding of the Strategic Instruction Model and school improvement issues, and make or renew friendships with like-minded individuals who are part of this crazy thing we call the SIM International Professional Development Network.

The 2014 conference will be July 16–18 in Lawrence, Kan., and plans are starting to come together. Mark your calendars and keep an eye on *Stratenotes*, where we'll announce conference details as we finalize them.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

One detail that is final, and exciting, is that our keynote speaker will be Cynthia E. Coburn, professor at the School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University.

Coburn's 2003 piece, "Rethinking Scale: Moving Beyond Numbers to Deep and Lasting Change," resonates with us in that the issues she discusses are those with which we have wrestled in our efforts to get SIM into the hands of students and teachers.

In the article, Coburn argues that definitions of scale that focus solely on counting the number of schools in which a reform has been implemented are insufficient. Instead, she proposes a definition consisting of four interrelated dimensions:

Depth—"reforms must effect deep and consequential change in classroom practice"

Sustainability—"the distribution and adoption of an innovation are only significant if its use can be sustained in original and even subsequent schools"

Spread—"Rather than thinking of spread solely in terms of expanding outward to more and more schools and classrooms, this emphasis on the normative highlights the potential to spread reform-related norms and pedagogical principles *within* a classroom, school, and district."

Shift in reform ownership— "Ownership over the reform must shift so that it is no longer an 'external' reform, controlled by a reformer, but rather becomes an 'internal' reform with authority for the reform held by districts, schools, and teachers who have the capacity to sustain, spread, and deepen reform principles themselves."

In another recent piece, Coburn examined types of research-practice



Cynthia Coburn

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partnerships, potential struggles associated with partnerships, and ways to overcome such obstacles to foster successful, productive relationships in work toward education improvement.

Given her research history, Coburn's keynote address is sure to offer insightful and relevant ideas that we can apply to the challenges we meet in working with and within schools.

RELATED READING

Coburn, C.E. (2003). Rethinking scale: Moving beyond numbers to deep and lasting change. *Educational Researcher*, 32(6), 3–12.

Coburn, C.E., Penuel, W.R., & Geil, K.E. (2013). Research-practice partnerships: A strategy for leveraging research for educational improvement in school districts. William T. Grant Foundation, New York, NY.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 16

7 a.m.–8 a.m.	Registration
8 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Welcome
8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Keynote Cynthia Coburn
10 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
Noon–1 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Strands
3:45 p.m4:30 p.m.	Certificate Ceremony
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Social

Thursday, July 17

7:30 a.m.–8:15 a.m.	Registration
8:15 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m.–4 p.m.	Strands
4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.	Poster Session

Friday, July 18

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions 9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Kaleidoscope 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions 11:30 a.m.–Noon Closing

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Call for Proposals

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We are soliciting proposals for presentations for the 2014 International SIM Conference. **The deadline for proposal submission is March 15, 2014.** Submit your proposal by emailing Mona Tipton at monatipton@ku.edu. Selected presenters will be notified by April 2, 2014. By submitting a proposal, presenters are providing consent for themselves and all other presenters on the proposal to be videotaped. Your submission of a proposal constitutes a commitment by all individuals participating in the presentation to register for the conference if the proposal is accepted. Registration must be received by July 1, 2014.

Presenters who want to make handouts available for participants will be required to submit handouts electronically in advance of the conference. Handouts will be posted online for our participants to download.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions about any part of this call for proposals, please contact Mona Tipton, monatipton@ku.edu.

Book Reports: Presenters will report on books selected by the Center that are relevant to SIM professional development work. Presenters have the option of presenting during the Kaleidoscope Session (see information below) or the Poster Session. These reports are designed to present key points and whet the audience's appetite to read the book. Each presenter will create a bookmark handout summarizing key points using a template provided by KUCRL.

Kaleidoscope Session: This session is your opportunity to share SIM research, classroom or professional development activities, innovations,

Types of Proposals

successes, and more in short, smallgroup presentations on Friday morning. Kaleidoscope presentations will be eight minutes long and will be repeated three times. Presenters will be stationed at tables, and audience members will have the opportunity to choose to hear three different presentations. Kaleidoscope proposals should include the title of the presentation and a short abstract (up to **75 words)** for use on the conference website. Presenters who want to use a laptop must provide their own. If you will require an electrical outlet, please include that request in your proposal. Note that if you want to provide a handout for this session,

you must provide it as an electronic file. Handouts will be posted online for participants to download.

Poster Session: This session will showcase research or innovation in SIM. Proposals should include **the title of the poster** and **a short abstract (up to 75 words)** for use on the conference website. In addition, if applicable, include a short description of the evidence of any results. If you want to use a KUCRL trifold board or if you will require an electrical outlet, please include that request in your proposal. Participants who want to use a laptop must provide their own.

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Registration is open for the 2013–2014 SIM virtual conference. The first of two virtual conferences just concluded, but registration is still open for the Spring Virtual Update.

• Spring Virtual Update: April 21–May 12, 2014, with a mandatory concluding webinar at 4 p.m. (Central) May 14 or 10 a.m. May 15. Registration deadline is April 11, 2014.

The webinars last about one hour. Attendance at one of the webinars is mandatory to receive update credit, so **please do not sign up for a virtual update if you are not able to attend one of the webinars**.

WHAT IS THE SIM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE?

The virtual conference is a way for you to receive credit for attending a SIM update without traveling to the international conference in Lawrence of one of the regional update conferences planned around the country. It does not replace face-to-face conferences, however. You may attend one virtual conference every four years, and you must attend at least one faceto-face conference between virtual conferences.

WHO MAY ATTEND A SIM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE?

The virtual conference is open only to SIM Professional Developers who have attended at least one face-toface conference in the past. In addition, if you last attended a virtual conference, you must attend a faceto-face conference before registering for another virtual conference.

HOW WILL THE SIM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE WORK?

The content of the SIM Virtual Conference will be available as online streaming videos of sessions presented during the 2013 International SIM Conference in July. The conference featured keynote speaker Elaine Allensworth, interim executive director of the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research.

When the virtual conference begins, we will send you instructions for viewing the online videos as well as links to additional content, including handouts from the 2013 International SIM Conference, and instructions for completing the virtual conference. If you are unable to stream online videos, DVDs are available for an additional charge. If you choose the DVD option, we will send you additional information about your DVD choices.

See the registration form on page 8.

You will be expected to watch videos of the keynote, four sessions, and two strands (seven videos total), complete activities associated with each, and reflect on how you can use the information in your work. You must complete an online evaluation and attend one of the mandatory concluding webinars before you receive credit for attending an update.

DOES THIS FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND AN UPDATE EVERY TWO YEARS TO REMAIN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK?

Yes, the SIM virtual conference fulfills your update requirement. Remember, to be considered active in the SIM Network, you must attend an update every two years and maintain a current Strateworks membership. If you need to renew your membership, you may use the optional renewal line on the virtual conference registration form on page 8 or complete the Strateworks renewal form on page 7.

CAN I STOP ATTENDING FACE-TO-FACE CONFERENCES AND JUST COMPLETE MY UPDATES VIRTUALLY?

No. You may attend a virtual conference every four years. In the interim, you must attend at least one faceto-face conference to maintain your active status within the network. In addition, you must have attended at least one face-to-face conference in the past before you can register for your first virtual conference.

HOW MUCH DOES THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE COST?

The cost is \$400 for the streaming video option or \$425 if you opt to receive DVDs of the sessions. You will not have the travel and lodging costs associated with attending a face-to-face conference. See the registration form on page 8.

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SIM Professional Developer Registration Form

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

How many previous International SIM Conferences have you attended?

□ This is my first as a professional developer

We may distribute or post a list of participant names and email addresses on paper or electronically. If you do not want to be included, check here: \Box

Video release

KUCRL will videotape this conference for use in future educational and publicity products. By attending, you consent to our use of any video in which you may appear.

EVENTS & MATERIALS

With your paid registration, you also receive professional development materials distributed during the conference, refreshments during breaks, and admission to the social.

HOTEL & TRANSPORTATION

Coming soon: Visit http://sim.conference.kucrl.org for more information about the conference, including hotel and transportation details.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cannot attend the conference, you must **notify KUCRL by July 2, 2014**, to receive a full refund of your registration fee. We will be unable to issue any refunds after July 2, 2014.

Return completed registration to KUCRL, Joseph R. Pearson Hall, 1122 West Campus Rd, Rm. 517, Lawrence, KS 66045-3101 Fax: 785.864.5728 • Email: pmynsted@ku.edu Your receipt will be available at the conference.

NOT A SIM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPER?

Individuals who are not certified SIM Professional Developers may attend the conference with a SIM Professional Developer sponsor. The registration fee is \$375 (\$25 late fee after June 16, 2013). **Space is limited. For registration forms and more information, contact Patty Graner (pgraner@ku.edu) or Mona Tipton (monatipton@ku.edu).**

NEW SIM TUTOR LIST

We frequently receive calls from parents who ask how to access **Learning Strategies** for their children. To meet this need, we are developing a list of people who provide this type of service or would like to. Specifically, our list will include SIM Professional Developers (active, inactive, retired, retiring, thinking of retiring) or teachers that professional developers would recommend who provide this type of service or would like to. **This is an opt-in list.** If you are interested in being included on the list, please go to

http://www.surveymonkey.com/ s/SIM_Tutor_List

to give us your information.

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- SIMville—a collection of resources on our website available to active SIM Professional Developers

• Stratepubs-two recent research articles distributed each winter

Regardless of when you begin or renew your membership, the *Strateworks* membership year begins in September and runs through August of the next year. Thus, if you renew your membership in December 2013, your membership is valid from September 2013 through August 2014. Back issues of all *Stratenotes* newsletters are available in the General Information section of SIMville.

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Please make a copy of this information for your records.

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- Conference Keynote Address: School Practices that Matter Most for High School and College Readiness -Elaine Allensworth
- Keynote Follow-up: Success in Improving Ninth Grade Transition Performance - Elaine Allensworth
- STRAND: Is it Professional Development or is it Training? -Patty Graner, Devona Dunekack
- STRAND: We've Got Standards! Content Enhancement and the Common Core - Jan Bulgren, Keith Ben-Hana nia Lenz
- STRAND: Writing Strategies: What Do We Have and What's the Works? - Jean Schumaker, Bev Colombo
- A Multi-Media CD Program for Teaching Paragraph Writing - Jean Schumaker
- Course builder in GISTv2 Keith Ben-Hanania Lenz
- Don't Write Your Name in Red: Ten Design Mistakes I've Made (So You Don't Have To) - David Gnojek
- High Impact Instruction and SIM Jim Knight

- IES Report on the CLC Don Deshler, Patty Graner, Mike Hock
- If You're Appy and You Know it! Jana Craig Hare, Amber Rowland
- Lions & Tigers & Bears, Oh My! CCSS, CER, & Embedded Assessments - Keith Ben-Hanania Lenz, Vicki Ricketts
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- RTI and the Strategic Writing Program: Latest Understand ings and Results - Suzanne Robinson, Jean Schumaker, Bev Colombo
- SIM for Higher Education- Michael Faggella-Luby, Monica Harris, Nanette Fritschmann
- Specialty Frames for Teaching Vocabulary Ed Ellis
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May 28-30, 2014

Content Enhancement Routines for College/University Content and Preservice Educators Lawrence, Kan.

June 9-10, 2014

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June 16-20, 2014

SIM Learning Strategies Potential Professional Developers Institute Holland, Mich.

June 16-20, 2014

SIM Content Enhancement Potential Professional Developers Institute Holland, Mich.

June 18-20, 2014

SIM Writing Strategies: Meeting the Standards Including CCSS: Paragraphs and Themes Lawrence, Kan.

June 23-27, 2014

SIM Content Enhancement Potential Professional Developers Institute Litchfield, Conn.

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SIM Learning Strategies Potential Professional Developers Institute Pasadena, Calif.

June 23-27, 2014

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