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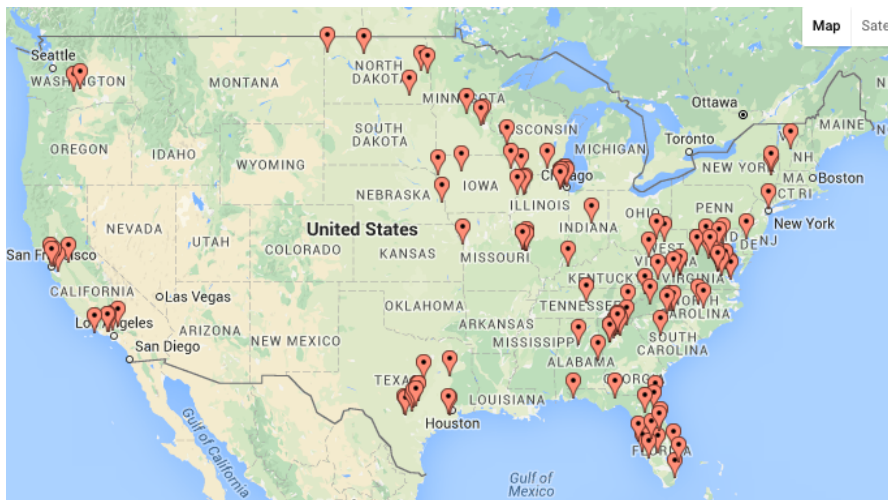
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SIM™ Stats in 2015

Professional Learning Sessions

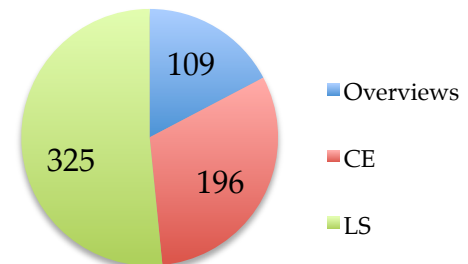
Thank you SIM professional developers who submitted reports of your 2015 sessions. Your reports help the center in grant applications and they provide a perspective about the state of the Strategic Instruction Model™ nationally and internationally. You reported 521 professional learning sessions in Learning Strategies or Content Enhancement Routines, and 109 overviews that were presented individually or in combination with those sessions. Conservatively, if sessions averaged 20 participants, more than 10,000 educators were engaged with SIM in 2015! This issue of Stratenotes presents a snapshot based on your 2015 SIM reports.



Sessions Reported by State/Country

AL-2	KY-1	TX-58
CA-13	MD-1	VA-51
DE-1	MN-9	VT-2
FL-124	MO-31	WA-2
GA-18	NC-32	WI-3
IA-15	NE-2	WV-4
IL-16	NY-3	China – 1
IN-4	SC-5	
KS-1	TN-4	

2015 Sessions Presented



Most Frequently Offered Strategies and Routines

Writing strategies were reported with the greatest frequency for Learning Strategies: Fundamentals in Sentence Writing Strategy (61), Proficiency in Sentence Writing Strategy (50), and the Paragraph Writing Strategy (29). The Paraphrasing Strategy (29), a reading strategy, was the fifth most frequently reported session.

For Content Enhancement, sessions in the Unit Organizer Routine (41) and the Framing Routine (38) were most frequently reported.

SIM Professional Development Follow-Up Participant Questionnaire

Professional Developer Reports listed 3,776 educators in attendance at 2015 SIM Professional Development Sessions. Importantly, fewer than 50% of the session reports included the number of attendees. Periodically, we survey this group using the *SIM Educator Feedback Survey* to learn about their implementation. In our last survey, 11% of the educators responded. Respondents are from the following states: AL, CA, FL, GA, MN, MO, NY, SC, TX, VA, WI, WV.

Have you implemented any of these SIM strategies or routines?

Yes 75%

No 25%

If you have implemented these strategies or routines, have you seen improvement in student performance?

Yes 69%

No 13%

Too Early to be sure 15%

Not Applicable 11%

How many students are you using this strategy or routine with this year?

1–5 16%

5–10 14%

10–25 20%

25–50 11%

50+ 38%

How often are you using this strategy or routine?

Daily 17%

Weekly 44%

Monthly 3%

As Needed 33%



SIM Professional Development Reporting

Thanks to the following SIM Professional Developers who have sent in professional development reports this month!

Jane Basler, Teresa Cockerham, Roger Dillard, Julia Eyer, Mitch Beres, Kara Forrest, Pam Leitzell, Berna Levine, Lori Marks, Pam Jobgen, Sandee Bonner, Kris Taphorn, Tiffany Lammers, Julie Meyer, David Cole, Catheine League, Sue Meyer, Susan Probst, Sarah Eylands, Beth Lasky and FLDRS.

We appreciate your reports!

Please send us your reports online at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PostPDDDataSubmissionSurvey>

Comments gathered from the survey include the following:

- ✂ *Self-Questioning has increased my students' ability to make accurate predictions.*
- ✂ *The test score on the properties improved from a 58% to 76%.*
- ✂ *The Focusing Together Strategy has helped classroom management in my collaborative 6th grade class.*
- ✂ *Students are telling me that they are seeing the words or word parts that we have been identifying in our Word Mapping sessions, which is helping them understand word meanings/vocabulary. Therefore, they comprehend more of what they read.*
- ✂ *SOL scores have indicated positive growth since implementing the strategy. Student's comprehension levels increased.*

2016 SIM Conference

July 13-15, 2016 • Lawrence, KS

2016 SIM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

(TENTATIVE)

Tuesday, July 12th - PRECONFERENCE DAY*

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Xtreme Reading

Wednesday, July 13

7-8 a.m. Registration
8-9 a.m. Welcome
9-10:15 a.m. Keynote
10:30-11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions
11:45-1 p.m. Lunch on your own
1-2:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
2:15-3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
4-4:45 p.m. Certificate Ceremony
4:45-5:45 p.m. Social

Thursday, July 14

8:30-10 a.m. Breakout Sessions
10:15-11:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions
11:45-1:45 p.m. Lunch on your own
1:45-3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
3:15-4:15 p.m. Poster Session

Friday, July 15

8:30-9:40 a.m. Kaleidoscope
10-11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions
11:30-11:45 a.m. Closing

AFTERNOON POSTCONFERENCE*

12:45-4:30 p.m. Instructional Coaching

Keynote



Dr. Neal Kingston, Director of the [Achievement and Assessment Institute \(AAI\)](#) and Professor in the Research, Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics Program at the University of Kansas will be speaking to us about his research which focuses broadly on improving large-scale assessments so they better support student learning, especially the use of fine-grained learning maps as an organizing structure for instruction and formative assessment.

In 2015, Dr. Kingston was honored at the AERA annual conference for Outstanding Contributions to Education Assessment. These include [Dynamic Learning Maps](#) which “are poised to change standardized testing across the US,” according to School of Education Dean Rick Ginsberg. The grant supporting the DLMs is the largest grant in KU history.

Under his leadership, the AAI is committed to building improvements through academics, employment, career advancement and building healthy environments.

**please see registration forms on pages 5&6 to register*

*for these events or visit <http://sim.kucrl.org/http://sim.kucrl.org/classes/category/sim-for-professional-developers>**

SIM & KUCRL Online Resources

SIM Website

sim.kucrl.org

Publication List

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Content Literacy Continuum

kucrl.org/clc/

SIM Workshops and Updates

sim.kucrl.org/classes

SIM News

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PRE and POST Conference Sessions

Can't get enough? Extend your learning by attending the pre or post conference session we have planned.

Preconference Session (Tuesday, July 12): **Xtreme Reading: A New Curriculum for your Learning Strategy PD Practice** - Pam Leitzell and Jerri Neduchal



Xtreme Reading™ is a spiral reading curriculum focused on seven essential SIM reading strategies (Word Mapping, Word Identification, Self -

Questioning, Paraphrasing and Fundamentals of Paraphrasing and Summarizing, Inference, and Visual Imagery) and motivation strategies (Possible Selves and Talking Together). The curriculum is complex but paced to be taught in a single year. Xtreme Reading's core instructional approaches include direct instruction, teacher modeling, paired student practice, and independent practice. The program provides end-of-unit assessments to track student progress.

As a part of the conference fee, participants will receive an Xtreme Reading Sampler and PD materials.

Post Conference Session (Friday, July 15): **Better Conversations: Coaching Ourselves and Each Other to be More Credible, Caring and Connected** - Jim Knight

Effective communication strategies are essential for professional success. Coaches, leaders, and educators who make an impact communicate their message clearly, build healthy emotional connections with others, and maneuver through emotionally complex situations in ways that allow them to speak the truth in way that will be heard.

Effective communication strategies are even more important in people's personal lives. We live our lives in relationships, and much of the joy or unhappiness we experience is the direct result of our relationships with others. Effective communication strategies enable us to live happier, more fulfilling lives by enabling us to experience healthier personal relationships.

This post-conference session based on Jim Knight's book *Better Conversations: Coaching Ourselves and Each Other To Be More Credible, Caring, and Connected* (2016) offers an overview of the six Better Conversation Beliefs and ten Better Conversation essential communication habits. The session has been designed to help anyone communicate more effectively at work, in the community, and at home. As a part of the conference fee, registrants will receive Jim's new book, *Better Conversations: Coaching Ourselves and Each Other to be More Credible, Caring and Connected*

SIM Events Calendar

Are you holding SIM Learning Strategies or Content Enhancement Routine sessions that are open to public registration (allow attendees from outside the school or district)? If so, submit the details to simpd@ku.edu, and we will post them to our SIM Events Calendar and SIM Facebook page. Thanks!

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2016 International SIM Pre and Post Conference

July 12 & 15, 2016 • Oread Hotel • Lawrence, Kansas

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REGISTRATION FEE: SELECT ONE

☐ **Tuesday, July 12th 9am-3pm:** Xtreme Reading: A New Curriculum for Your Learning Strategy Professional Development Practice, Jerri Neduchal & Pam Leitzell \$60 \$ _____

☐ Optional: Xtreme Reading Professional Developer Set: \$600 \$ _____

☐ **Friday, July 15th 12:45pm-4pm:** Coaching Ourselves and Each Other to be More Credible, Caring and Connected, Jim Knight \$70 \$ _____

☐ For registrations postmarked after June 15, 2015, add \$25 late fee. \$ _____

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SIM Professional Developer Registration Form

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☐ This is my first as a professional developer

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HOTEL & TRANSPORTATION

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Your receipt will be available at the conference.

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Use the box at the right to suggest topics for session discussions or to make other suggestions related to the content of the conference.

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Suggestions for session topics:

Other suggestions or requests:



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Work Address: _____ Fax: _____

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Choose your virtual conference session:

☐ **Spring:** Apr. 11-May 18, 2016; webinar dates May 11 & May 12 **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 4, 2016**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Registration: Streaming video option	\$400 (U.S. funds)	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Strateworks membership renewal (optional)	\$50	\$ _____
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- ☐ Add me to SIMTRAINER-L, the email discussion list for SIM Professional Developers ☐ Yes ☐ No
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- *Stratedirectory Online*-a searchable, web-based listing of SIM Professional Developers
- SIMTRAINER-L-an optional e-mail discussion list for SIM Professional Developers
- SIMville-a collection of resources on our website available to active SIM Professional Developers
- Stratetpubs-two recent research articles distributed each winter
- Professional Developer Micro-credential(s) *See *Stratenotes* newsletter (v. 23, iss. 8, 2014-15) for more details.

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 2015, your membership is valid from September 2015 through August 2016. Back issues of all *Stratenotes* newsletters are available in the General Information section of SIMville.

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SIM CALENDAR

April 11-May 9, 2016

Spring Virtual Update
Conference - Online

June 14-15, 2016

Iowa SIM Update Conference
Des Moines, IA

June 20-24

Potential Professional
Developers Institute
Conway, AR

June 20-24

Potential Professional
Developers Institute
Austin, TX

June 20-24

Potential Professional
Developers Institute
Orlando, FL

June 27-July1, 2016

Potential Professional
Developers Institute
Harrisonburg, VA

July 12, 2016

Xtreme™ Reading
Pre-conference Session
Lawrence, KS

July 13-15, 2016

SIM International Conference
Lawrence, KS

July 15, 2016

Better Conversations
Post-conference Session
Lawrence, KS

For a complete list of SIM events, including those not coordinated by **KUCRL: SIM.KUCRL.ORG/CLASSES** **LIST YOUR OPEN SESSIONS ON THE SIM CALENDAR:** We are contacted by hundreds of educators each year who have heard about SIM or CLC and are looking for opportunities to learn more. Email information about your open sessions to monatipton@ku.edu to be included in the online SIM Events Calendar.

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