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EDUCATION

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Macomb, Illinois

Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, 2012

Focus areas in: **Educational Leadership and Educational Administration**

Dissertation: "The Relationship of Stress and the Physical Wellness of Illinois Superintendents"

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Macomb, Illinois

Educational Specialist, 2002

Focus area: The Superintendency

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-SPRINGFIELD, Springfield, Illinois

Master of Arts, 1994

Focus area: Educational Administration

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – CARBONDALE, Carbondale, Illinois

Bachelor of Science – Major: American History, Education, Minor: English, 1977

LICENSURES AND CERIFICATIONS

K-12 Illinois Superintendent License, 2002

K-12 Illinois Principal License, 1994

7-12 Teaching License, 1977

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Macomb, Illinois, 2021-Present

BROWN COUNTY CUSD #1

Interim-Superintendent, Mt. Sterling, Illinois, 2020-2021-June 30

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Macomb, Illinois 2018-2020

Regional Office of Education 1

LEAD Coach, Quincy, Illinois, 2018-2025

Federal Grants, Partners to Lead 2.0 Grant, New Principal Mentoring Grant

Franklin CUSD #1

Interim-Superintendent, Franklin, Illinois, 2018-2020 – October 31

Western Illinois University

LEAD Coach – Federal Grant, Partners to Lead, Macomb, Illinois, 2016-2018

Western CUSD #1

Interim-Superintendent, Barry, Illinois, 2015-2018

Tri-Valley CUSD #3,

Superintendent, Downs, Illinois, 2008-2014

Liberty CUSD # 2

Superintendent, Liberty, Illinois, 2004-2008

Pikeland Unit 10, Pittsfield, Illinois, 1996-2004

Principal, Grades 3-8

Pikeland Unit 10, Pittsfield, Illinois, 1994-1996

Principal, Grades 5-8

Pikeland Unit 10, Pittsfield, Illinois, 1977-1994

Teacher, American History, 1985-1994

English 1, English II, 1977-1985

Pikeland Unit 10, Pittsfield, Illinois

Coach, Head Football Coach Pittsfield High School, 1982-1994, 2014-2017

Head Wrestling Coach Pittsfield High School, 1981-1994

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, 2021-Present

Courses Taught: EDL 504 Leading the Core Curriculum
 EDL 515 Fundamentals of School Law
 EDL 525 Integrating Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 EDL 528 Supervision of Instruction
 EDL 530 Managing School Facilities, Finance and Contracts
 EDL 545 School, Parent and Community Relations
 EDL 551 The Principal as the Instructional Leader II
 EDL 600 Evaluation Educational Programs
 EDS 607 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 EDL 620 The Superintendent and Educational Governance
 EDL 622 Human Resources
 EDL 623 Collective Bargaining In Education
 EDL 635 Educational Facilities Management
 EDL 627 School Business Management

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Guided the integration, implementation, and usage of the **Partners to LEAD 2.0** federal grant utilizing Cycles of Inquiry in three school districts. 2021-2025.

Guided and implemented best practices of the **New Principal Mentoring Program** federal grant in three school districts. 2022-2024.

Guided the training, integration, implementation, and usage of the **Partners to LEAD** federal grant in five school districts. 2016-2021.

PRESENTATIONS

Utsinger, J., Sheng, B., & **Simonson, C.** (2023). *Increasing Educational Opportunity: A Longitudinal Analysis*. Presented at the joint annual meeting of IASB/IASA/IASBO, Chicago, IL.

Simonson, C. (2014). *The Relationship of Stress and the Physical Wellness of Illinois Superintendents*. Presented at the 50th Annual Superintendents' Conference, Springfield, IL.

Simonson, C. (2013). *The Relationship of Stress and the Physical Wellness of Illinois Superintendents*. Presented at the joint annual meeting of IASB/IASA/IASBO, Chicago, IL.

Simonson, C. (2013). *The Relationship of Stress and the Physical Wellness of Illinois Superintendents*. Presented at the 49th Annual Superintendents' Conference, Springfield, IL.

Watkins, S., & **Simonson, C.**, (2005). *How to Be a Peak Performer When the Sharks are Biting*. Presented at the American Association of School Administrators Conference, San Diego, Ca.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Strategic and Long-Range Financial Planning for the Brown County School #1, Mt. Sterling, IL. 2021.

Strategic and Long-Range Goal Planning and Setting for the Tri-Valley Community Unit School District #3, Downs, IL. 2009-2014.

National Blue-Ribbon Award, Tri-Valley Elementary School, Tri-Valley Community Unit School District #3, Downs, IL. 2014.

National Blue-Ribbon Award, Tri-Valley Middle School, Tri-Valley Community Unit School District #3, Downs, IL. 2012.

National Blue-Ribbon Award, Tri-Valley High School, Tri-Valley Community Unit School District #3, Downs, IL. 2010.

3.1 Million Dollar Bond Issue to Construct an Addition to the Middle School, Construct the New District Storage Facility and Build the One-to-One Infrastructure for the Tri-Valley CUSD #3 School District, Downs, IL. 2009.

Created and Implemented All Job Descriptions, the District Policy Manual and the Employee Handbook, Tri-Valley community Unit School District, Downs, IL. 2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Illinois Council of Professors of Educational Administration – Treasurer 2022-Present
Illinois Association of School Administrators