

Carlee Escue Simon, Ph.D.

Biography

Carlee Escue Simon, Ph.D., brings significant expertise and experience in educational leadership, school finance and infrastructure to her role as Interim Superintendent for Alachua County Public Schools.

Most recently, Dr. Simon has been a faculty member at the University of North Florida, where she developed and taught online graduate courses in School Finance and Early Childhood Leadership Policy and Law for principals, district administrators and other working professionals seeking leadership training and advanced certification. She was also a faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Simon served as the coordinator of the department's Educational Leadership Master's Program and taught courses in school law, finance, ethics and educational leadership, urban educational leadership and other topics.

For eight years, Dr. Simon served as Executive Director/Director of the National Education Finance Academy, a professional association focused on providing opportunities for development and collaboration among legislators, educators, researchers and others on equity, adequacy, efficiency and other issues related to education funding. She also served in a leadership capacity with the American Education Finance Association.

Dr. Simon has ten years of instructional and curriculum experience in the K-12 setting, having worked as a math teacher at J.W. Mitchell High School in Trinity, Florida and at P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School and as a subject matter expert for the Florida Virtual School, the statewide online school.

Throughout her career, Dr. Simon has lent her expertise to a wide variety of organizations. This includes serving as a guest lecturer at both the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Florida and as the associate editor of the *Florida Journal of Educational Administration and Policy*, a peer-reviewed journal published by UF's College of Education.

Dr. Simon is a prolific writer and presenter on education-related issues. Her articles on topics ranging from school facility design to teacher evaluation to school funding have been published in several peer-reviewed and other publications, and she's written chapters on educational equity and diversity, teacher salaries and school spending for three peer-reviewed books. Dr. Simon has also made numerous presentations at local, state, national and international conferences, including talks at the National Education Finance Academy Annual Conference, The Sloan Consortium International Conference on Online Learning, and the Oxford Union in Oxford, England.

Dr. Simon currently holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Policy from the University of Florida and is completing a second Ph.D. at UF in Design, Construction and Urban Planning, with a focus on addressing educational equity. She has also earned state certification in Educational Leadership, Engineering and Technology Education and Mathematics.

Dr. Simon's accomplishments have earned her a number of awards and honors from state and national organizations, including the University Council for Educational Administration, the National Education Finance Academy, the Florida chapter of the American Planning Association, and the University of Florida. She's also held membership in a number of professional organizations, such as the Association for Learning Environments, the National Education Finance Academy, and the Education Law Association.

Dr. Simon has also contributed her time and expertise to local educational organizations, including the Education Task Force and as chair of the renaming committee for Carolyn Parker Elementary School.

Dr. Simon is both a graduate of Alachua County Public Schools (Eastside High School) and the parent of three children attending local schools.

More details about Dr. Simon's educational and professional qualifications and achievements are available at <https://bit.ly/3m8U2Lv>

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