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I. NAME AND TITLE

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II. EDUCATION:

B.A. Indiana University, 1976.

Major Psychology & Sociology

M.Ed. Kent State University, 1980.

Major Early childhood SPED, Speech and Language Development

Ed.S. Kent State University, 1982.

Major Special Education, Administration and Supervision

Ph.D. Kent State University, 1989.

Major Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling

III. Certifications

- Special Education: Moderate, Severe, and Profound Disabled; Teaching Certificate, K-12, State of Ohio
- Standard High School Certificate, 7-12; Endorsement for Teaching Severely/Profoundly Handicapped Pupils, Grades K-12, State of Kentucky
- Standard Certificate for Teacher of Exceptional Children: Learning and Behavior Disorders, K-12, State of Kentucky
- Standard Certificate for Teacher of Exceptional Children: Moderate, Severe, Disabilities; Teaching Certificate, K-12, State of Kentucky
- Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP), State of Ohio.
- Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC).

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

- Drug and Crisis Intervention Rehabilitation Counselor, Middleway House, Bloomington, IN, 1971-76
- SPED Teacher, University School, Kent, OH 1978 to 1982.
- Director/Teacher Gateway Early Childhood Center, Mt. Sterling, KY, 1982-84
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Eastern Kentucky University. 1982-86
- Manager of Services, Frankfort Habilitation Inc., Frankfort, KY, 1984-86

- Associate Director, Developmental Disabilities Job Project, Canton, Ohio, 1986-89.
- Assistant Professor/Director of Transition and Employment Center, Kent State U., Kent, OH, 1989-95
- Associate Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 1995-Present

V. **Brief Work History**

My involvement in the fields of SPED and REHAB extends back to the early 1970's. While an undergraduate student, I was employed as a drug rehabilitation and crisis intervention counselor and I volunteered as a cub-scout master for a troop that integrated youth with disabilities into the general troop. My work while achieving my M.Ed. and Ed.S., involved the development and delivery of habilitation and educational services to person with developmental disabilities. During that period I was a teacher, a director of a community educational program, and performed research and demonstration activities at Kent State University. While in Kentucky, I worked towards developing integrated and "state of the art" educational and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. Further, I spent two years attempting to assist persons with disabilities accessing appropriate employment outcomes. Upon returning to Ohio, I worked with adults that had a college education, to access meaningful and appropriate employment. In my role as Associate Director and Assistant Professor, my efforts focused on systematically address education, employment, and transitional issues for persons with the full range of disabilities. With my return to Kentucky as an Associate Professor of Special Education, my focus has continued be on transition and employment issues for youth and adults with disabilities. I have participated in a wide range of transition programs that include consulting on two educational systems change grants (Kentucky's Transition Systems Change Project and Kentucky's Severe Systems Change Project). Further, in Kentucky, I have directed numerous state and federally funded demonstration and research grants in transition and employment. I consult with the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Association of School Boards on a variety of education issues. Until the summer of 2002 I was coordinator of Kentucky's State Improvement Grant in Special Education (a federal grant designed to improve special education services throughout the state). Since then, I have directed the special education and distance education programs in special education, overseen numerous grants and projects, and taught coursework in special education.

A. **Areas of expertise**

- Rehabilitation Counseling,
- Post-secondary programs
- Transition from School to post school environment,
- Secondary Programs,
- Teacher Training,
- Technology and Assistive Technology,
- Learning & Behavior Disorders and Severe Disabilities,
- Evaluation and Design and
- Systems Change
- Speech and Language development

VI Publications

a) Refereed Journals and Book Chapters

Flexer, Baer, Luft, & Simmons, (2007). *Transition Planning for Secondary Students with Disabilities, 3rd Edition*, Merrill Publishing Co., Columbus OH.

Matheson, L & Simmons, T.J. (2006). When Darkness Falls: A Phenomenological Study of Grieving Adult Vision Loss. In Simon Jones, Deborah Hamlin and Gary Rubin, *Vision 2005: Proceedings of the International Congress: International Congress Series 1282*, Elsevier Press, London, UK,

Penrod, W., Bauder, D. K., Simmons, T. J., & **Belcher, L.** (Dec./Jan. 2007). A product evaluation and pilot study to determine the efficacy of the UltraCane™ in outdoor environments, *Closing the Gap*,

Simmons, T., Bauder, D. K., Abell, M., & Penrod, W. (In press Winter/Spring 2007). Teacher Perspectives of Delivering Core Content to Students with Severe Cognitive Disabilities. *Information, Technology and Disability*,

Campbell-Cole, V., & Simmons, T. J., (Accepted under 2nd revisions). The effects of brief training on attitudes and interactions of co-workers of individuals with autism, *Career Development for Exceptional Children*.

Ender, K, Simmons, T.J., Bauder D.K., and Penrod, W., (under review). E-content and means for facilitating Universal Design for Learning. *Journal of Research on Technology*.

Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T.J. (2005). UDL approaches to an inclusive education. In Enabling Education Network (eds.) ISEC 2005. Manchester, England: Inclusive Technology Ltd.,

Penrod, W. & Simmons T.J. (2005). An evaluation and comparison of the hand guide™ by guideline™ and the miniguide developed by GDP research electronic travel device. *Closing the GAP*

Abell, M. M., Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T. J., (2005). Access to the General Curriculum: A planning guide for educators. *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 11(1), 82-86.

Michael Abell, Debra Bauder, Thomas Simmons 2004 *Universally designed online assessment: Implications for the future*. Information Technology and Disabilities Vol. X No. 1 August.

Flexer, R.W., Simmons, T.J., Luft, P. & Baer, R.M., (2004) *Transition Planning for Secondary Students with Disabilities, 2nd. Edition*, Merrill Publishing Co., Columbus OH.

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(PDA) to connect students with special needs to the general curriculum. *Closing the Gap*, 22(1). 20, 38

- Simmons, T.J., Bauder, D.K., & Sharon, D. (2002). Assessing children's assistive technology needs through videoconferencing. In Torrellsa G.S. & Uskov V. (Eds.) *Computers and Advanced Technology In Education* (pp. 216-220). Anaheim, CA: ACTA Press
- Bauder, D.K, Simmons, T.J., & Lewis, P.O. (2001), Assessing assistive technology needs through distance-based strategies In D. Fisher, C Kennedy, & B. Buswell (Ed.) *2000 TASH Conference Yearbook* (pp 7-10). Baltimore, MD: TASH.
- Flexer, R.W., Simmons, T.J., Luft, P. & Baer, R.M., (2001) *Transition Planning for Secondary Students with Disabilities*, Merrill Publishing Co., Columbus OH.
- Flexer, R.W., Simmons, T.J., Baer, R.M., Shell, D.M., (1997) Translating Research, Innovation, and Policy into Practice: Interdisciplinary Transition Leadership Training, *Teacher Education and Special Education*.
- Baer, R.M., Simmons, T.J., & Flexer, R.W., (1996). Transition practice and policy compliance in Ohio: A survey of secondary special educators, *Career Development for Exceptional Individuals* pg 61-72, Vol 19.
- Simmons, T.S. & Baer, R.M., (1996) Assessment and Career Planning for student with hearing impairments. In Carol Flexer, Denise Wray, Ron Levitt, and R.W. Flexer, *A guide to career development and post secondary education for persons who are hard of hearing*. Alexander Graham Bell Association the Deaf, Washington, D.C.
- Turner, L. & Simmons, T.J., (1996). School age services and programs for student with hearing impairments. In Carol Flexer, Denise Wray, Ron Levitt, and R.W. Flexer, *A guide to career development and post secondary education for persons who are hard of hearing*. Alexander Graham Bell Association the Deaf, Washington, D.C.
- Flexer, R.W., Goebel, G.W., Simmons, T.J., Baer, R., Shell, D., Steele, R., & Sabousky, R., (1994). Participant, employer, and rehabilitation resources in supported employment: A collaborative approach. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*.
- Baer, B., Simmons, T.J., Flexer, R.W., & Martonyi, E.A., (1994). Employer collaborative: A model for involving stakeholders in supported employment and transition, *Journal of Rehabilitation Administration*.
- Baer, R., Simmons, T. J., Flexer, R. W., & Smith, C., (1994). Benefits-Costs of Supported Employment programs for persons who have severe orthopedic and other developmental disabilities *Journal of Rehabilitation Administration*.
- Sabousky, R., Simmons, T.J., Shell, D., & Flexer, R.W., (1993). Assessing needs, supports, and environments in vocational evaluation. *Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment*

Journal.

- Simmons, T.J., Selleck, V., Steele, B., & Sepetauc, F., (1993). Psychiatric rehabilitation: A puzzle with several pieces. In Flexer, R. W., and Solomon, P. *Social and Community Support for People with Severe Mental Disabilities: Service Integration in Rehabilitation and Mental Health*, Andover Publishing.
- Baer, B., Simmons, T.J., Flexer, R.W., & Izzo, M., (1992). *Effective transition planning: A guide for parents and professionals*. Kent State University Publishing, Kent, Ohio.
- Simmons, T.J., & Flexer, R.W., (1992). Business and Employment options or adults with developmental disabilities. *Journal of Rehabilitation*.
- Simmons, T.J. & Flexer, R.W., (1992) Community-based job training for persons with moderate and severe mental retardation: An acquisition and performance comparison. *Education and Treatment of persons with Mental Retardation*.
- Simmons, T.J. (1989). *Differences in community job training for persons with moderate and severe handicaps*. Dissertation Abstracts.
- Bricker, W. A., Macke, P., Levine, J., & Simmons, T.J., (1982). Assessment and modification of cognitive processes in young handicapped children. In K. Stremmel-Campbell (Ed.) *Data collection in the classroom*. Seattle, Wash.: WESTAR.
- Campbell, P., Esposito, L., Simmons, T.J., & Middleton, M., (1980). *Manual of sensory feedback devices utilized in bioengineering in the Molly Stark Project*, Mimeographed.

b) Non-Refereed Publications: Manuals, Technical Reports and Monographs:

- Bauder, D. K., Simmons, T. J. & Lewis, P.O (2002). Project STATUS – Phase 2. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C.
- Bauder, D. K., Simmons, T. J. & Lewis, P.O (2001). Final report: Project STATUS – Phase 1. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D.C.
- Bauder, D. K., Simmons, T. J. & Lewis, P.O (2001). Project STATUS – Phase 2. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C.
- Simmons, T. J., Bauder, D. K., Harrison, B., Lewis, P.O.(2001). Project Icarus, Kentucky’s State Improvement Grant Interim Report, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C.
- Bauder, D. K., Simmons, T. J. & Lewis, P.O (2000). Interim report: Project STATUS – Phase 1. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D.C.

VII Grants

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- Lewis, P., Bauder, D.K., Simmons, T.J. and Noble, S. (2006). Project SMART (UK) OSERS Steppingstones under review
- Lewis, P., Bauder, D.K., Simmons, T.J. and Noble, S. (2006). Project ETEST (UK) OSERS Steppingstones under review
- Simmons, T.J. & Bauder, D. K. (2005). State Improvement Grant: SIGNAL, KDE/Federal Flow-Through.
- Simmons, T.J., & Bauder, D. K. (2005). Emergency and Probationary Teachers Online Training Phase 4, KDE/Federal Flow-Through
- Simmons, T.J. & Bauder, D. K. (2005). Kentucky Accessible Media Consortium – Year 2. Kentucky Department of Education.
- Bauder, D.K., Simmons, T.J. (2005). Preparing Teachers for Inclusive Education through Assistive Technology Sponsored by the Office of Special Education Services, U. S. Department of Education, Washington, D. C.
- Frey, A., Simmons T.J. & Bauder D.K. (2005). Altering Support Service/Educating School Workers: Project: ASSESS, Office of Special Education, Preparation of Special Education, Related Services, and Early Intervention Personnel to Serve Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Low-Incidence Disabilities, Washington, D. C.
- Sanders-Reio, Simmons, & Reio (2005) Writing Improvement via Technology (WRITE), Steppingstones Competition, Sponsored by the Office of Special Education Services, U. S. Department of Education, Washington, D. C.**
- Simmons, T., & Bauder, D (2004). WHAS Crusade for Children, Louisville
- Righmeyer, E., Simmons, T.J., and Reynolds, M.A. (2004). A model demonstration proposal for early intervention for young children with visual impairments and blindness. Office of Special Education, Research And Innovation To Improve Services And Results For Children With Disabilities (CFDA 84.324)
- Frey, A., Simmons T.J. & Bauder D.K. (2004). Altering Support Service/Educating School Workers: Project: ASSESS, Office of Special Education, Preparation of Special Education, Related Services, and Early Intervention Personnel to Serve Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Low-Incidence Disabilities, CFDA # 84.325A
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Matheson, L. & Simmons, T.J. (2004) Pre-doctoral Fellowships for Students with Disabilities

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Hales, V. & Simmons, T.J., (1999). Special Education program in Moderate and Severe Disabilities. . U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs, Personnel preparation grant, requested

- Simmons, T.J., Scott, T., Kleinnert, H., Bauder, D. & Scott, R., (1998). *Kentucky's State improvement grant*, U.S. Department of Education, Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs. State Improvement grant, Funded, at \$5,000,000, 1999 to 2004.
- Simmons, T.J. & Burke, J., (1998). *Autism Community Training Program*, Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, U.S. Department of Human Services, funded at \$300,000, 1998 to 2001.
- Simmons, T.J., Flexer, R.W., Baer, R. & McMahan, R., (1998). New method of preparing students with Learning Disabilities for post school environments. U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Programs, Research/Demonstration grant, funded at \$450,000 through Kent State University.
- Edge, D. & Simmons, T.J. (1998). Commonwealth of Kentucky Virtual University Moderate and Severe Certification Program, State General Funds, funded through the University of Kentucky subcontract funded at \$149,000, 1998 to 2000.
- Simmons, T.J. & Terry, N., (1998). Learning Disability Program. U. S. Department of Education and Department of Labor flow-through grant to state, funded at \$9,000, summer 1999.
- Simmons, T.J. & Edge, D., (1998). Systematic Training in Transition Supports, Project STTS, Comprehensive System for Personnel Training and Development funding by the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Services.
- Simmons, T.J., (1998). Personnel training in assistive technology: Training for special education, and related disciplinary professionals to serve students with severe disabilities, U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Program Personnel preparation grant, Not funded
- Brazil, N. & Simmons, T.J., (1998). Personnel training behavior disorders: Training for special education, and related disciplinary professionals to serve students with severe behavior disorder. U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Program Personnel Preparation Grant.
- Simmons, T.J., (1998). Personnel training Autism: Training for special education, and related disciplinary professionals to serve students with autism. . U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Program, Personnel preparation grant, Not funded
- Simmons, T.J. & Edge, D., (1997). Transition training Comprehensive System for Personnel Training and Development funding by the Kentucky Department of Education Division of Exceptional Services. A project to provide inservice training to 60 educators across the state.
- Simmons, T.J., (1996). Postsecondary Programs: A model site for the delivery of secondary

- educational and vocational programs for students with learning disabilities, U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs, 1996 to 2000.
- Simmons, T.J., (1995). Recruitment and engagement in education and rehabilitation for young adults with serious mental illness and severe emotional disturbance. U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs. Demonstration grant.
- Simmons, T.J. & Flexer, R.W., (1994). Supported Employment Coordinator Training Program: An Interdisciplinary Field - Based Approach. U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Programs. Personnel preparation grant.
- Simmons, T.J. & Flexer, R.W., (1994). Supported Employment Certificate Training Program: A Field - Interactive Approach. U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Programs. Personnel preparation grant, 1994 to 1998, at \$460,000.
- Johnson, J, Izzo, M., Simmons, T.J., & Dennis, L., (1994). Supported Employment System Change Grant, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs. Systems Change contract, 1994 to 1998, at \$2,000,000.
- Flexer, R.W. & Simmons, T.J., (1994). Low Incidence Transition Coordinator Training Program. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. Personnel Preparation grant, 1994 to 1998
- Flexer, R.W. & Simmons, T.J., (1993). Interdisciplinary Field-Based Pre-service Training in Transition Services for Youth with Disabilities, U.S. Department of Education, Special Education Programs. Personnel preparation grant, 1993 to 1997.
- Flexer, R.W. & Simmons, T.J., (1992). Translating Research, and Policy into Practice, U.S. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs. Leadership Personnel Preparation grant, 1993 to 1998.
- Simmons, T.J. & Flexer, R.W., (1990). Jobs for Hard to Place Handicapped Adults. Private Industry Council. Youth employment grant.
- Simmons, T.J. & Flexer, R.W., (1990). Interdisciplinary Field-Based Pre-service Supported Employment Coordinator Training, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Programs. Personnel preparation grant.
- Simmons, T.J. & Flexer, R.W., (1990). Interdisciplinary Field-Based Pre-service Training in Transition Services for Severely Handicapped Youth, U.S. Department of Education, Special Education Programs. Personnel preparation grant.
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Flexer, R.W., & Simmons, T.J., (1987). Transitional Services and Supported Employment for Youth with Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Instructional grant.

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Simmons, T.J., (1986). Jobs for Hard to Place Handicapped Adults. Private Industry Council, grant funded.

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Bricker, W., Campbell, P., & Simmons, T.J., (1980). Movement, Motivation, and Memory Processes in Children with Severe Handicaps. Department of Special Education Research, grant.

Kentucky State:

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Bauder, D. K & Simmons, T. J. (2002). Emergency and Probationary Teachers Online Training Phase 2, KDE

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KDE

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Improvement Grant

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Kentucky.

Simmons, T. J. & Bauder, D. K. (1999). Assistive Technology and Orientation & Mobility,
KDE

Simmons, T. J. & Bauder, D. K. (1999). Statewide Workshops for Parents with Disabilities
KDE

Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T.J. (1999). Project ICARUS - Amendment to MOA. Sponsored by
Kentucky Department of Education

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Kentucky Department of Education

VIII Presentations

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Council for Exceptional Children, April 5-8, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Reio-Sanders, J., Simmons, T., Bauder, D., Reio, T. (2006) *The Effects of Text-Reader
Software on Writing Achievement*, 19th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for
the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) July 2-6, Melbourne, Australia.

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Content*, ATIA, Orlando, FL Jan. 14-18.

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- Bauder, D. K., Ellis, P., Simmons, T., Sharon, D., & Isaacs, J. (2006) *Kentuckatools: Hands On Integration of Common Tools with Core Curriculum*, National Educational Computer Conference, July 4-7, San Diego
- Bauder, D., Simmons, T., Sharon, D., Isaacs, J. (2006). *Accessing KETS Computer Workstations by ALL Students*, KTLC, February, Louisville, KY
- Sharon, D., Isaacs, J., Simmons, T., Bauder, D. (2006). *Math Without a Pencil*, KTLC, February, Louisville, KY
- Simmons, T., Isaacs, J., Sharon, D., Bauder, D. (2006). *Look what's hiding in your computer - A great research tool*, KTLC, February, Louisville, KY
- Ellis, P., Bauder, D., Simmons, T., Sharon, D., (2006). *R ur stwudents in knead of spalng halp?* KTLC, February, Louisville, KY
- Bauder, D., Simmons, T., Sharon, D., Isaacs, J. (2006). *Textology Resources*, KTLC, February, Louisville, KY.
- Matheson, L & Simmons T.J.** (2005). *When Darkness Falls: A Phenomenological Study of Grieving Adult Vision Loss*. Vision 2005, International Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation (ISLRR)
- Simmons, T., & Ender, K. (2005).** *The Kentucky Accessible Material Consortium: Improved Student Learning Through Accessible Materials*, CSUN Technology and Disabilities Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Bauder, D. K., Isaacs, J., Sharon, D. & Simmons, T. (2005). *Accessing the Curriculum: Strategies for Students with Cognitive Disabilities*, ATIA, Orlando, Fl. Jan. 2005.
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- Bauder, D. K., Sharon, D. & Simmons, T. (2005). *A Statewide Model: Use of Digital Text to Improve Learning for All Students*. Technology, Reading & Learning Difficulties, 2005 Conference, San Francisco.
- Isaacs, J., Bauder, D., & Simmons, T. (2005). *Tools for Struggling Writers*. Technology, Reading & Learning Difficulties, 2005 Conference, San Francisco
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Washington D. C.

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Ender, K. Simmons, T., & Bauder, D. K. (2004). Digital Textbooks on CD- KY Accessible Materials Consortium. Choices & Changes Conference, Louisville, KY.

Ender, K., Abell, M., Simmons, T., & Bauder, D. K. (2004). Kentucky Accessible Materials Consortium – (KAMC): Introduction. Reading First Institute, Louisville, KY.

Abell, M., Simmons, T., & Bauder, D. K. (2004). KAMC and PLVS Digital Content, Annual Career & Technical Ed. Conference, Louisville, KY.

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Ender, K., Simmons, T., & Bauder, D. K. (2004). Kentucky Accessible Materials Consortium - (KAMC): Introduction to Parents. KY SPIN, Louisville, KY.

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Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T.J., Web-based Instruction: Meeting the Needs of School Personnel in Rural Areas Through the Use of Technology, juried presentation, 2003 OSEP Joint Personnel Preparation/ State Improvement/ CSPD Conference, Washington, D. C. Feb,

2003

- Abell, M.**, Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T.J., A Universally Designed Curriculum: A Classroom where all Students Participate in the Learning Process, juried presentation, TASH Conference, Boston, MA. Dec. 2002
- Simmons, T. **Abell, M.**, & Bauder, D. K. A Statewide Model: Kentucky's Use of Digital Text to Improve the Learning Process for Special Education Students, juried presentation, TASH Conference, Boston, MA Dec. 2002
- Bauder, D.K., Simmons, T., & Abell, M., Using Assistive Technology to include more Special Needs Students in Mainstream, juried presentation, TASH Conference, Boston, MA. Dec., 2002
- Bauder, D. K, Simmons T., & Lewis, P., Project STATUS: Phase 1 & 2 Poster Session, juried presentation, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Research Project Director's Conference, Washington, D. C. July 2002
- Simmons, T, Bauder, D. K. & Sharon, D. Assistive Technology Assessments through Distance Based Technologies, juried presentation, International Society of Technology, Cancun, Mexico, May 2002
- Bauder, D. K., Simmons T. & Lewis, P. Assessing Children's Assistive Technology Needs through Video Conferencing, juried presentation, International Council for Exceptional Children Conference, New York, NY, April, 2002.
- Bauder D. K. Simmons, T.J., & Sharon, D. Online AT Training, juried presentation, CSUN – International Conference on Disabilities, Los Angeles, CA March 2002
- Bauder, D. K., Sharon, D., & Simmons, T. Videoconferencing and Assistive Technology Assessments, juried presentation, CSUN – International Conference on Disabilities, Los Angeles, CA March 2002
- Bauder, D. K., Sharon D. Universal Design for Learning, juried presentation, juried presentation, CSUN – International Conference on Disabilities, Los Angeles, CA, March 2002
- Bauder, D. K., Sharon, D. & Simmons, T.J., Online Assistive Technology Training, juried presentation, ATIA Conference, Orlando, FL, Jan. 2002
- Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T. J. Assessing Children's Assistive Technology Needs through Video Conferencing, juried presentation, TASH Conference, Anaheim, CA, Nov. 2001.
- Bauder, D. K. & Simmons, T.J. Assessing Assistive Technology Needs Through Distance Based Strategies, juried presentation, Closing the Gap, Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 2001
- Bauder, D, K, Simmons, T.J. & Lewis, P., Project STATUS – Phase 1 & 2, juried presentation,

Federal Project Directors Researchers Meeting, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C., July 2001.

Simmons, T. J., Bauder, D. K. and Lewis, P., Project STATUS, juried presentation, Federal Project Directors Meetings, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation, Washington, D. C. Jan. 2001

Bauder, D. K, Isaacs, J. & Simmons, T. J. Conducting Assistive Technology Assessments through Videoconferencing, Technology and Media (TAM), juried presentation, Council for Exceptional Children, Albuquerque, NM, Jan. 2001.

Simmons, T., Lewis, P. & Bauder, D. How to Conduct an Assistive Technology Assessment via Videoconferencing, juried presentation, TASH Conference, Dec., 2000

Simmons, T.J., Educational Outcomes of students with Learning Disabilities, juried presentation, The National Association of Career Development for Exceptional Children, juried presentation, Charleston, SC, Fall 1999.

Simmons, T.J., Improving Kentucky's Special Education Programs. Kentucky State Council for Exceptional Children, juried presentation, Louisville, KY, Fall 1999.

Simmons, T.J., Steps Toward Education Progress - Project overview. Kentucky State Council for Exceptional Children, juried presentation, Louisville, KY, Fall 1999.

Simmons, T.J., The Status of Kentucky's Special Education Students: Problems and concerns. Kentucky's State Advisory Board on Exceptional Children, invited presentation, Northern Kentucky, Spring 1999.

Simmons, T.J., Methods for meeting the needs of Kentucky's special education students. Kentucky's Institution of Higher Education Consortium Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, invited presentation, Winter 1999.

Simmons, T.J., Transition services training, mechanisms for individual school change, Association for Supported Employment, juried presentation, Louisville, KY, Spring 1999.

Simmons, T.J., Autism and best its benefits as a foundation in supported employment, Association for Supported Employment, juried presentation, Louisville, KY, Spring 1999.

Simmons, T.J., Transition and its benefits as a foundation in supported employment, Association for Supported Employment, juried presentation, Louisville, KY, Spring 1998.

Simmons, T.J., Transition coordinators: An experiential based graduate program. International Conference, Division on Career Development and Transition, juried presentation, Flagstaff, AZ, October 1997.

- Simmons, T.J., Transition services for youth and adults with autism, Statewide Conference on Autism, August 1997.
- Simmons, T.J., Employer Collaboration in Special Education: Historical Approaches, Joint Step by Step, Side by Side Statewide Parent and Professional Conference, juried presentation, Louisville, KY, May 1997.
- Simmons, T.J., Transition programs for students with disabilities. Step-by-Step Statewide Conference for parents and families with disabilities, invited presentation, Louisville, KY, November 1996
- Simmons, T.J., Transition: The combination of career exploration and positive work experience for students with severe disabilities. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, International Conference, juried presentation, San Francisco, November 1995.
- Simmons, T.J., Training transition coordinators: An experiential based graduate program. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, International Conference, juried presentation, San Francisco, November 1995.
- Simmons, T.J., Transition coordinators: An experiential based graduate program. International Conference, Division on Career Development and Transition, juried presentation, Raleigh, NC, October 1995.
- Simmons, T.J., Systems change at the local level: Interventions for transition. The Project Directors' Ninth Annual National Meeting on Transition, juried presentation, Washington, D.C., June 1994.
- Simmons, T.J., Teachers as Transition Coordinators: Achieving Outcomes through Linkages. Transition and Communication Consortium on Learning Disabilities, State Conference, March 1994.
- Simmons, T.J., Involving consumers in the process of planning, Association for Persons in Supported Employment, National Conference, juried presentation, June 1994.
- Simmons, T.J., A "User-Friendly" model of Transition: Material and In service Training You Can Employ, Ohio Federation Council for Exceptional Children State Conference, juried presentation, November 1993.
- Simmons, T.J., Rehabilitation Professionals and Transition Planning: Achieving Outcomes Through Linkages, Ohio Rehabilitation Association State Conference, juried presentation, November 1993.
- Simmons, T.J., Developing Statewide Transition Initiatives through Collaboration at State and Local Levels, National Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps National Conference, juried presentation, November 1993.

- Simmons, T.J., Planning and Expanding Positive Futures for Youth with Disabilities, Division on Career Development of CEC 7 th International Conference, juried presentation, Albuquerque, NM, October 1993.
- Simmons, T.J., Collaboration of relevant participants in transition programs: Model interventions strategies. The Project Directors' Eighth Annual National Meeting on Transition, juried presentation, Washington, D.C., June 1993.
- Simmons, T.J., Employers as a resource to the planning process, Association for Persons in Supported Employment, National Conference, juried presentation, June 1993.
- Simmons, T.J., The Transition Outreach Project (TOP) Model for ITP planning in Ohio. Ohio Federation Council for Exceptional Children, juried presentation, December 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., Developing and Employer advisory board and interagency core transition team: Developing connections to benefit youth with severe handicaps. National Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, juried presentation, November 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., Ohio's transition in-service training program: Connecting services and outcomes fir youth with severe handicaps. National Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, juried presentation, November 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., Employers, adult service, and schools: Interventions for transition. The Project Directors' Seventh Annual National Meeting on Transition, juried presentation, Washington, D.C., June 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., The Kent State University research and training program in transition, Ohio Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, juried presentation, February 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., The Transition Outreach Project (TOP) Model for ITP planning in Ohio. Ohio Association for Persons With Severe Handicaps, juried presentation, February 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., Transition planning: Developing a practical approach to transitional planning. Ohio Association of Supervisors and Work-Study Coordinators, juried presentation, April 1992.
- Simmons, T.J., The Kent State University research and training program in transition, Ohio Rehabilitation Association State Conference, juried presentation, September 1991.
- Simmons, T.J., Interdisciplinary supported employment coordinator training program, Ohio Rehabilitation Association State Conference, juried presentation, September 1991.
- Simmons, T.J., Transition training for professionals and families dealing with persons with severe disabilities: Issues, procedures, results, and future trends, Sixth International Conference on Career Development of Exceptional Children, juried presentation,

September 1991.

Simmons, T.J., Interdisciplinary transitional services: A field-based model. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (State), juried presentation, March 1990.

Simmons, T.J., Transition employer network: An approach to developing appropriate employment options for transitioning from school to work for students with severe disabilities. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (State), juried presentation, March 1990.

Simmons, T.J., Transition employer network: An approach to developing appropriate employment options for transitioning from school to work for students with severe disabilities. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (National), juried presentation, December 1989.

Simmons, T.J., The Stark County Developmental Disabilities Job Project: An approach to providing supported employment to persons with severe orthopedic and other developmental disabilities. Professional Association on Retardation, State conference, juried presentation, November 1988.

Simmons, T.J., Vocational programming for persons with severe disabilities: Programming in the community and sheltered environments. Two 1/2 day workshops for the Ohio Interagency Training Network for Developmental Disabilities, juried presentation, October 1988.

Simmons, T.J., Direct service system change for providers of employment programs to the severely and profoundly handicapped. Five day In-service on innovative design and change over from a segregated to an integrated vocational model of service. Invited presentation, Lake County Board of MR/DD, April 1988.

Simmons, T.J., Interdisciplinary field-based training in transitional services for severely handicapped youth. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (National) juried presentation, November 1988.

Simmons, T.J., Traditional vs. innovative service models for transitioning severe and profoundly handicapped persons into employment. In-service to Washington County Board of MR/DD Services, juried presentation, April 1988.

Simmons, T.J., Interdisciplinary field-based training in transitional services for severely handicapped youth. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (State), juried presentation, March 1988.

Simmons, T.J., Training for work/employment models. Summer Institute on the Topic of Transition Sponsored by MEO-SERRC (Mid-Eastern Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center) and the Integrated Services Project. July 1987

- Simmons, T.J., Transitional services models for individuals with severe handicaps. Division of Career Development of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference (National), juried presentation, September 1987.
- Simmons, T.J., Interdisciplinary field-based training in transitional services for severely handicapped youth. College of Education Collegiality Conference, juried presentation, February 1987.
- Simmons, T.J., Sheltered workshops: Problems and solutions. College of Education Collegiality Conference, juried presentation, February 1987.
- Simmons, T.J., Interdisciplinary field-based training in transitional services for severely handicapped youth. The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (National), juried presentation, October 1987.
- Simmons, T.J., Co-instructor of four one-week-long university workshops on Behavior Management, Ohio State University. Summer 1982.
- Simmons, T.J., Research in service of service, The Association for the Severely Handicapped (National), juried presentation, October 1981.
- Simmons, T.J., Behavior management principles, Workshop of Behavior Analysis, Kent State University. Spring 1981.
- Simmons, T.J., Technology in language and special education, Workshop In Neuro-Developmental Therapy, Children Medical Center of Akron. Summer 1981.
- Simmons, T.J., Technology and special education, Workshop In Neuro Developmental Therapy, Children's Medical Center of Akron. Summer 1980.
- Simmons, T.J., Assistant instructor for Behavior Management seminars, Kent State University. Spring and Summer 1978.

IX Service

A. Committee Memberships,

Kentucky

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE COMMITTEES

- IRIG Committee
- Faculty Grievance Committee

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES

- Technology Committee
- Task Force For The Revision Of Masters And Rank Programs (1996)
- Task Force For Community Programs And Partnerships (1996)
- Curriculum Committee (1995 & 1996)

TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- MSD interview committee
- Policy review committee

EDPS DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- Doctoral Admissions Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- LBD Revision Committee

KENTUCKY STATE/REGIONAL COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Institution of Higher Education Consortium, Steering Committee Member, Cooperative Multi-University initiative to address teacher education issues and special education.
- Inter-agency Transition Planning Team for KIPDA, Regional planning board for nine county region surrounding Jefferson County Kentucky, 1995 to present.
- Kentucky Systems Change Project Advisory Board, Advisory board designed to facilitate development of state-wide improvements in services for persons with severe disabilities, 1995 to present.
- Council for Retarded Citizens' Education Committee, Committee designed to promote improved programs and services for people with severe disabilities, 1995 to present.
- State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children Sub-committees, Advises the governor on the development of services for students with disabilities, 1995 to present.
- School to Work and Community Task Force, 1996 to present.
- Kentucky Transition Planning Council, Statewide Council, 1996 to present
- Thomas Jefferson Middle School Site Based Decision-Making Council (SBDM) 7/97 to 99.
- Seneca High School SBDM 7/97 to 98.
- President, State of Kentucky's Division of Mental Retardation for the International Council of Exceptional Children, 1996 to present.
- Vice-President and Board Member, Kentucky Chapter of the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH), 7/97 to present.

Committee Memberships, Ohio

- Advisory Board Member, Ohio's Futures Forum, Goal 4, Designed to oversee the improvement of Ohio's schools in the area of Transition services, 1990 to 1995.
- Advisory Board Member, Ohio's Futures Forum, Goal 8, Designed to oversee the improvement of Ohio's schools in the area of evaluation and program development, 1990

to 1995.

- Technical Assistance Planning Board Member, Ohio's System Change Project, Provides oversight and training to local, regional, and state programs related to transition services, 1992 to 1995.
- Advisory Board Member, Ohio's Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities advisory group for systems change and review of policies, 1993 to 1995.
- Technical Assistance Planning Board Member, Ohio's Supported Employment System Change Project, Provides oversight and training to local, regional, and state programs related to supported employment services, 1993 to 1995.

B. Professional Organizations

- American Association of Mental Retardation
- The Council of Exceptional Children
 - Division for Children with Behavior Disorders
 - Division of Research
 - Division of Developmental Disabilities (KY Chapter President)
 - Division of Teacher Education
 - Division on Career Development and Transition (KY Chapter President)
 - Division of Learning Disabilities
 - Division of Assistive Technology
- The Association for persons with Severe Handicaps, Vice-President, KY chapter
- National Rehabilitation Association
- Association for Persons in Supported Employment
- US Distance Learning Association
 - President and Treasurer, KY DLA

C. Honors, Awards.

- University Teaching Fellow, Kent State University, 1987.
- Kentucky Colonel, 2002.
- Bill Cox Lifetime Achievement: Disability Awareness Award, 2006.