

## **Lou Anna Kimsey Simon**

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Lou Anna Kimsey Simon will serve as the 20th president of Michigan State University, effective January 1, 2005. She is currently provost and vice president for academic affairs at Michigan State University, a position to which she was appointed in 1993. Simon is one of only nine women to hold the position of chief academic officer among the 62 leading research institutions that compose the Association of American Universities (AAU). She also serves as provost of the Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law.

After earning her doctorate in administration and higher education at MSU in 1974, Simon became a member of the MSU faculty and assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research (now the Office of Planning and Budgets). From there she moved into a variety of administrative roles, including assistant provost for general academic administration and associate provost. Simon has taught graduate seminars in the College of Education on evaluation, planning, and budgeting. Her recent publications have focused on university-community collaboration.

Since 1999, Simon has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), an academic consortium of 12 major teaching and research universities in the Midwest including the 11 institutions that compose the Big Ten, along with the University of Chicago. She was elected chairperson of the CIC in 2000, a position she currently holds. She is also on the board of directors of the Council on International Educational Exchange and the American Council on Education Task Force on the Education of Teachers.

Simon holds a BA in mathematics and a MS in student personnel and counseling, both from Indiana State University.