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June 19-23

Education Forum
Wednesday, June 19
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Finlandia University
Finnish American
Heritage Center

Models and Methods: Exploring the Promise of New Directions and Practices in K-12 Education

Finland's excellent educational system has won international accolades over the past ten years. Participants in this Education Forum at FinnFest USA 2013 will have the opportunity to learn about the unique features of the Finnish system.

This full-day international education forum intends to advance critical reflection on matters relevant and helpful to education professionals. It will bring together leading voices from Finland, Michigan, and elsewhere to discuss K-12 educational models and pedagogical methods that are making a difference today. The venue for the education forum is Finlandia University's Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock, Michigan.

The Forum will be anchored by Finland's leading education change activist, Dr. Pasi Sahlberg, author of *Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland?* Other nation-leading thinkers and practitioners from within Finland's school system and teacher education programs will participate in the forum and in other FinnFest presentations.

Complementing the June 19 forum are three additional presentations on June 20 and June 21 which are open to all FinnFest registrants and forum participants. These lively discussions will be held at three area schools and explore topics such as Finnish high school design and a typical day in a Finnish elementary school.

Cost: \$25/person
Lunch included

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available
Book signing with Pasi Sahlberg

For more information, visit www.finnfestusa2013.org or call Finlandia's Office of the President at 906-487-7201.



Featuring Pasi Sahlberg

Honored Guests
Her Excellency, Ambassador
Ritva Koukku-Ronde
Consul General Jukka Pietikäinen



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Pasi Sahlberg



Patrik Scheinin



Maria Teresa Tatto



Marja-Liisa Tenhunen



Ilona Leimu



Anne Shadrick



Ulla Tervo-Desnick



Tuula Scheinin

Pasi Sahlberg is director general of CIMO (Centre for International Mobility) in Helsinki, Finland. He is experienced in classroom teaching, training teachers and leaders, coaching schools, and advising education policy-makers around the world. Sahlberg is an international speaker and writer of more than 300 keynote speeches and over 100 articles, chapters, and books on education. His book, *Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland?* (2011), won the 2013 Grawemeyer Award in Finland and the 2011 Upton Sinclair Award in the United States.

Patrik Scheinin is a professor of education and the dean of the Faculty of Behavioural Sciences at the University of Helsinki. He is the chair of the Finnish Matriculation Examination Board, and he serves on the boards of the Helsinki University Collegium for Advanced Studies, the Open University of Helsinki, and the Helsinki Area Summer University. Scheinin is a founding member of the Centre for Educational Assessment at the University of Helsinki.

Maria Teresa Tatto is an associate professor in the College of Education at Michigan State University. She has an Ed.D. in Policy Analysis and Evaluation Research in Education and International Development from Harvard University. She serves as executive director and principal investigator for the Teacher Education and Development Study in Mathematics (TEDS-M), the first International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) comparative large-scale study to examine the institutions, processes, and outcomes of teacher education.

Marja-Liisa Tenhunen was president and managing director of Central Ostrobothnia University of Applied Sciences from 1995 to 2012. She received her doctorate in economics from Jyväskylä University. Tenhunen is currently an international consultant specializing in, among other fields, business and education cooperation and internationalization. She is a frequent lecturer on structure and curricula in Finland.

Ilona Leimu is an elementary teacher in Kokkola, Finland. She teaches content and language integrated learning to students ages seven to ten at the Hollihaka School. Leimu's holistic approach to education is theme-based learning, which incorporates art, music, and fitness in the curriculum. Leimu received a master of education from Oulu University.

Tuula Scheinin is an elementary teacher from Helsinki. She has taught Grades 1-6 (7-12) for over 30 years. Her subject expertise includes Mathematics, History, Chemistry, Physics, Art, Music, Ethics, and Finnish. She has served as Deputy Head (Vice Principal) for 17 years and helps shape administrative practices and school reform. Ruoholahti Comprehensive School was selected by the Ministry of Education and Culture as a school for international visitors seeking to understand more about Finland's education system.

Anne Shadrick is a third grade teacher in Farmington, Minnesota. She has taught first, second, and third grade at Akin Road Elementary School since 2000. Shadrick is a founder of the Finnish Language School of Minnesota and instructs six- to eight-year-olds there. Shadrick received her master of education degree from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 2010.

Ulla Tervo-Desnick is an elementary school teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has taught at Expo Elementary for fifteen years, and taught in Finland during the 1995-1996 school year. She incorporates movement, music, and the visual arts into her teaching. Tervo-Desnick received her master of education from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

Forum Schedule

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome Opening Remarks | President Philip Johnson Ambassador Ritva Koukku-Ronde |
| 9 a.m. | Session I | Pasi Sahlberg |
| 10:30 a.m. | Session II: Teacher Education Models | Patrik Scheinin Maria Teresa Tatto |
| 12 noon | Luncheon and Table Discussions | Marja-Liisa Tenhunen |
| 1:15 p.m. | Special Greetings | Consul General Jukka Pietikäinen |
| 1:30 p.m. | Overview of Finland's Education System | Marja-Liisa Tenhunen |
| 2 p.m. | Session III: Teaching Methods | Panel Discussion Ilona Leimu Anne Shadrick Tuula Scheinin Ulla Tervo-Desnick |
| 3:15 p.m. | Break | |
| 3:30 p.m. | Session IV: New Directions... beyond <i>Finnish Lessons</i> | Pasi Sahlberg |
| 4:30 p.m. | Closing | |