

Lou Anna K. Simon, the 20th president of Michigan State University, leads the university's work to advance the common good in Michigan and around the world. She began her career at MSU after earning her doctorate there in 1974. Prior to her appointment as president in 2005, Simon held a variety of administrative roles, including assistant provost for general academic administration, associate provost, and provost and vice president for academic affairs.

As president, Simon has engaged MSU in a strategic and transformative journey to adapt the principles of the land-grant tradition to 21st-century challenges. She has expanded MSU's reach in the state and around the world by focusing the university's strengths on solutions that enhance and protect quality of life: clean and affordable energy, access to education, safe and plentiful food, and health care.