

Michael Sampson, PhD

Dr. Michael Sampson is the Dean of the School of Education at St. John's University (SJU) in New York City. Since arriving there, Sampson has led his college into the top 100 ranked graduate schools of education in the nation as ranked by US News and World Report. He has also led his team in establishing a nationally recognized clinical based undergraduate teacher education program in collaboration with the New York City public schools, and created new study abroad partnerships for his students in Italy, France, China, and Australia.

His leadership in New York includes the SJU campuses in Manhattan, Staten Island, Queens, and Long Island. Sampson came to St. John's from Northern Arizona University, where he was dean of the College of Education and provided administrative and curricular leadership for academic centers in Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson. In addition, he built partnerships with the Navajo and Tohono O'odham Nations, as well as other Indigenous tribes throughout Arizona.

Prior to his Arizona deanship, Sampson served as dean of the School of Education at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut; coordinator of reading education and chair of the university Graduate Council at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg; and as chair of Curriculum and Instruction at Texas A&M University – Commerce, where he also directed doctoral programs.

Dr. Sampson's leadership in professional organizations includes service as state president of the Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading; national board member of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE); and state board member of the Arizona K-12 Center. Also in Texas, he was appointed to and served on the State Board of Educator Certification and the Teachers Professional Practices Commission.

A first-generation college student, he received his PhD from the University of Arizona; a Masters of Education from East Texas State University as well as his Bachelor of Science degree. A prolific author, Sampson has written university textbooks, been published in leading peer-reviewed journals, and developed curriculum materials. He served as the AACTE board liaison to *The Journal of Teacher Education* and on the editorial board of *The Reading Professor*. In addition, he is an award-winning author with Bill Martin, Jr., of 30 children's books, including New York Times bestsellers *Chicka, Chicka, 1,2,3*, and *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?* He has led professional development workshops for more than 100,000 teachers across 30 states, and presented to children and teachers in schools around the world, including Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America.