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Prior to joining the KIPP SoCal team, Mr. Simmerman ran programs for the Jacobs Institute at the University of San Diego and was the Head of Partnerships at Teach For America – San Diego. As part of the Teach For America – San Diego launch team, he played an integral role in building an inclusive organizational environment and was a leader on issues of allyship and listening to understand.

Mr. Simmerman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising from Pepperdine University in 2008 and his Master's in Education from CUNY – Lehman College while he taught 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade English at a small bilingual high school in the South Bronx as a Teach For America corps member. After returning home to San Diego, he worked with Reality Changers, was part of the inaugural cohort of the RISE San Diego Urban Leadership Fellows Program, graduated from LEAD San Diego's Impact program in 2015, completed the Trans-Border Opportunities Certificate Program at USD, and was named to *San Diego Metropolitan Magazine's* 40 Under 40 list of leaders in 2018.