

International Expert On Corporate Gender Diversity Joins Simmons School of Management Faculty



BOSTON (October 2, 2013) — One of the world's leading experts in corporate gender diversity has been appointed the Deloitte Ellen Gabriel Chair for Women and Leadership at the [Simmons College School of Management](#). [Susan Vinnicombe](#), OBE, Ph.D, an elected Fellow of the distinguished British Academy of Management and a 2005 recipient of an Order of the British Empire (OBE) for her Services to Diversity for the Queen's New Year's Honours List, will focus on why more women are not advancing onto corporate boards in the United States. At Simmons, Dr. Vinnicombe also will support the creation of unique programming related to corporate board gender diversity and develop custom research through the Simmons College Center for [Gender in Organizations](#). A renowned leader, author, and voice for women's leadership and corporate gender diversity, Dr. Vinnicombe is the director of the [International Centre for Women Leaders at Cranfield University in England](#). The centre's annual [Female FTSE \(Financial Times–Stock Exchange\) Report](#) is the benchmark for measuring all women directors on corporate boards in the United Kingdom, and is widely recognized as the premier research

resource on women directors there. Dr. Vinnicombe has written 10 books and more than 100 articles, reports, and conference papers. Her latest book, *Handbook of Research on Promoting Women's Careers* (with R. Burke, S. Blake-Beard and L. Moore), is published by Edward Elgar. Dr. Vinnicombe has consulted for organizations in more than 20 countries including the UAE, the Philippines, Trinidad, Nigeria, Australia, and New Zealand on how best to attract, retain, and develop women executives. She is the founder and chair of the judges for [Women in the City Awards](#) and a judge for the [Sunday Times best NEDs](#) (non-executive director) of the year awards. She is Vice Patron of the charity [Working Families](#) and is also a visiting professor of [Curtin University](#), Graduate Business School, Perth, Australia. Dr. Vinnicombe is a member of the Davies Steering Committee. Dr. Vinnicombe received a master's degree from the University of Lancaster and her Ph.D. from Manchester Business School. The Simmons School of Management is ranked the #1 MBA program with the "Greatest Opportunity for Women" by The Princeton Review in its 2013 guidebook of "[The Best 296 Business Schools](#)." As the first and only business school in the United States designed specifically to advance women in their careers the Simmons College School of Management offers all the components of a rigorous MBA, as well as a specific focus on educating women for power and principled leadership. Follow us on Twitter at [@SimmonsMGT](#) and [@SimmonsNews](#).