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THURSDAY MARCH 8, 2012

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Workshops
Workshops require an additional fee.

Workshop A
Quantile Regression: Moving Beyond Mean Impacts
Marianne Bitler, University of California - Irvine
Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Workshop B
Intervention Fidelity: Models, Methods, and Applications
Chris Hulleman, James Madison University
Roosevelt

Workshop C
Unpacking the Black Box of Causality: The Latest Developments in Mediation Analysis
Kosuke Imai, Princeton University
Executive Forum

Workshop D
Modeling the Variability and Inconsistency of Treatment Effects
Spyros Konstantopoulos, Michigan State University
Latrobe

Workshop E
Using Instrumental Variables in Education Research
Sean F. Reardon, Stanford University
Culpeper

Workshop F
Applying Regression Discontinuity Designs to Measure Treatment Effects
Petra Todd, University of Pennsylvania
Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Program Committee Lunch
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session 1

**1A. Early Childhood Education Symposium**
Enhancing Executive Function and Achievement in Prekindergarten Classrooms:
The Effectiveness of Tools of the Mind
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Organizer: Dale Farran, Vanderbilt University

*Experimental Evaluation of the Tools of the Mind Preschool Curriculum*
Sandra Jo Wilson & Dale C. Farran, Vanderbilt University

*Comparing Skills-Focused and Self-Regulation Focused Preschool Curricula: Impacts on Academic and Self-Regulatory Skills*
Christopher J. Lonigan & Beth M. Phillips, Florida State University

*The Efficacy of an Intervention Synthesizing Scaffolding Designed to Promote Self Regulation with an Early Mathematics Curriculum: Effects on Executive Function*
Douglas H. Clements & Julie Sarama, University at Buffalo, and Carolyn Layzer, Abt Associates

*Tools of the Mind: Promoting the School Readiness of ELLs*
Carol Scheffner Hammer, Temple University, Clancy Blair, New York University, Lisa Lopez, University of South Florida, Deborah Leong, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and Elena Bodrova, McREL

Discussant: Greg J. Duncan, University of California, Irvine

**1B. Classroom Instruction and Context**
Reading Intervention, Comprehension, and Argumentation
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Chair: Catherine Snow, Harvard University

*Efficacy of an Individualized Reading Intervention with Secondary Students*
Greg Roberts, University of Texas - Austin, Jade Wexler, University of Maryland - College Park, Sharon Vaughn & Anna-Maria Fall, University of Texas - Austin, Nicole Pyle, Utah State University, and Jacob Williams, University of Texas - Austin

*Evaluation of the Content Literacy Continuum: Report on Program Impacts*
William Corrin, MDRC, James L. Lindsay & Coby V. Meyers, American Institutes for Research, Marie-Andree Somers & Nathan E. Myers, MDRC, Chris A. Condon, American Institutes for Research, and Janell Smith, MDRC

*Multilevel Models for Estimating the Effect of Implementing Argumentation-Based Elementary Science Instruction*
Mack Shelley, Joan Baenziger, Christopher Gonwa-Reeves, & Ashley Seefeld, Iowa State University, Brian Hand, William Therrien, Mary Grace Villanueva, & Jonte Taylor, University of Iowa

*Components of Reading Comprehension: What Dominates at What Grade?*
Barbara R. Foorman, Yaacov Petscher, Chris Schatschneider, & Richard K. Wagner, Florida State University

**1C. Post-Secondary Education Invited Symposium**
Complexity and Consequences of Using Economic Incentives to Increase College Student Performance
Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Organizer: Sara Goldrick-Rab, University of Wisconsin - Madison

*Where Are the Adolescent Econometricians? Lessons from Wisconsin Scholars Longitudinal Study*
Sara Goldrick-Rab, University of Wisconsin - Madison

*It’s Hard to Give Money Away: Incentivizing Community College Students to Increase Their Academic Momentum*
Paul Attewell, CUNY

*Can Merit Aid Programs Reduce Academic Effort?*
David Mustard, University of Georgia

*Reflections from the Field: Emerging Lessons from Implementing Financial Aid Interventions*
Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, MDRC

Discussant: Michal Kurlaender, University of California - Davis
1D. Education Policy Symposium
Access to Algebra I:
The Effects of Online Mathematics for Grade 8 Students
Culpeper

Organizer: Jessica Heppen, American Institutes for Research

Virtual Algebra Study: Design and Measures
Jessica Heppen, American Institutes for Research

Virtual Algebra Study: Intervention Overview and Implementation Results
Peggy Clements, Education Development Center, Kirk Walters, American Institutes for Research, and Cheryl Tobey, Education Development Center

Virtual Algebra Study: Summary of Findings
Ann-Marie Faria & Nicholas Sorensen, American Institutes for Research

Discussant: Julie Edmunds, University of North Carolina - Greensboro

1E. Education Policy Symposium
Examining the “Black Box” of Charter School Impacts: What Works and for Whom?
Roosevelt

Organizer: Natalya Verbitsky-Savitz, Mathematica Policy Research

Factors Associated with Charter School Impacts on Student Achievement
Philip Gleason, Melissa Clark, & Christina Tuttle, Mathematica Policy Research

Student Achievement in Massachusetts Charter Schools
Joshua D. Angrist, MIT; Sarah Cohodes, Harvard University, Susan M. Dynarski, University of Michigan, Jon B. Fullerton & Thomas J. Kane, Harvard University, Parag A. Pathak & Christopher R. Walters, MIT

Achievement Effects of Charter-School Management Organizations
Natalya Verbitsky-Savitz, Joshua Furgeson, Joshua Haimson, Alexandra Killewald, Moira McCullough, Ira Nichols-Barrer, & Bing-ru Teh, Mathematica Policy Research

Charter School Authorizers and Student Achievement
Ron Zimmer, Vanderbilt University, Brian Gill, Mathematica Policy Research, Jonathon Artridge, Vanderbilt University, and Kaitlin Obenauf, Michigan State University

Discussant: Mark Berends, University of Notre Dame

1F. Evaluating Interventions in Developing Countries Symposium
Accountability Reforms in Developing Countries
Latrobe

Organizer: Harry Patrinos, World Bank

Parental Empowerment in Mexico: Randomized Experiment of the “Apoyos a La Gestion Escolar” Program in Rural Primary Schools in Mexico
Paul Gertler, University of California - Berkeley, Harry Anthony Patrinos, World Bank, and Eduardo Rodriguez-Orejiga, Monterey Institute of Technology and Higher Education

Paying Teachers to Perform: The Impact of Bonus Pay in Pernambuco, Brazil
Barbara Bruns, World Bank, and Claudio Ferraz, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Long-Term Effects of Teacher Performance Pay: Experimental Evidence from India
Karthik Muralidharan, University of California - San Diego, and Venkatesh Sundararaman, World Bank

Discussant: Halsey Rogers, World Bank

1G. Research Methods Invited Symposium
i3 Evaluation Executive Forum

Organizer: Henry May, University of Pennsylvania

Examining Variation in Achievement Impacts Across the Kipp Network of Charter Schools
Philip Gleason, Christina Tuttle, & Josh Ferguson, Mathematica Policy Research

Design of Teach for America i3 Scale-Up Study
Melissa Clark, Eric Isenberg, & MaryKate Zukiewicz, Mathematica Policy Research

Understanding Variation in Implementation of SFA in the i3 Scale-Up Project
Janet Quint, Pei Zhu, & Fred Doolittle, MDRC

Exploring Treatment Variation in the Scale-Up of Reading Recovery
Henry May, University of Pennsylvania, and Jerry D’Agostino, Ohio State University

Discussant: Stephen Raudenbush, University of Chicago
1H. Research Methods
Improving Methods for Measuring School and Teacher Effectiveness

Gallery 3 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Chair: Sean Corcoran, New York University

Reducing Bias in Teacher Value-Added Estimates by Accounting for Test Measurement Error
J.R. Lockwood & Daniel F. McCaffrey, RAND

A Fay-Herriot Estimator to Improve the Mean Squared Error of Teacher Value-Added Estimates
Bing Han, RAND

Test Score Measurement Error, Short-Term Knowledge, and Lagged Dependent Variables in Models of the Education Production Function
Brian Stacy, Michigan State University

1I. Research Methods
New Research in the Development, Validation, and Prediction of Measures of Student Achievement and Educator Performance

Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: Geoffrey Borman, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Academically Relevant Measures of Executive Function: Development and Validation of Assessments for Preschool Children
Kimberly Turner, Mark W. Lipsey, Mary Wagner Fuhs, Elizabeth Vorhaus, & Deanna Meador, Vanderbilt University

Predicting Student Achievement with the Education Production-Function and Per-Pupil Expenditure: Synthesizing Regression Models from 1968-1994
Therese D. Pigott, Ryan T. Williams, Joshua R. Polanin, & Meng-Jia Wu-Bohanon, Loyola University Chicago

Comparability and Reliability Considerations of Adequate Yearly Progress
Kimberly Maier, Tapabrata Maiti, Sarat Dass, & Chae Young Lim, Michigan State University

Break

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM: Session 2

2A. Early Childhood Education Invited Symposium
Understanding Short- and Long-Term Impacts of Interventions in Early Childhood: Compositional and Peer Effects

Executive Forum

Organizer: Stephanie Jones, Harvard University

The Role of Peer Composition in Short- and Long-Term Effects of the Chicago School Readiness Project
Monica Yudron & Stephanie Jones, Harvard University, and Cybele Raver, New York University

School and Classroom Compositional Effects on Child Outcomes: A Latent Class Analysis
Kristen Bub & Larissa K. Ferretti, Auburn University

Does Head Start Do Any Lasting Good?
Chloe Gibbs & Jens Ludwig, University of Chicago, and Douglas L. Miller, University of California - Davis

Discussant: Cybele Raver, New York University

2B. Classroom Instruction and Context
Math Intervention and Algebra Learning

Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: Brian Bryant, University of Texas - Austin

Variation in Student Algebra Achievement Levels by Classroom Instruction and Teacher Backgrounds: Results from a Randomized Trial of Two Algebra Sequences for Underprepared Freshmen
Nettie Legters, Vaughan Byrnes, & Robert Balfanz, Johns Hopkins University

How Curriculum and Students’ Algebra Readiness Influence Time Teachers Spend on Traditional and Reform-Oriented Mathematics Activities
Julia Kaufman, Carnegie Mellon University, Rita Karam & John Pane, RAND, and Brian Junker, Carnegie Mellon University

Impact and Implementation Analyses of the ELM Kindergarten Mathematics Intervention
Christian Dablier & Scott K. Baker, University of Oregon, Keith Smolkowski, Oregon Research Institute, Hank Fien, Ben Clarke, & Mari Strand Cary, University of Oregon, and David Chard, Southern Methodist University

Differences in Fidelity of Implementation Measures: What Videos and Surveys Reveal About Algebra Instruction
Kelley Durkin, Vanderbilt University, Courtney Pollack & Jon R. Star, Harvard University, and Bethany Rittle-Johnson, Vanderbilt University
2C. Teacher Preparation and Effectiveness
**Identifying and Developing Effective Teachers and Principals**
Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: James Kemple, Research Alliance for New York City Schools

**What Promotes Teacher Development?**
*Examining the Effect of the Professional Environment on the Productivity Growth of Teachers*
Matthew Kraft, Harvard University, and John Papay, Brown University

**Different Skills: Identifying Differentially Effective Teachers of English Language Learners**
Ben Master, Susanna Loeb, & Camille Whitney, Stanford University,
and James Wyckoff, University of Virginia

**The Misattribution of Summers in Teacher Value-Added**
Allison Atteberry, University of Virginia

**Improving Principal Leadership Through Feedback and Coaching**
Leonard Bickman, Ellen Goldring, Ana Regina De Andrade, Carolyn Breda, & Peter Goff, Vanderbilt University

2D. Education Policy
**Academic Achievement Gaps: Policy Responses**
Gallery 3 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Chair: Neil Finkelstein, WestEd

**Accountability Pressure, Academic Standards, and Educational Triage**
Douglas Lauen & S. Michael Gaddis, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

**Trends in Academic Achievement Gaps in the Era of No Child Left Behind**
Sean F. Reardon, Erica Greenberg, Demetra Kalogrides, Kenneth A. Shore, & Rachel A. Valentino, Stanford University

**The Impact of the Threat of School Sanctions:**
*A Regression Discontinuity Study of Being on a Probationary List*
Guan K. Saw, I-Chien Chen, Barbara L. Schneider, & Kenneth A. Frank, Michigan State University

**Differential Impacts of Intensive District-Level Technical Assistance on Student Achievement:**
*A Study of California’s District Assistance and Intervention Teams*
Andrew McEachin & Katharine O. Strunk, University of Southern California

2E. Education Policy
**Examining the Heterogeneity of Effects of School Choice**
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Chair: Rob Olsen, Abt Associates

**Explaining Charter School Effectiveness**
Joshua Angrist, Parag Pathak, & Christopher Walters, MIT

**Heterogeneity in the Effectiveness of Charter Schools: A Case Study of the Milwaukee Public School System**
Hiren Nisar, Abt Associates, Curtis Jones & Robert Meyer, University of Wisconsin - Madison

**The Impact of High School Choice on Mediators of Student Success**
Sean Corcoran, Lori Nathanson, & James Kemple, New York University

**Using Simulation to Understand Consistency in Treatment Effects: An Application to School Choice**
Spiro Maroulis, Arizona State University, Eytan Bakshy, Facebook, Louis Gomez, University of California - Los Angeles, and Uri Wilensky, Northwestern University

2F. Post-Secondary Education Panel
**Hitting the Ground Running? Strengthening the Initial Experiences of Community College Students**
Latrobe

Moderator: Thomas Bailey, Columbia University

Clive Belfield, Queens College, CUNY

Thomas Brock, MDRC

Heather Wathington, University of Virginia

2G. Evaluating Interventions in Developing Countries
**The Effects of Credit Constraints, Single-Sex Schools, and Vouchers on Educational Gaps**
*Culpeper*

Chair: Tahir Andrabi, Pomona College

**Credit Constraints for Higher Education**
Alex Solis, University of California - Berkeley

**Single-Sex Schools, Student Achievement, and Course Selection:**
*Evidence from Rule-Based Student Assignments in Trinidad and Tobago*
C. Kirabo Jackson, Northwestern University

**Long, Long Term Effects of Vouchers for Private Schooling in Colombia**
Juan Esteban Stavedra, RAND, Eric Bettinger, Stanford University, Michael Kremer, Harvard University, and Maurice Kugler, World Bank
2H. Research Methods Symposium
Statistical Approaches to Studying Mediator Effects in Education Research:
Bayesian Estimation Vs. Weighted Analysis Under Principal Stratification
Roosevelt

Organizer: Guanglei Hong, University of Chicago

Principal Stratification as a Framework for Investigating Mediatric Processes in Experimental Settings
Lindsay Page, Harvard University

Weighting Methods for Assessing Policy Effects Mediated by Peer Change
Guanglei Hong & Takako Nomi, University of Chicago

Discussant: Elizabeth Stuart, Johns Hopkins University

Discussant: Michael Sobel, Columbia University

2I. Research Methods Symposium
Analysis and Meta-Analysis of Single-Case Designs
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Organizer: William Shadish, University of California - Merced

A D-Estimator for Single-Case Designs
William Shadish, University of California - Merced, Larry Hedges &
James Pustejovsky, Northwestern University, and David Rindskopf, CUNY

A Simple Effect Size Estimator for Single Case Designs Using WinBUGS
David Rindskopf, CUNY, and William Shadish, University of California - Merced

Multilevel Synthesis of Single-Case Experimental Data: An Empirical Validation
William Van den Noortgate, Mariola Moeyaert, & Maaike Ugille, Catholic University of Leuven,
Tasha Beretvas, University of Texas - Austin, and John Ferron, University of South Florida

Effect Size Measure and Analysis of Single Subject Designs
Harirhan Swaminathan, University of Connecticut, Robert H. Horner, University of Oregon,
H. Jane Rogers & George Sugai, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Sam Odom, University of North Carolina

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Welcome & Opening Address - Fairmont Ballroom

Welcome & Introduction
Larry Hedges
SREE President

Opening Address
Impact Variation:
How Do You Know It When You See It?
Howard Bloom
Chief Social Scientist
MDRC

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Reception - Fairmont Colonnade
Sponsor: American Institutes for Research

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Graduate Student Reception - Roosevelt

Break
FRIDAY MARCH 9, 2012

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM: Session 3

3A. Classroom Instruction and Context Invited Symposium
Reading for Understanding: Developing Interventions from Pre-K to Secondary Grades
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Organizer: Sharon Vaughn, University of Texas - Austin

Key Components of Comprehension: Developing Targeted Interventions
Carol Connor & Christopher Lonigan, Florida State University

Improving Listening Comprehension in PreK through Grade 3 Settings:
Conceptual Bases of Language-Based Interventions
Laura Justice, Ohio State University

Supporting Middle Grade Students’ Comprehension and Academic Language Skills with Discussion
Catherine Snow & Paola Uccelli, Harvard University

Promoting Text Reading and Learning through Team Based Learning
Sharon Vaughn, University of Texas - Austin

Discussant: Susan Goldman, University of Illinois - Chicago

3B. Teacher Preparation and Effectiveness Invited Symposium
Multiple Measures of Effective Teaching
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Organizer: Steven Cantrell, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Using Long-Term Vs. Short-Term Value-Added to Assess Teacher Effectiveness
Thomas Kane, Harvard University, and Douglas Staiger, Dartmouth College

Teacher Knowledge and Teacher Effectiveness
Drew Gitomer, Rutgers University, and Geoffrey Phelps, University of Michigan

Observational Measures and Teacher Effectiveness
Robert Pianta & Bridget Hamre, University of Virginia

Constructing Composite Measures of Teacher Effectiveness
Kata Mihaly & Daniel McCaffrey, RAND

Discussant: John Tyler, Brown University

3C. Post-Secondary Education
Improving College Access and Transition
Salgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: David Mustard, University of Georgia

Effects of College Access Programs on College Readiness and Enrollment: A Meta-Analysis
Eleanor Harvill, Abt Associates, Rebecca A. Maynard, Institute of Education Sciences, Hoa T. H. Nguyen, Claire Robertson-Kraft, & Namrata Tognatta, University of Pennsylvania

Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Childhood Investments on Postsecondary Attainment and Degree Completion
Susan Dynarski & Joshua Hyman, University of Michigan, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Northwestern University

Ready or Not? California’s Early Assessment Program and the Transition to College
Michal Kurlaender & Jacob Jackson, University of California - Davis, Jessica Howell, College Board, and Eric Grodsky, University of Minnesota

The College Ambition Program: Improving Opportunities for High School Students Transitioning to College
Barbara Schneider, Christopher Khawand, & Justina Judy, Michigan State University

3D. Education Policy Symposium
A Unified Conceptual and Empirical Approach to Understanding Treatment Heterogeneity
Executive Forum

Organizer: Greg Duncan, University of California - Irvine

A Conceptual Approach to Understanding Treatment Heterogeneity in Human Capital Interventions
Greg J. Duncan & Deborah L. Vandell, University of California - Irvine

Preschool Center Quality and Socioemotional Readiness for School: Variation by Demographic and Child Characteristics
Tran Dang Keys, George Farkas, Margaret R. Burchinal, Weilin Li, & Erik A. Ruzek, University of California - Irvine

Distributional Effects of a School Voucher Program: Evidence from New York City
Marianne Bitler, Thurston Domina, & Emily K. Penner, University of California - Irvine

Does Detracking Work? Evidence from a Mathematics Curricular Reform
Thurston Domina, Andrew M. Penner, Emily K. Penner, & AnneMarie Conley, University of California - Irvine

Discussant: Pamela Morris, New York University
3E. Evaluating Interventions in Developing Countries Invited Symposium
Assessing External Validity of Education Interventions in Developing Countries
Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Organizer: Dan Levy, Harvard University

Scaling-Up Proven Education Interventions in Kenya
Justin Sandefur, Center for Global Development

Going Too Fast Is Going Too Slow: Curricular Speed and Learning
Lant Pritchett, Harvard University

Designing Experiments for Better External Validity
Karthik Muralidharan, University of California - San Diego

3F. Research Methods
Power, Sample Size, and Effect Variation Considerations in Designing Multilevel Experiments
Culpeper

Chair: Michael Weiss, MDRC

Detecting Intervention Effects Across Context:
An Examination of the Power of Cluster Randomized Trials
Jessaca Spybrook, Western Michigan University

The Effects of Covariates at Different Levels of the Hierarchy on Power Estimates in Two- and Three-Level Experimental Designs
Spyros Konstantopoulos, Michigan State University

A Method for Improving Power in Cluster Randomized Experiments by Using Prior Information about the Covariance Structure
Chris Rhoads, University of Connecticut

3G. Research Methods
Theories of Causal Inference in Research Design
Gallery 3 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Chair: David Kaplan, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Causal Moderation Analysis Using Propensity Score Methods
Nianbo Dong, Vanderbilt University

Analyzing Regression-Discontinuity Designs with Multiple Assignment Variables: A Comparative Study of Four Estimation Methods
Vivian Wong, Northwestern University, Peter M. Steiner, University of Wisconsin - Madison, and Thomas D. Cook, Northwestern University

Estimators forClustered Education RCTs Using the Neyman Model for Causal Inference
Peter Schochet, Mathematica Policy Research

3H. Research Methods Symposium
Statistical Approaches to Studying Mediator Effects in Education Research: Instrumental Variables Methods for Multi-Site Trials
Roosevelt

Organizer: Sean F. Reardon, Stanford University

Statistical Analysis for Multi-Site Trials Using Instrumental Variables
Stephen W. Raudenbush, University of Chicago, Sean F. Reardon, Stanford University, and Takako Nomi, University of Chicago

Bias and Bias Correction in Multi-Site Instrumental Variables Analysis
Sean F. Reardon, Stanford University, Fatih Unlu, Abt Associates, Pei Zhu & Howard Bloom, MDRC

Discussant: Michael Seltzer, University of California - Los Angeles

Break
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Plenary - Fairmont Ballroom
The Future of Research: The View from NICHD

Alan Guttmacher
Director
National Institute of Child Health & Human Development

Introduction: Peter Schochet, SREE Spring 2012 Program Chair

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch - Fairmont Ballroom
Dessert will be served in the Fairmont Colonnade.

Colonnade (Lobby Level)
The Fairmont Washington, D.C.
4A. Early Childhood Education

1: Recognition & Response: Developing and Evaluating a Model of RTI for Pre-K
Virginia Buysse, Ellen Peisner-Feinberg, & Margaret Burchinal, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

2: Child Emotion Regulation and Attentional Control in Pre-Kindergarten:
Associations with Parental Stress, Parenting Practices, and Parent-Child Interaction Quality
Erin Mathis & Karen Bierman, Pennsylvania State University

3: The Role of Executive Function Skills and Self-Regulation Behaviors
in School Readiness and Adjustment
Tyler R. Sasser, Pennsylvania State University

4: Measuring Quality in Family Child Care Settings with the Child Care Ecology Inventory
Julie C. Rusby, Laura Backen Jones, & Ryann Crowley, Oregon Research Institute

4B. Classroom Instruction and Context

5: Is Patterning Helpful in Children’s Education?
Julie K. Kidd, K. Marinka Gadzichowski, Deborah A. Gallington, Caroline E. Boyer, & Robert Pasnak, George Mason University

6: Development and Evaluation of a Curriculum to Improve Educational and Career Outcomes for High School Girls with Disabilities
Bonnie Doren, Allison Lombardi, & Lauren Lindstrom, University of Oregon, and Jeff Gau, Oregon Research Institute

7: An Examination of Treatment Effects of a First Grade Literacy Intervention
Using a Regression Discontinuity Design
Erin A. Chaparro, University of Oregon, Keith Smolkowski, Oregon Research Institute, Scott K. Baker, Hank Fien, & Jean Louise Mercier Smith, University of Oregon

8: Measuring Teacher Knowledge of Classroom Social Networks:
Convergent and Predictive Validity in Elementary School Classrooms
Rebecca Madill & Scott D. Gest, Pennsylvania State University, and Philip C. Rodkin, University of Illinois - Urbana/Champaign

9: Using Single-Case Design to Explore the Potential Promise of a Tier 2 Math Intervention on Student Mathematics Achievement
Christian Doabler, Mari Strand Cary, Benjamin Clarke, & Kathy Jungjohann, University of Oregon

10: Moderating Effects of School Climate on Outcomes for the Multi-Site Violence Prevention Project Universal Program
Allison Dymnicki, American Institutes of Research, and David Henry, University of Illinois - Chicago

4C. Teacher Preparation and Effectiveness

11: The Development and Evaluation of a Professional Development Model to Build Meaningful and Effective IEPs for Transition-Aged Students
Bonnie Doren, K. Brigid Flannery, & Allison Lombardi, University of Oregon

12: Preliminary Effects of the Incredible Years Teacher Training Program on Classroom Management Skills
Desiree W. Murray, Duke University, Natalie Murr, North Carolina State University, and David L. Rabiner, Duke University

13: MyTeachingPartner: A Professional Development Intervention for Teacher Self-Efficacy
Faiza M. Jamil, University of Virginia

4D. Post-Secondary Education

14: SMART Money: Do Financial Incentives Encourage College Students to Study Science?
Brent Evans, Stanford University

4E. Education Policy

15: High School Disciplinary Responses to Student Truancy:
Findings from a National Sample
Jennifer L. Frank, Pennsylvania State University, K. Brigid Flannery & Mary McGrath Kato, University of Oregon

16: With a Little Help from My Friends’ Parents:
Exploring Socioeconomic Characteristics of Friends and Educational Attainment
Elena Grewal, Cecilia Mo, & Betsy Williams, Stanford University, and Norman Nie, Revolution Analytics

17: Poor Scores, Higher Chance:
Magnet School Effects on Four-Year College Enrollment of Students Across the ACT Spectrum
Claudia Zapata & James Rosenbaum, Northwestern University

18: The Validation of a Student Survey on Teacher Practice
Ryan Balch, Vanderbilt University
**4F. Research Methods**

19: **Time-Indexed Effect Size for P-12 Reading and Math Program Evaluation**  
Jaekyung Lee & Jeremy Finn, University at Buffalo, and Xiaoyan Liu, George Mason University

20: **Learning (Not) to Talk About Race: Investigating What Doctoral Students Learn About Race Variables and Statistical Modeling**  
Michael Armijo, University of Pennsylvania, Valerie Lundy-Wagner, New York University, and Elizabeth Merrill, University of Pennsylvania

21: **Power Analysis for Two-Level Hierarchical Models with Propensity Score Applied to Different Levels**  
Chi Chang & Kimberly S. Maier, Michigan State University

22: **Covariate Balance in a Two-Step Bayesian Propensity Score Approach for Observational Studies**  
Jianshen Chen & David Kaplan, University of Wisconsin - Madison

23: **Building Measures of Instructional Differentiation from Teacher Checklists**  
Ryan Williams, Andrew Swanlund, & Shazia Miller, American Institutes for Research, Spyros Konstantopoulos, Michigan State University, and Arie van der Ploeg, American Institutes for Research

24: **A Multilevel Bi-Factor Framework for the Measurement of Instruction**  
Benjamin Kelcey, Wayne State University, and Joanne Carlisle, University of Michigan

25: **Using a Two-Staged Propensity Score Matching Strategy and Multilevel Modeling to Estimate Treatment Effects in a Multisite Observational Study**  
Jordan Rickles, University of California - Los Angeles

**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Session 5**

**5A. Early Childhood Education**  
**Teacher and Classroom-Level Moderators of the Impact of Teacher-Directed Instructional Interventions**  
Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: Stephanie Jones, Harvard University

Immigrant Status and Acculturation as Moderators of Achievement Outcomes in a Randomized Controlled Trial of ParentCorps/TeacherCorps in Urban Elementary Schools  
Esther Calzada, Spring Dawson-McClure, Keng-Yen Huang, Dimitra Kamboukos, Joseph Palamar, & Laurie Miller Brotman, New York University

Variation in Teachers’ Instructional Interactions Within Two Interventions: Associations with Intervention Responsiveness and Teacher/Classroom Characteristics  
Jennifer LoCasale-Crouch, Jamie DeCoster, Sonia Cabell, Jason Downer, & Robert Pianta, University of Virginia

Teacher Characteristics Influence Responsiveness to a Course and a Consultancy Focused on Effective Teacher-Child Interactions  
Bridget Hatfield, Bridget Hamre, & Jason Downer, University of Virginia, and Carolee Howes, University of California - Los Angeles

**5B. Classroom Instruction and Context**  
**Differential Effects from Studies of Science, Technology, and Engineering Programs**  
Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: Martin Orland, WestEd

Effective Programs for Elementary Science: A Best-Evidence Synthesis  
Robert Slavin & Cynthia Lake, Johns Hopkins University, Pam Hanley, University of York, and Allen Thurston, Durham University

The Role of Applied Engineering and Computer Science Courses in the Production of Math Achievement in High School  
Michael Gottfried, Loyola Marymount University, and Robert Bozick, RAND

Locating Differential Effectiveness of a STEM Initiative Through Exploration of Moderators  
Denis Newman, Boya Ma, & Andrew Jaciw, Empirical Education
5C. Teacher Preparation and Effectiveness Panel
Building Evidence for Effective Teacher Preparation
Culpeper

Moderator: Thomas Toch, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

Jill Constantine, Mathematica Policy Research
Michael Feuer, George Washington University
Billie Gastic, Relay Graduate School of Education

5D. Post-Secondary Education
Strategies to Improve Student Retention: High School and College
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Ballroom Level

Chair: Heather Wathington, University of Virginia

What Can a Comprehensive Program Do for Community College Students?
Early Results from an Evaluation of CUNY's ASAP Program
Michael Weiss & Susan Scrivener, MDRC

Evaluating the Effects of Basic Skills Mathematics on Academic Outcomes of Community College Students
Tatiana Melguizo, University of Southern California, Johannes Bos, American Institutes for Research, Bo Kim, University of Southern California, and George Prather

Filling the Financial Aid Gap: The Performance-Based Scholarship Demonstration
Lashawn Richburg-Hayes & Reshma Patel, MDRC

Remaining in School:
The Impact of the Early College High School Model on Students' Enrollment in School

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Special Programs for At-Risk Learners: Variation in Treatment Effects
Roosevelt

Chair: Linda Cavalluzzo, CNA

Efficacy of Online Algebra I for Credit Recovery for At-Risk Ninth Grade Students: Evidence from Year 1
Jessica Heppen, American Institutes for Research, Elaine Allensworth, Consortium on Chicago School Research, Kirk Walters, American Institutes for Research, Amber Stitziel Pareja, Consortium on Chicago School Research, Anja Kurki & Nicholas Sorensen, American Institutes for Research

Understanding Treatment Effects Heterogeneities Using Multi-Site Regression Discontinuity Designs: Example from a “Double-Dose” Algebra Study in Chicago
Takako Nomi, Consortium on Chicago School Research, and Steve Raudenbush, University of Chicago

A Meta-Analysis of K-8 Summer Reading Interventions: The Role of Socioeconomic Status in Explaining Variation in Treatment Effects
James S. Kim & Dave M. Quinn, Harvard University

5F. Evaluating Interventions in Developing Countries Symposium
Opportunities and Challenges for Education Sciences in Developing Countries: The Unique Role of Randomized Trials
Latrobe

Organizer: Sharon Wolf, New York University

Cluster Randomized Trial of a Large-Scale Education Initiative in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Baseline Findings and Lessons
J. Lawrence Aber & Catalina Torrente, New York University, Jeannie Annan, Tom Bundervoet, & Anjuli Shivshanker, International Rescue Committee

Experimental Evaluations of Two Strategies to Improve Reading Achievement in Kenya: Enhanced Literacy Instruction and Treatment of Malaria
Matthew Jukes, Harvard University, Margaret Dubeck, College of Charleston, Simon Brooker, Kenyan Medical Research Institute, and Sharon Wolf, New York University

Contract Teachers: Experimental Evidence from India
Karthik Muralidharan, University of California - San Diego

Discussant: Dan Levy, Harvard University
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External Validity in Multilevel Experiments
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Chair: Rebecca Maynard, Institute of Education Sciences

Selecting a Sample for Your Experiment: A Non-Random Stratified Sampling Approach
Elizabeth Tipton, Columbia University

Estimates of External Validity Bias When Impact Evaluations Select Sites Purposively
Elizabeth A. Stuart, Johns Hopkins University, Robert B. Olsen & Stephen H. Bell, Abt Associates, and Larry L. Orr, Johns Hopkins University

Assessing the Generalizability of Estimates of Causal Effects From Regression Discontinuity Designs
Howard S. Bloom & Kristin E. Porter, MDRC

Avoiding Boundary Estimates in Hierarchical Linear Models Through Weakly Informative Priors
Yeojin Chung & Sophia Rabe-Hesketh, University of California - Berkeley, Andrew Gelman, Vincent Dorie, & Jingchen Liu, Columbia University

5H. Research Methods
Ensuring Internal Validity in Complex and Potential Compromised Designs
Executive Forum

Chair: Robert Boruch, University of Pennsylvania

Student Mobility, Dosage, and Principal Stratification in Clustered RCTs of Education Interventions
Peter Schochet, Mathematica Policy Research

Correcting for Broken Randomization
Using Error-Prone Achievement Test Scores in Propensity Score Weighting
Daniel McCaffrey, J.R. Lockwood, Beth Ann Griffin, Claude Setodji, & John Pane, RAND

Evaluation of Model Specification, Variable Selection, and Adjustment Methods in Relation to Propensity Scores and Prognostic Scores in Multilevel Data
Bing Yu, University of Toronto, and Guanglei Hong, University of Chicago

5I. Preparing and Planning for Transitions:
Funders’ Perspectives on Career Development
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Joan McLaughlin, Institute of Education Sciences

Brett Miller, National Institutes of Health

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Keynote Address - Fairmont Ballroom
Why We Care About STEM Education

Rebecca Blank
Acting Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary for Economic Affairs
U.S. Department of Commerce

Introduction: John Q. Easton, Director, Institute of Education Sciences

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Reception - Park Hyatt, Ballroom Level
SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2012

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM: Breakfast - Fairmont Ballroom

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Plenary Panel - Fairmont Ballroom
From Practice to Research: Practitioners Discuss Why Effects Vary

Moderator
Robert Granger
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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session 6

6A. Early Childhood Education
A New Look at Child Care and Preschool Contexts, Practices, and Policies:
Mediators and Moderators of Developmental Outcomes
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Chair: Rachel Gordon, University of Illinois - Chicago

Evaluating the Effects of Alternative Child Care Policies on the Cognitive Achievement of Children:
Investigations Using a Dynamic Behavioral Model
Andrew Griffen, University of Pennsylvania

Process Dimensions of Child Care Quality and Academic Achievement:
An Instrumental Variables Analysis
Anamari Auger, Weilin Li, George Farkas, Greg J. Duncan, & Deborah Vandell, University of California - Irvine

Variation in the Quality of Teacher-Child Instructional Interactions:
across Preschool Classroom Contexts
Sonia Cabell, Jamie DeCoster, Jennifer LoCasale-Crouch, Bridget Hamre, & Robert Pianta, University of Virginia

Effects of the Tennessee Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program on School Readiness
Mark W. Lipsey, Kerry G. Hofer, Carol Bilbrey, & Dale C. Farran, Vanderbilt University

6B. Classroom Instruction and Context
Learning Challenges in Multilingual Environments
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Chair: David Francis, University of Houston

The Role of Relational and Instructional Classroom Supports
in the Language Development of At-Risk Preschoolers
Carolyn S. Gosse & Anita McGinty, University of Virginia, Andrew J. Mashburn, Portland State University, and Marcia A. Invernizzi, University of Virginia

Instructional Variability in Bilingual Education Programs:
Time of Year, Raters, and Content
Lee Branum-Martin, Paras D. Mehta, Coleen D. Carlson, & David J. Francis, University of Houston, and Barbara R. Foorman, Florida State University

Impacts of Kindergarten Classroom Organization on Mathematics Learning of English Learners
Rachel Garrett & Guanglei Hong, University of Chicago
6C. Education Policy Invited Symposium
When School Choice Works: Explaining Heterogeneity in Choice Outcomes
Executive Forum

Organizer: Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas

Relationships Between Strategies and Achievement Impacts Among Charter-School Management Organizations
Brian Gill, Joshua Haimson, Moira McCullough, & Alexandra Killevold, Mathematica Policy Research

Devona Heinert Davis & Margaret Raymond, Stanford University

Who Is Likely to Benefit from School Vouchers? An Exploration of Theory and Evidence
Patrick Wolf, University of Arkansas

Discussant: Mark Schneider, American Institutes for Research

6D. Education Policy
Improving Social and Character Development: New Experimental Evidence
Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Chair: J. Lawrence Aber, New York University

Improving Social-Cognitive Skills Among Disadvantaged Youth: A Randomized Field Experiment
Sara Heller, Harold Pollack, Roseanna Ander, & Jens Ludwig, University of Chicago

Conducting Rigorous Research in Multilingual Context: A Randomized Trial of the Good Behavior Game
Anja Kurki, American Institutes for Research, Wei Wang, University of South Florida, Jeanne Poduska, American Institutes for Research, Mary Jane Gomez, Houston Independent School District, Yibing Li, American Institutes for Research, and C. Hendricks Brown, University of Miami

Social Identity and Achievement Gaps: Evidence from an Affirmation Intervention
Thomas Dee, University of Virginia

6E. Evaluating Interventions in Developing Countries Symposium
The Impact of Schools on Education Outcomes in Developing Countries
Culpeper

Organizer: Dan Levy, Harvard University

The Effect of Village-Based Schools: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Afghanistan
Dana Burde, New York University, and Leigh Linden, University of Texas - Austin

Impact Evaluation of Niger's IMAGINE Program
Dan Levy, Harvard University, Matt Sloan, Anca Dumitrescu, & Cara Orfield, Mathematica Policy Research

Impact Evaluation of Burkina Faso's BRIGHT Program
Harounan Kazianga, Oklahoma State University, Dan Levy, Harvard University, Leigh Linden, University of Texas - Austin, and Matt Sloan, Mathematica Policy Research

Discussant: Nancy Murray, Mathematica Policy Research

6F. Research Methods Symposium
Power Analysis for Clustered Designs: A Demonstration of Three Programs
Roosevelt

Organizer: Jessaca Spybrook, Western Michigan University

Optimal Design Plus:
With an Empirical Basis for Estimating Statistical Power and Minimum Detectable Effect Sizes
Stephen Raudenbush, University of Chicago, Howard Bloom, MDRC, Jessaca Spybrook, Western Michigan University, and Carolyn Hill, Georgetown University

CRT-Power
Michael Borenstein, BioStat, and Larry Hedges, Northwestern University

PowerUp!: A Tool for Calculating Minimum Detectable Effect Sizes and Sample Size Requirements for Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Designs
Nianbo Dong, Vanderbilt University, and Rebecca Maynard, Institute of Education Sciences

Discussant: Stephanie Jones, Harvard University

6G. Research Methods
Implementation Fidelity and Variation in Treatment Effects
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Chair: Daryl Mellard, University of Kansas

Applying the Five-Step Model of Fidelity Assessment to a Randomized Experiment of a High School STEM Intervention
Jason Kopp & Chris S. Hulleman, James Madison University, Judith M. Harackiewicz & Chris Rozek, University of Wisconsin - Madison

The How and For Whom of Program Effectiveness:
Dissecting the Responsive Classroom® Approach in Relation to Academic Achievement
Tashia Abry & Sara E. Rimm-Kaufman, University of Virginia, Chris S. Hulleman, James Madison University, Julie B. Thomas & Michelle Ko, University of Virginia

Adherence: A More Nuanced Usage of Fidelity of Implementation’s Core Component to Capture Variation in Treatment Effects
Lisa Foster, Harvard University, Sarah Oh, Amy Azano, & Carolyn Callahan, University of Virginia

6H. Panel
Education Policy Research: Partnerships to Increase Rigor and Relevance
Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor

Moderator: Sabrina Laine, American Institutes for Research

Susan M. Dynarski, University of Michigan
Elizabeth A. Holtztapple, Cincinnati Public Schools
Vanessa Keesler, Michigan Department of Education
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Short Courses, Session 1
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Short Course 1
Value-Added Models for Analyzing Teacher Effectiveness: A Short Course on Value-Added Modeling
Daniel F. McCaffrey, RAND Roosevelt

Short Course 2
Analysis of Incomplete Multilevel Data
Stephen W. Raudenbush, University of Chicago
Yongyun Shin, Virginia Commonwealth University Executive Forum

SUNDAY MARCH 11, 2012

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Short Courses, Session 2
1: Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor, 2: Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor
The short courses which began on Saturday afternoon continue through Sunday afternoon.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Short Course Lunch
1: Lindens, 2: Potomac

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1: Sulgrave - Fairmont 3rd Floor, 2: Dumbarton - Fairmont 3rd Floor

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