A Team of Rivals: Helping Federal Policymakers Utilize Mixed Results

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Ever wonder how education researchers sound to policymakers? “On the one hand . . ., on the other . . .” Curious about how to present your research findings to them so they don’t just end up in the recycle bin? This session will feature a candid discussion with senior staff from the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee and the Office of Management and Budget about how they use and interpret research that has produced mixed results in the critical area of teacher induction.

The panel will feature a discussion of an IES-funded study on teacher induction, how it was interpreted by think tanks and advocacy groups and how the panelists would interpret its results and use them in forming policy, particularly in areas such as Title II, Part A of ESEA, Title II of HEA and the Teacher Incentive Fund. It will also include a discussion of a conference paper that reanalyzes the data from the induction study to help clarify the mixed results.