Capitalizing on Contradiction: Learning from Mixed Results

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THURSDAY MARCH 7, 2013

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

Workshop A
Fidelity of Implementation: Developing Measures and Linking to Impacts
Barbara Goodson, Dillon-Goodson Research Associates
Catherine Darrow, Abt Associates
Roosevelt - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Workshop B
Test Score Scales and Why They Matter: Practical Methods for Assessing the Scale-Dependence of Analytic Results
Andrew Ho, Harvard University
Sulgrave - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Workshop C
Improving the Empirical Performance of Propensity Score Methods: Covariate Balancing Propensity Score
Kosuke Imai, Princeton University
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Workshop D
Planning for a Short Interrupted Time Series Design
Cristofer S. Price, Abt Associates
Culpeper - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Workshop E
Optimal Design Plus Empirical Evidence
Jessaca Spybrook, Western Michigan University
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Program Committee Lunch
March 7, 2013 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Session 1

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1A. Early Childhood Education Invited Symposium
The Early Childhood Launching Pad to School Readiness and School Success
Executive Forum - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Pamela Morris, New York University

Addressing Disparities in School Readiness through Promotion of Parenting in Well-Child Care
Alan L. Mendelsohn, Carolyn B. Cates, & Benard Dreyer, New York University,
Samantha B. Berkule, Marymount Manhattan College,
and Adriana Weissleder, Stanford University

The Family Check-Up:
A Preventive Intervention for Engaging At-Risk Families in Early Childhood
Daniel S. Shaw & Thomas Dishion, University of Pittsburgh,
and Melvin N. Wilson, University of Virginia

Integrating Primary and Secondary/Tertiary Prevention
with Behavioral Economics Principles in Pediatric Primary Care
Pamela Morris, New York University, Lisa Gennetian, Brookings Institution,
Alan L. Mendelsohn, New York University, Daniel S. Shaw, University of Pittsburgh,
and J. Lawrence Aber, New York University

School Reform and Beyond:
Developmentally-Sequenced Interventions Across the Transition to Schooling
Stephanie Jones, Harvard University, Robin Jacob &
Fred Morrison, University of Michigan

Discussant: Jacqueline Jones, Education Researcher

1B. Instructional Improvement Symposium
Large Scale Replication Research: Three Examples and the Issues They Raise
Sulgrave - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Organizer: Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group

From Efficacy Trial to Large Scale Effectiveness Trial:
A Tier 2 Mathematics Intervention for First Graders with Difficulties in Mathematics
Eric Rolhus & Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group, Benjamin Clarke, University of Oregon,
Lauren E. Decker & Chuck Wilkins, Edvance Research, and Joseph Dimino, Instructional Research Group

Impact of the Teacher Study Group Professional Development Program on Student Vocabulary
and Observed Teaching Practice: A Replication in First Grade Classrooms
Russell Gersten, Joseph Dimino, Madhavi Jayanthi, Rebecca Newman-Gonchar, &
Mary Jo Taylor, Instructional Research Group

Collaborative Strategic Reading: Replications with Consideration of the Role of Fidelity
Colleen Reutebuch & Gregory Roberts, University of Texas - Austin

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

1C. Instructional Improvement Symposium
Lessons Learned from Two Large Scale RCTs: Similarities and Differences
Culpeper - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Shazia Miller, American Institutes for Research

Differences in Intervention Effects between Two RCTs
Spyros Konstantopoulos, Wei Li, & Bing Tong, Michigan State University, Shazia R. Miller &
Arie van der Ploeg, American Institutes for Research

What Do We Know about the Control Condition?
Shazia R. Miller, Coby Meyers, & Arie van der Ploeg, American Institutes for Research,
and Spyros Konstantopoulos, Michigan State University

Making Sense of Unanticipated Results:
Instructional Differentiation and the Indiana Diagnostic Assessment Study
Ryan Williams, University of Memphis, and Andrew Swanlund, American Institutes for Research

Using Observed Characteristics to Resolve Differences in Impact Estimates in an RCT Replication Study
Jared Eno, American Institutes for Research, Ryan Williams, University of Memphis,
Kelly Hallberg & Andrew Swanlund, American Institutes for Research

Discussant: Wes Bruce, Indiana Department of Education
1D. School Climate and Culture
Teacher Training and School Environment
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3
Chair: Beth Boulay, Abt Associates

Making Sense of the “Zero Effect” of Comprehensive Teacher Induction Programs: A Mediational Analysis
Yihua Hong & Guanglei Hong, University of Chicago

Coaching Quality and Teachers’ Implementation of the 4Rs Social-Emotional and Literacy Curriculum: Testing the Link between Two Levels of Intervention Fidelity
Jason Downer, University of Virginia, Josh Brown, Fordham University, Manuela Jimenez Herrera, Megan Stuhlman, & Kyle Bourassa, University of Virginia, Ben Gollogor, Fordham University, and Pamela Wong, Harvard University

Working with Teachers to Adapt an Evidence-Based Intervention for Children with Autism
Aubyn Stahmer, Sarah Reed, & Jessica Suhrheinrich, Rady Children's Hospital - San Diego, and Laura Schreibman, University of California - San Diego

Using Longitudinal and Momentary Analysis to Study Job Stress in Middle School Teachers
Teresa McIntyre, University of Houston, Scott McIntyre, University of Houston - Clear Lake, Chris Barr, David Francis, Paras Mehta, & Angela Durand, University of Houston

1E. Transitions for Youth Symposium
Can At-Risk Students Get Back on Track?
Results from a Rigorous Study of Online and F2F Algebra for Credit Recovery
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level
Organizer: Kirk Walters, American Institutes for Research

Study Design and Results
Jessica Heppen & Nicholas Sorensen, American Institutes for Research

Implementation Challenges and Results
Kirk Walters & Nicholas Sorensen, American Institutes for Research

Who Attends Summer Credit Recovery Classes, and Who Benefits from Doing So?
Amber Stitziel Pareja, Consortium on Chicago School Research, and Suzanne Stachel, American Institutes for Research

Pay-Offs from Expanding Summer Credit Recovery in Algebra
Elaine Allensworth, Consortium on Chicago School Research, and Takako Nomi, St. Louis University

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

1F. Transitions for Youth Symposium
The Not-So Lazy Days of Summer:
Experimental Interventions to Increase College-Going Among Low-Income High School Graduates
Roosevelt - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level
Organizer: Benjamin Castleman, Harvard University

Ten Texts to College:
Can Text Messages Mitigate Summer Attrition Among College-Intending Low-Income High School Graduates?
Benjamin Castleman & Lindsay Page, Harvard University

With A Little Help From My Friends:
Investigating The Impact Of Summer Peer Mentoring On Timely Postsecondary Attainment Among College-Intending High School Graduates
Benjamin Castleman & Lindsay Page, Harvard University

Summer Outreach with Near-Age Peer Mentors:
A Randomized Experiment to Improve the Transition to College
Barbara Schneider, Michael Broda, & Justina Judy, Michigan State University

How Late Is Too Late?
The Influence of Summer Outreach on FAFSA Completion and College Enrollment for the Uncommitted High School Graduate
Laura Owen, Johns Hopkins University, Eric Bettinger, Stanford University, Bridget Terry Long, Harvard University, and Phil Oreopoulos, University of Toronto

Discussant: Jessica Howell, College Board

1G. Education Policy Panel
The Relationship between Data Quality and Mixed Results:
Case Studies from the American-Affiliated Pacific Region
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level
Moderator: Andrea Beesley, McREL

Richard Seder, McREL
Wendy Kekahio, McREL
Sena Pierce, McREL
1H. Research Methods Symposium  
Modeling and Psychometric Issues Related to Classroom Observation Scoring  
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level  
Organizer: Daniel McCaffrey, Educational Testing Service  

Bayesian Hierarchical Multivariate Formulation with Factor Analysis for Nested Ordinal Data  
Terrance Savitsky, RAND  

Analyzing the Factorial Structure of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System-Secondary  
Using a Bayesian Hierarchical Multivariate Ordinal Model  
Kun Yuan, RAND, Daniel McCaffrey, Educational Testing Service, and Terrance Savitsky, RAND  

Effect of Observation Mode on Measures of Teaching  

Rater Drift and Time Trends in Classroom Observations  
Jodi Casabianca, Carnegie Mellon University, and J.R. Lockwood, Educational Testing Service  
Discussant: Patrick Meyer, University of Virginia  

11. Research Methods Symposium  
Advances and Challenges in Propensity Score Matching  
Gallery 3 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level  
Organizer: Peter M. Steiner, University of Wisconsin - Madison  

Propensity Score Estimation with Data Mining Techniques: Alternatives to Logistic Regression  
Brian Keller, Jee-Seon Kim, & Peter M. Steiner, University of Wisconsin - Madison  

Propensity Score Matching Within Prognostic Strata  
Ben Kelcey, Wayne State University  

Within-Cluster and Across-Cluster Matching with Observational Multilevel Data  
Jee-Seon Kim, Peter M. Steiner, & Courtney Hall, University of Wisconsin - Madison, and Felix Thoemmes, Cornell University  

Bayesian Model Averaging for Propensity Score Analysis  
David Kaplan & Jianshen Chen, University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Discussant: Elizabeth Stuart, Johns Hopkins University  

Break

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Session 2  

2A. Early Childhood Education  
Approaches to Improving Implementation of Preschool Interventions  
Roosevelt - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level  
Chair: Erin O'Connor, New York University  

Effects of Head Start Hours on Children's Cognitive, Pre-Academic, and Behavioral Outcomes: An Instrumental Variable Analysis  
Weilin Li, George Farkas, Greg J. Duncan, & Deborah Lowe Vandell, University of California - Irvine, and Margaret Burchinal, University of North Carolina  

Experimental Evidence on Distributional Effects of Head Start  
Marianne Bitler & Thurston Domina, University of California - Irvine, and Hilary Hoynes, University of California - Davis  

Reconciling Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Full-Day Kindergarten  
Chloe Gibbs, University of Virginia  

2B. Instructional Improvement  
Reading Impacts: Differing Programs and Goals  
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level  
Chair: Gina Biancarosa, University of Oregon  

Preventing School Dropout with Secondary Students: The Implementation of an Individualized Reading Intervention and Dropout Prevention Intervention  
Gregory Roberts, Sharon Vaughn, & Anna-Mária Fall, University of Texas - Austin, and Michael Vaughn, St. Louis University  

The Impact of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Program on Student Reading Achievement  
Chris Brandt & Ayrin Molefe, American Institutes for Research, David S. Cordray & Georgine M. Pion, Vanderbilt University  

A Multisite Trial of a Supplemental Reading Program for Adolescents: The Louisiana Striving Readers Evaluation of Passport Reading Journeys  
Michael Vaden-Kiernan, SEDL, Geoffrey Borman, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Sarah Caverly, Nanell Bell, Kate Sullivan, & Erin Atwood, SEDL, and Carlton Fong, University of Texas - Austin  

Word Generation Randomized Trial: Discussion Mediates the Impact of Treatment on Academic Word Learning  
Joshua Lawrence, University of California - Irvine, E. Juliana Part-Blagoev, SERP Institute, Amy Crosson, University of Pittsburgh, and Catherine Snow, Harvard University
2C. Instructional Improvement
Improving Math and Science: Different Paths and Methods
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Chair: Stephanie Siler, Carnegie Mellon University

Effectiveness of Schema-Based Instruction for Improving Seventh-Grade Students' Proportional Reasoning: A Randomized Experiment
Asha Jitendra, University of Minnesota, Jon R. Star, Harvard University, Danielle N. Dupuis & Michael C. Rodriguez, University of Minnesota

The Impact of a Comparison Curriculum in Algebra I: A Randomized Experiment
Jon R. Star, Harvard University, Bethany Rittle-Johnson, Vanderbilt University, Kelley Durkin, Harvard University, Kristie Newton, Temple University, Courtney Pollack, Kathleen Lynch, & Claire Gogolen, Harvard University

The Mediating Effects of School Professional Community on Teaching Practices in a Randomized Controlled Trial of Science Professional Development
Sun Young Yoon, University of Wisconsin - Madison

2D. Instructional Improvement
Challenges in Developing Effective Measures for Teachers and Students
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Russell Gersten, Instructional Research Group

Predicting Observer Training Satisfaction and Certification
Courtney Bell, Educational Testing Service, Nathan Jones, Boston University, Jennifer Lewis, Wayne State University, and Yi Qi, Educational Testing Service

Tracking Growth: Studying First-Year Teacher Development Under a High-Stakes Evaluation System
Adam Maier & Erin Grogan, The New Teacher Project

Designing and Redesigning a Framework for Assessing Students’ Understanding of Foundational Fractions Concepts
Maria Mendiburo & Laura Williams, Vanderbilt University, Robert Henson, University of North Carolina - Greensboro, and Ted Hasselbring, Vanderbilt University

2E. Transitions for Youth
New Questions in Affirmative Action in Higher Education
Sulgrave - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Chair: Liliana M. Garces, George Washington University

Do Public Universities Give Admissions Preferences to Males When Faced with Large Increases in Their Female Enrollments? Evidence from the Texas Top 10% Plan
Dylan Conger, George Washington University, and Lisa Dickson, University of Maryland

Color-Blind Affirmative Action and Student Quality
Ben Backes, American Institutes for Research, and Kate Antonovics, University of California - San Diego

Changes in Levels of Affirmative Action in College Admission in Response to Statewide Bans and Judicial Rulings
Mark C. Long & Grant H. Blume, University of Washington

2F. Education Policy
New Research on Higher Education Policy
Culpeper - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Jennifer Jennings, New York University

Ova and Out: Using Twins to Estimate the Educational Returns to Attending a Selective College
Jonathan Smith, College Board

Mixed Results from Six Large Randomized Controlled Trials of Learning Communities in Community Colleges
Alexander Mayer & Michael Weiss, MDRC

Impacts of a Secondary and Postsecondary Alignment Program on College Application
Jake Jackson, University of California - Davis
2G. Education Policy
Understanding Teacher Labor Markets and Evaluation
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Sabrina Laine, American Institutes for Research

Teacher Layoffs, Teacher Quality and Student Achievement: The Implementation and Consequences of a Discretionary Reduction-in-Force Policy
Matthew Kraft, Harvard University

Using Subjective Teacher Evaluations to Examine Principals’ Personnel Management Priorities
Benjamin Master, Stanford University

Missed Opportunities in the Labor Market or Temporary Disruptions? How Late Teacher Hiring Affects Student Achievement
John P. Papay, Brown University, Matthew A. Kraft, Julia Bloom, Kate Buckley, & David Liebowitz, Harvard University

2H. Research Methods
Contamination and Implementation Fidelity in RCTs
Executive Forum - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: John Deke, Mathematica Policy Research

Self-Reporting during a Reading Intervention for Gifted Students: Can It Be the Sole Measure of Adherence?
Lisa Foster & James Kim, Harvard University

Linking Implementation Fidelity to Impacts in an RCT
Fatih Unlu, Laurie Bozzi, Carolyn Layzer, Arthur Smith, & Cristofer S. Price, Abt Associates, and Richard Hurtig, University of Iowa

The Implications of Contamination for Educational Experiments with Multiple Levels of Nesting
Christopher Rhoads, University of Connecticut

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM: Welcome & Opening Address
Ballroom - Fairmont Hotel

Welcome & Introduction
Larry Hedges
SREE President

Opening Address
Learning from Puzzles: Test Scores, Habits, Behavior, and Schooling
Christopher Jencks
Malcolm Wiener Professor of Social Policy
Kennedy School
Harvard University

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: Welcome & Opening Address
Ballroom - Fairmont Hotel

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Opening Address
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7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Reception
Colonnade - Fairmont Hotel, Lobby Level
Sponsor: American Institutes for Research
FRIDAY MARCH 8, 2013

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

3A. Early Childhood Education & Instructional Improvement
Interventions to Improve Math and Science Learning from Early Childhood through High School
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Douglas Clements, University of Denver

An Alternative Time for Telling: When Conceptual Instruction Prior to Exploration Improves Mathematical Knowledge
Emily R. Fyfe, Vanderbilt University, Marci S. DeCaro, University of Louisville, and Bethany Rittle-Johnson, Vanderbilt University

The Effects of Research-Based Curriculum Materials and Curriculum-Based Professional Development on High School Science Achievement: Results of a Cluster-Randomized Trial
Joseph Taylor, Susan Kowalski, Stephen Getty, Christopher Wilson, & Janet Carlson, BSCS

Evaluating the Promise of the FUSION Tier 2 Math Intervention
Mari Strand Cary, Christian Doabler, Benjamin Clarke, Hank Fien, Scott Baker, & Kathy Jungjohann, University of Oregon

3B. Instructional Improvement Symposium
Designs for Developing Interventions to Improve Reading for Understanding
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Karen Douglas, Institute of Education Sciences

Design Experiments: Developing and Testing an Intervention for Elementary School-Age Students Who Use Non-Mainstream American English Dialects
Shurita Thomas-Tate, Missouri State University, Carol Connor, Arizona State University, and Lakeisha Johnson, Florida State University

Using Design Experiments to Understand Secondary Classroom Comprehension Practices
Sharon Vaughn, University of Texas - Austin, Deborah Simmons, Texas A&M University, and Jeanne Wänzke, Florida State University

Project READI: Designing Instruction for Evidence-Based Argumentation in the Disciplines
Susan Goldman, University of Illinois - Chicago, Carol Lee, Northwestern University, Cynthia Greenleaf, WestEd, and Cynthia Shanahan, University of Illinois - Chicago

Discussant: Elizabeth Albro, Institute of Education Sciences

3C. Instructional Improvement Symposium
Learning from Mixed Results in Technology-Based Algebra Courses
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Organizer: John Pane, RAND

Different Contexts, Purposes, and Providers: Reflections on Two Randomized Studies of Online Algebra
Jessica Heppen & Kirk Walters, American Institutes for Research

Effectiveness of Cognitive Tutor Algebra I at Scale
John F. Pane, Beth Ann Griffin, & Rita Karam, RAND

Evaluating Cognitive Tutor Algebra 1 Curricula At Scale: Focus on Implementation
Rita Karam, John F. Pane, Beth Ann Griffin, & Mary Ellen Slaughter, RAND

Discussant: Steve Schneider, WestEd

3D. School Climate and Culture Invited Symposium
Targeting Executive Function and Self-Regulation: New Findings from Pre-K and Elementary School Interventions
Executive Forum - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Robin Jacob, University of Michigan

Effects through Kindergarten of a Prekindergarten Curricular Attempt to Improve Self-Regulation and Achievement
Dale C. Farran, Sandra J. Wilson, & Mark W. Lipsey, Vanderbilt University

Evaluating SECURE: Results from a Small-Scale Pilot Study
Robin Jacob, University of Michigan, Stephanie Jones, Harvard University, and Fred Morrison, University of Michigan

Red Light, Purple Light: An Evaluation of a Self-Regulation Intervention in Preschool Children
Megan M. McClelland & Sara Schmitt, Oregon State University

Discussant: Timothy Curby, George Mason University
3E. Transitions for Youth Symposium
Pathways to Increasing Postsecondary Attainment
Culpeper - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Jenny Nagaoka, Consortium on Chicago School Research

Creating College Readiness Indicators in Chicago
Thomas Kelley-Kemple, Matthew Holsapple, & Melissa Roderick, Consortium on Chicago School Research

Mapping Pathways to College: An In-Depth Examination of College Readiness in New York City
Vanessa Coca, Michael Segeritz, & Dyuti Bhattacharya, New York University

Is Traditional College Aid Too Little, Too Late? Impacts on High School Outcomes from a Cluster Randomized Trial of an Early College Scholarship for Low-Income Students
Douglas N. Harris, Tulane University

Does Upward Bound Have an Effect on Student Educational Outcomes?
A Re-Analysis of the Horizons Randomized Control Trial Study
Alan B. Nathan, University of Wisconsin - Madison, and Douglas N. Harris, Tulane University

Discussant: Barbara Schneider, Michigan State University

3F. Education Policy Invited Symposium
Accountability and Achievement Gaps
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Jennifer Jennings, New York University

Estimating Achievement Gaps From NCLB-Type Data
Sean Reardon, Stanford University, and Andrew Ho, Harvard University

Between-State Variation in Achievement Gap Patterns and Trends, 1990-2011
Kenneth Shores & Rachel Valentino, Stanford University

Left Behind? The Effect of the No Child Left Behind Legislation on Academic Achievement Gaps
Sean Reardon, Erica Greenberg, Demetra Kalogrides, Kenneth Shores, & Rachel Valentino, Stanford University

Equality of Educational Opportunity in the 21st Century: Revisiting the Conclusions of the Coleman Report
Jennifer Jennings, New York University, David Deming, Christopher Jencks, & Maya Lopuch, Harvard University

Discussant: Christopher Jencks, Harvard University
3H. Research Methods Invited Symposium
Measurement Error in Individual and Contextual Covariates: Problems and Solutions for Observational Studies
Roosevelt - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: J.R. Lockwood, Educational Testing Service

Estimating a Contextual Effects Model Given Error-Prone Measures of Contextual Variables and Missing Data
Yongyun Shin, Virginia Commonwealth University

Implications of Covariate Measurement Error for Propensity Scores
Peter M. Steiner, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Strategies for Dealing with Covariate Measurement Error in Propensity Scores
Elizabeth Stuart, Johns Hopkins University

Putting Test Scores on the Right-Hand Side of Your Regression Model: What Works and What Doesn’t
J.R. Lockwood, Educational Testing Service

Discussant: Stephen Raudenbush, University of Chicago

3I. Research Methods
Using Effect Sizes from Past Data to Inform Design of Future Studies
Sulgrave - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Chair: Peter Schochet, Mathematica Policy Research

Parameters for the Design of Group Randomized Studies for Teacher Professional Development
Ben Kelcey, Wayne State University, and Geoffrey Phelps, Educational Testing Service

Improving the Design of Science Intervention Studies: An Empirical Investigation of Design Parameters for Planning Group Randomized Trials
Carl Westine & Jessaca Spybrook, Western Michigan University

Developing Empirical Benchmarks of Teacher Knowledge Effect Sizes in Studies of Professional Development Effectiveness
Geoffrey Phelps, Educational Testing Service, Nathan Jones, Boston University, Shuangshuang Liu, Educational Testing Service, and Zahid Kisa, University of Pittsburgh

An Empirical Study of Differential Effect Sizes for Planning Group Randomized Trials
Andrew Jaciw, Li Lin, & Boya Ma, Empirical Education

Break

March 8, 2013 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM: Session 3

March 8, 2013 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Keynote Address

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Keynote Address - Ballroom - Fairmont Hotel
Start with Questions, End with Student Achievement: The Role of Data and Research
Aimee Rogstad Guidera
Executive Director
Data Quality Campaign

Introduction: Beth Gamse, SREE Spring 2013 Program Chair

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch
Ballroom - Fairmont Hotel
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Session 4

4A. Instructional Improvement
Teaching, Coaching, and Instruction: Measurement and Efficacy Issues
Culpeper - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Geoffrey Phelps, Educational Testing Service

Improving Teacher Practice: Experimental Evidence on Individualized Teacher Coaching
Matthew Kraft & David Blazar, Harvard University

The Urban Data Study: Linking Teacher and School Data Use to Improved Student Achievement
Ann-Marie Faria & Jessica Heppen, American Institutes for Research

Measurement of Classroom Teaching Quality with Item Response Theory
Ben Kelcey, Wayne State University, Daniel McGinn & Heather Hill, Harvard University

4B. Instructional Improvement
Improving Mathematics Curricula and Assessment
Longworth - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Kelley Durkin, Harvard University

Evaluating the Efficacy of Using Pre-Differentiated and Enriched Mathematics Curricula for Grade 3 Students
D. Betsy McCoach, E. Jean Gubbins, & Jennifer Foreman, University of Connecticut, Karen Rambo, Colorado State University, and Lisa Rubenstein, Ball State University

The Effects of Figure Abstraction and Feature Relevance on Sixth-Grade Students' Learning and Transfer to a Math Domain
Stephanie Siler, David Klahr, Kevin Willows, & Cressida Magaro, Carnegie Mellon University

Half of One, 6/12 of Another: Understanding Relative Item Difficulties in a Fractions Assessment Under Development
Laura K. Williams, Maria Mendiburo, & Ted Hasselbring, Vanderbilt University

4C. Instructional Improvement Invited Symposium
Educational Applications of Multilevel Structural Equations Modeling Using xxM
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Lee Branum-Martin, Georgia State University

Paras Mehta, University of Houston

4D. School Climate and Culture
The Influence of School Policies and Programs on Children's Emotional Well-Being
Gallery 1 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Julia Parkinson, American Institutes for Research

Does Playworks Work? Findings from a Randomized Controlled Trial
Susanne James-Burdumy, Martha Bleeker, & Nicholas Beyler, Mathematica Policy Research, Rebecca A. London, Lisa Westrich, Katie Stokes-Guinan, & Sebastian Castrechini, Stanford University

An Effort to Close Achievement Gaps at Scale through Self-Affirmation
Geoffrey Borman & Jeffrey Grigg, University of Wisconsin - Madison

The Effect of High-Stakes Accountability Tests on Children's Socio-Emotional Outcomes
Camille Whitney, Stanford University

Randomized Clinical Trial of Second Step© Student Success Through Prevention Program: Preventing Adolescent Aggression & Sexual Violence
Dorothy Espelage, University of Illinois - Urbana/Champaign, Sabina Low, Arizona State University, Josh R Polanin, Lehigh University, and Eric C Brown, University of Washington

4E. Transitions for Youth
Paths Forward: The Impact of Information, Timing, and Language on Advancement
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Chair: Mark C. Long, University of Washington

Can Information and Counseling Help Students From Poor Rural Areas go to High School? Evidence from China
Prashant Loyalka, Stanford University, Chengfang Liu, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Yingquan Song, Peking University, Hongmei Yi, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xiaoting Huang, Peking University, Jianguo Wei & Lixinu Zhang, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Yaojiang Shi, Xibei University, James Chu & Scott Rozelle, Stanford University

The Age Old Question: The Relationship Between a Student's Age at High School Graduation and College Choices and Completion
Michael Hurwitz, Jonathan Smith, & Jessica Howell, College Board

Are Two Subjects Better Than One? The Causal Effects of Developmental English Courses on Native and Non-Native English Speakers in College
Michelle Hodara, Community College Research Center
4F. Education Policy Panel
Leveraging Local Evaluations to Understand Contradictions
Roosevelt - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Moderator: Robert Granger, William T. Grant Foundation
Beth Boulay, Abt Associates
Carlos Martin, Abt Associates
Susan Zief, Mathematica Policy Research

4G. Education Policy
Learning from Instructional, Behavioral, and System-Level Interventions
Sulgrave - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Chair: Shaun Dougherty, Harvard University

Improving Youth Outcomes By Building Social-Cognitive Skills:
Experimental Evidence from Juvenile Detention
Sara Heller, University of Chicago, Jonathan Guryan, Northwestern University,
and Jens Ludwig, University of Chicago

How Teacher-Scaffolded Summer Reading Improves Different Components of Reading Comprehension:
Lessons Learned from Two Experimental Studies
James Kim, North Cooc, & David M. Quinn, Harvard University

The Development of an Early Identification and Intervention System
in the Milwaukee Public Schools
Sun Young Yoon & Curtis Jones, University of Wisconsin - Madison,
and Marc Sanders, Milwaukee Public Schools

4H. Education Policy Invited Panel
A Team of Rivals: Helping Federal Policymakers Utilize Mixed Results
Gallery 2 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Moderator: Michele McLaughlin, Knowledge Alliance
Mary Cassell, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
Michael Gamel-McCormick, U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
Lindsay Hunsicker, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

4I. Research Methods
Advanced Methods for Non-Experimental Studies
Gallery 3 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Daniel McCaffrey, Educational Testing Service

Incorporating Sampling Weights into Propensity Score Analysis of Survey Data:
Making Causal Inference to the Sampled Population
Nianbo Dong, Vanderbilt University

Use of a C-SITS Approach to Estimating the Impact of the Receipt of a Teacher Recruitment Incentive Grant on an IHE’s Production of Certified STEM Teachers - Problems and Solutions
Ellen Bobronnikov & Cristofer S. Price, Abt Associates

Intact School Matching in Education:
Exploring the Relative Importance of Focal and Local Matching
Vivian C Wong, University of Virginia, Kelly Hallberg &
Thomas D. Cook, Northwestern University

4J. Research Methods
Technical Methods for Meta-Analysis and Multi-Site Studies
Executive Forum - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Mark Lipsey, Vanderbilt University

Using Robust Variance Estimation to Combine Multiple Regression Estimates with Meta-Analysis
Ryan Williams, University of Memphis

Estimating Cross-Site Impact Variation in the Presence of Heteroscedasticity
Howard S. Bloom, Kristin E. Porter, & Michael J. Weiss, MDRC

A Novel Approach to Policy and Implementation Analysis:
Using Experimental Data and Multilevel Modeling to Evaluate Education Interventions
Tyler Scott & Grant Blume, University of Washington, and Maureen Pirog, Indiana University
4K. Education Policy Invited Symposium
Education in Italy: Results, Current Challenges, and Possibilities Ahead
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Daniele Vidoni, INVALSI

Teacher Mobility and Student Learning
Gianna Barbieri, MIUR, Claudio Rossetti, LUISS, and Paolo Sestito, Bank of Italy

School Effectiveness and Multiple Outcomes of Schooling:
Some Findings Regarding School Consistency across Subjects in Italy
Daniele Vidoni, INVALSI, Maria Magdalena Isac, European Commission,
and Valentina Rastelli, INVALSI

Assessing the Effectiveness of Education Programs in Italy:
the Cases of ICT Additional Availability and of Teacher Training in Mathematics and Italian
Daniele Checchi, University of Milan, and Daniele Vidoni, INVALSI

Note: Session 4K will run from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM.
5A. Early Childhood Education

1: Do Emotional Support and Classroom Organization Earlier in the Year Set the Stage for Higher Quality Instruction?
Timothy Curby, George Mason University, Sara E. Rimm-Kaufman, University of Virginia, and Tashia Abry, Arizona State University

Allison H. Friedman-Krauss, Maia C. Connors, & Pamela A. Morris, New York University

3: ECHOS: Early Childhood Hands-On Science Efficacy Study
Judy A. Brown, Miami Science Museum, Daryl B. Greenfield & Elizabeth Bell, University of Miami, Cheryl Lani Juarez & Ted Myers, Miami Science Museum, and Irena Nayfeld, University of Miami

4: The Development of Self-Regulation Skills in Early Care and Education Contexts Over Time
Sandra Soliday Hong, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

5: Do Highly Qualified Teachers Use More Effective Instructional Practices Than Other Teachers: The Mediating Effect of Instructional Practices
So Jung Park, University of Wisconsin - Madison

6: Fidelity and Scaling-Up in the Context of a Social-Emotional Intervention for Early Childhood Education
Natalia Rojas, Chrishana M. Lloyd, & Shira Mattera, MDRC

7: Estimating Causal Effects of Teacher-Child Relationships on Reading and Math Achievement in a High-Risk Sample: A Multi-Level Propensity Score Matching Approach
Meghan McCormick, Erin O’Connor, Elise Cappella, & Sandee McClowry, New York University

8: A Teacher-Friendly Method of Improving Reading and Mathematics
J. K. Kidd, K. Marinka Gadzichowski, Deb A. Gallington, Claudia Lopez, & Robert Pasnak, George Mason University

5B. Instructional Improvement

H. Lee Swanson, Michael J. Orosco, & Cathy Lussier, University of California - Riverside

10: Communicating to Policymakers: What to Do with Ambiguous Results from Three Impact Studies of the Same Education Program
Ardice Hartry, University of California - Berkeley

11: Effects of Manipulative Use on PK-12 Mathematics Achievement: A Meta-Analysis
Amy Holmes, Vanderbilt University

12: Measuring the Quantity and Quality of Instructional Interactions for Middle School Literacy Improvement

13: What Can Be Done during School Year to Reduce Summer Learning Loss?: The Effect of Classroom Practices on Summer Learning
So Jung Park, University of Wisconsin - Madison

14: Course Placement Influences on Student Motivation
Rahila Simzar, Thurston Domina, AnneMarie Conley, & Cathy Tran, University of California - Irvine

15: Examining Positive but Nondifferential Gains in Secondary Students’ Reading Comprehension: A Focus on Instructional Practices and Differential Benefit
Deborah Simmons & Melissa Fogarty, Texas A&M University, Eric Oslund, University of Texas, Leslie Simmons, John Davis, & Leah Anderson, Texas A&M University

5C. School Climate and Culture

16: Context, Perspective, and Fidelity of Implementation: What Does Coaching Support Look Like for Teachers Implementing the Responsive Classroom Approach?
Carol L. C. Paxton, University of Virginia, Shannon B. Wanless, University of Pittsburgh, and Sara E. Rimm-Kaufman, University of Virginia

17: Building on Mixed Results from an Experimental Study to Inform New Development: The AWSM Project
Andrea Beesley, Tedra Clark, N. Kathleen Dempsey, & Anne Tweed, McREL

18: Academic Achievement and School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
Nicholas Gage & George Sugai, University of Connecticut, and Timothy J. Lewis, University of Missouri
5D. Transitions for Youth

19: Minimum Wage and Community College Attendance: How Economic Circumstances Affect Educational Choices
Betsy Williams, Stanford University

20: Impacts of Study Abroad on American Students’ Intercultural Competence: A Propensity Score Analysis
Ning Rui, Westat

5E. Education Policy

21: The Impacts of an Integrated Community Development Program in Southern Ethiopia - A Propensity Score Analysis
Ning Rui, Westat

22: Preliminary Findings from an Efficacy Study of a Distributed Leadership Model of School Organization
Kathryn Borman, Scott Patrick Murphy, Joseph LoSasso, & Lea Schlanger, University of South Florida

23: How Professional Development Can Do Better for Teachers, and Who Needs It?
The Implications from Hierarchical Logistic Regression Analysis and Latent Class Analysis
Chi Chang, Michigan State University, and Bing Tong, Mindset Works

24: Understanding Impact Variation in Family Rewards: The Role of Schools and Neighborhoods on a Conditional Cash Transfer Program
Sharon Wolf & J. Lawrence Aber, New York University

25: Tracking and Student Achievement: The Role of Instruction as a Mediator
Rebecca Schmidt, Vanderbilt University

26: Structural Equation Modeling of Knowledge Content Improvement Using Inquiry Based Instruction
Christopher Gonwa-Reeves, Luke Fostvedt, Marcia Laugerman, Joan Baenziger, & Mack Shelley, Iowa State University, Brian Hand & Bill Therrien, University of Iowa

27: Missing Data and Mixed Results: The Effects of Teach For America on Student Achievement Revisited
Emily Penner, University of California - Irvine

5F. Research Methods

28: Using School Lotteries to Evaluate the Value-Added Model
Jonah Deutsch, University of Chicago

Kristynn J. Sullivan & William R. Shadish, University of California - Merced

30: A Powerful, Potential Outcomes Method for Estimating Any Estimand across Multiple Groups
Cassandra W. Pattanayak & Donald B. Rubin, Harvard University, and Elizabeth R. Zell, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

31: Developing an Aggregate Metric of Teaching Practice for Use in Mediator Analysis

32: How Generalizable Is Your Experiment? Developing an Index for Comparing Samples and Populations
Elizabeth Tipton, Columbia University
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Career Forum
Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level & Floor 3

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Gallery Ballroom - Park Hyatt Hotel

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Graduate Student Organization Reception
Drawing Room - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

SATURDAY MARCH 9, 2013

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

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Plenary - Ballroom - Fairmont Hotel
In Conversation: Marshall Smith with Catherine Snow
From Camelot to Obama Mia!
Recurrent Challenges to Improving Education Practice with Education Policy

Marshall Smith
Senior Fellow
Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

Catherine Snow
Patricia Albjerg Graham Professor of Education
Harvard Graduate School of Education
Harvard University
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Session 6

6A. Early Childhood Education
How and for Whom Do Early Childhood Contexts Matter?
Latrobe - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Chair: Shira Mattera, MDRC

Foundations of Science Literacy:
Using Instruction-Embedded Formative Assessment to Strengthen the Relation between Gains in Teacher Pedagogical Content Knowledge and Children's Scientific Thinking
Nancy Clark-Chiarelli, Jess Gropen, Janna Fuccillo, & Cindy Hoisington, Education Development Center

Sustainability of Fidelity of Implementation Over Time, in the Context of a Prekindergarten Mathematics Curriculum and Professional Development Scale-Up Intervention
Christopher Wolfe, Indiana University - Kokomo, Douglas Clements & Julie Sarama, University of Denver, and Mary Elaine Spitler, University at Buffalo

The Relation between Intervention Dose and Preschool Teacher-Child Interactions in the Context of a Web-Mediated Coaching Model
Sonia Q. Cabell, Robert C. Pianta, & Jamie DeCoster, University of Virginia

6B. Instructional Improvement Panel
Harmonizing Methodological and Practical Fidelity of Implementation Considerations:
Addressing the Paradox of Too Much and Too Little Data
Salon 4 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level

Moderator: David Houchins, Georgia State University

Rich Lambert, University of North Carolina

Joe Gagnon, University of Florida

6C. Instructional Improvement Symposium
The Impact of Two Intelligent Tutoring Systems on Student Performance in Middle School Mathematics and High School Chemistry
Salgrive - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Organizer: Steve Schneider, WestEd

The Theory and Development of the Quantum High School Chemistry Tutor Intervention
Benny Johnson, Quantum Simulations

Results of the Efficacy Study on the Impact of Quantum Chemistry Tutors on High School Chemistry Students
Ted Britton, Weiling Li, & Steve Schneider, WestEd

The Theory and Development of the AnimalWatch Middle School Mathematics Intervention
Carole Beal, University of Arizona

Results of the Efficacy Study on the Impact of the AnimalWatch System on Middle School Students' Math Performance
Shandy Hauk, Bob Allen, Katie D'Silva, Weiling Li, & Cathy Ringstaff, WestEd

Discussant: Christina Chhin, Institute of Education Sciences

6D. School Climate and Culture Symposium
Parts of the Whole: Using Parent, Student, and Teacher Voices to Understand School Climate
Culpeper - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level

Organizer: Lori Nathanson, Research Alliance for New York City Schools

School Climate and Obesity:
Examining the Link between Students’ Perception of School Environment and Predict BMI
Christopher C. Weiss, New York University, and Rhiannon N. Miller, MDRC

Perceptions of Safety: Parent, Teacher & Student Responses to Questions about School Safety in the New York City School Survey
Christine Baker-Smith, New York University

Assessing Teacher Survey Validity across Elementary, Middle, and High Schools:
Evidence from New York City
Meghan McCormick, New York University, and Lori Nathanson, Research Alliance for New York City Schools

Discussant: John Lawrence Aber, New York University
6E. Transitions for Youth
Linking Secondary Curriculum and Post-Secondary Enrollment and Achievement
Executive Forum - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level
Chair: Dylan Conger, George Washington University

The Impact of the Early College High School Model on Students’ Post-Secondary Enrollment
Julie Edmunds, University of North Carolina - Greensboro, Fatih Unlu, Abt Associates,
Elizabeth Glennie & Lawrence Bernstein, RTI International, and Arthur Smith, Abt Associates

Impact Evaluation of the Early College High School Initiative
Andrea Berger, Lori Turk-Bicakci, Mengli Song, Krissy Zeiser, Clarisse Haxton,
Joel Knudson, & Gur Hoshen, American Institutes for Research

The Challenge of Senior Year in Chicago Public Schools:
A Mixed-Methods Study of Coursetaking and Its Effects on College Outcomes
Thomas Kelley-Kemple, Eliza Moeller, &
Melissa Roderick, Consortium on Chicago School Research

Inequality and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Massachusetts
John P. Papay, Brown University, Richard J. Murnane & John B. Willett, Harvard University

6F. Education Policy Symposium
Prognostic Score-Based Difference-in-Differences Strategy
for Education Policy Evaluation
Salon 1 - Park Hyatt Hotel, Ballroom Level
Organizer: Guanglei Hong, University of Chicago

Prognostic Score-Based Difference-in-Differences Strategy for Multilevel Multi-Cohort Data
Guanglei Hong, University of Chicago

Evaluation of Alternative Difference-in-Differences Methods
Bing Yu, University of Chicago

Prognostic Score-Based Difference-in-Differences Strategy Applied to Multi-Level Time Series Data:
Evaluation of an Algebra-for-All Policy in Chicago
Takako Nomi, St. Louis University

Discussant: Howard S. Bloom, MDRC

6G. Research Methods Symposium
Analysis and Meta-Analysis of Single-Case Designs
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3
Organizer: William Shadish, University of California - Merced

Using Generalized Additive Models to Analyze Single-Case Designs
William Shadish & Kristynn Sullivan, University of California - Merced

Fully Bayesian Estimation of Data from Single Case Designs
David Rindskopf, CUNY

Synthesis of Single-Case Experimental Data: A Comparison of Alternative Multilevel Approaches
John Ferron, University of South Florida,
Wim Van den Noortgate, Catholic University of Leuven,
Tasha Beretvas, University of Texas - Austin,
Mariola Moeyaert & Maaike Ugille, Catholic University of Leuven,
Merlande Petit-Bois & Eun Kyeng Baek, University of South Florida

Effect Size Measure and Analysis of Single Subject Designs
Harisharan Swaminathan & H. Jane Rogers, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Daniel Maggin, University of Illinois - Chicago

6H. Research Methods Symposium
Analyzing the Head Start Impact Study Data: Analysis Issues and Implementation
Roosevelt - Fairmont Hotel, Ballroom Level
Organizer: Camilla Heid, Westat

Methods for Analyzing Data from a Randomized Control Trial with a Nationally Representative Sample
Stephen H. Bell, Abt Associates, Michael J. Puma, Chesapeake Research Associates,
Ronna J. Cook, Ronna Cook Associates, and Camilla A. Heid, Westat

Methods for Investigating the Role of Program Quality in Determining Head Start's Impact on Child Development
Laura R. Peck & Stephen H. Bell, Abt Associates

Methods That Examine the Extent to Which the Quality of Children's Experiences in Elementary School Moderate the Long-Term Impacts of Head Start
Andrew J. Mashburn, Portland State University, and Jason T. Downer, University of Virginia

Discussant: Winston Lin, University of California - Berkeley
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Short Courses, Part 1
Short courses require an additional fee.

Introduction to Social Networks
Kenneth Frank, Michigan State University
Sulgrave - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

Statistical Analysis with Missing Data: A Guide to Theory and Practice
Joe Schafer, United States Census Bureau
Dumbarton - Fairmont Hotel, Floor 3

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The course will begin by considering two-level studies in which persons (level-1 units) are nested within organizations (level-2 units) such as schools. Two-level studies of individual change will then be examined. Time-series data (level-1) will be viewed as nested within persons (level-2). The level-1 model specifies how an individual is changing over time as a function of person-specific “micro-parameters.” The level-2 model describes the population distribution of the micro-parameters of individual change as a function of macro-parameters. The next phase will examine three-level models. The initial focus will be the case in which repeated measures (level-1) are nested within individuals (level-2), who are themselves nested in organizations (level-3). In studies with continuous outcomes, the normal distribution is at least plausible. The next step will be to generalize two- and three-level models to other types of outcomes: binary outcomes, counts, ordered outcomes, and multinomial data. All of these cases fall into the framework of the hierarchical generalized linear model.

A number of statistical issues that cut across applications will be analyzed in the short course. These include: (1) efficiency and robustness of inferences, (2) Bayes and empirical Bayes shrinkage estimation of random effects, (3) exploratory analyses and model checking, (4) univariate and multivariate hypothesis tests & confidence sets, and (5) optimal research design. The course will conclude by addressing methods to estimate hierarchical linear models from incomplete data. Software for the efficient analysis of two-level models in the presence of missing data will be demonstrated.

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INTERVENTION, EVALUATION, AND POLICY STUDIES

Replicating the Impact of a Supplemental Beginning Reading Intervention: The Role of Instructional Context
Michael D. Coyne, Mary Little, D’Ann Rawlinson, Deborah Simmons, Oi-man Kwok, Minjun Kim, Leslie Simmons, Shanna Hagan-Burke, and Christina Civetelli

METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES

PowerUp!: A Tool for Calculating Minimum Detectable Effect Sizes and Minimum Required Sample Sizes for Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Design Studies
Nianbo Dong and Rebecca Maynard

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