

SREE Invited Panel - Turning the Evidence Commission's Recommendations into Action

March 1 - 10:30am to noon

Many members of the education research community have tracked progress over the years on the federal evidence agenda -- the effort to increase the use of evidence within federal departments and agencies, including the Department of Education. One of the most important recent milestones in that agenda has been the bipartisan Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking (CEP), launched by Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and Democratic Senator Patty Murray in 2016. Its recommendations, announced in September 2017, focus on expanding access for qualified researchers to data from government programs and surveys; strengthening data privacy protections; and increasing federal agencies' capacity to use evidence. This panel will discuss the CEP's recommendations and the efforts to turn those recommendations into reality through Congressional legislation and through implementation within agencies. Panelists will also discuss their broader advice about strategies to strengthen the use of evidence within the federal government and within states and localities where many federal policy are implemented.

Panel:

- * Nick Hart, Bipartisan Policy Center (Moderator)
- * Adam Gamoran, W.T. Grant Foundation (Panelist)
- * Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution (Panelist)
- * John Righter, Senate HELP Committee (Panelist)
- * Kathy Stack, formerly White House Office of Management and Budget (Panelist)