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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Public Management and Policy in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University. August 2005 to Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Management and Policy in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University. August 1999 to August 2005.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, Political Science. January 1996-August 1999.

Fields: Public Policy/Political Economy, Political Psychology, and Methodology.

M.A. S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, Political Science. August 1994-December 1995.

B.A. Rice University, Political Science and Psychology. August 1989-May 1993.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Policy, Education Policy, and State and Local Government.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Forthcoming. "Representative Bureaucracy & Policy Tools: Ethnicity, Student Discipline, and Representation in Public Schools." *Administration and Society*. (with David Pitts and Ignacio Navarro)

2008 "Social Context and Voting over Taxes: Evidence from a Referendum in Alabama." *Public Finance Review* 36: 614-634 (with Michael Rushton).

2008 "Considering the Dynamics of Problem Definition: Individual Experiences, Social Services, and Public Problems." *Politics and Policy* 36: 614-635.

2008 "State Policy Innovation in Perspective: Courts, Legislatures and Education Finance Reform." *Political Research Quarterly* 66: 333-344 (with Robert Howard).

2006 "Citizens, Accountability, and Service Satisfaction: The Influence of Expectations." *Urban Affairs Review* 41: 292-308 (with Theodore Poister).

2005 "The Dual Roots of Opinion Leadership." *The Journal of Politics* 66: 110-131.

- 2005 "Strengthening Public Administration Research: Identifying Boundaries and Horizons." *International Journal of Public Administration* 28: 37-55 (with Greg Strieb).
- 2004 "The Implications of Contracting out with Nonprofit Organizations: Increasing Citizen Satisfaction?" *The Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 14: 191-209 (with David Van Slyke).
- 2001 "Policy Change and the State Courts: The Case of Education Finance Reform." *Justice System Journal* 22 (November): 137-153 (with Robert Howard).
- 2000 "Social Networks and Citizen Response to Legal Change." *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (October): 777-791 (with John Scholz and Kathleen McGraw).
- 1999 "Heuristics, Low Information Rationality, and Choosing Public Goods: Broken Windows As Shortcuts to Information About Schools." *Urban Affairs Review* 34: 729-741 (with Mark Schneider, Melissa Marschall, and Paul Teske).
- 1998 "Shopping for Schools: In the Land of the Blind, The One-Eyed Parent May be Enough." *American Journal of Political Science* 42: 769-793 (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 1998 "School Choice and Culture Wars in the Classroom: What Different Parents Seek from Education." *Social Science Quarterly* 79-3: 489-501 (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 1997 "Networks to Nowhere: Segregation and Stratification in Networks of Information about Schools." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 1201-1223 (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 1997 "Institutional Arrangements and the Creation of Social Capital: The Effects of Public School Choice." *American Political Science Review* 91: 82-93. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, Melissa Marschall and Michael Mintrom).
- 1997 "Research Report: School Choice Builds Community." *The Public Interest*. Fall. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).

Book Chapters

- 2000 "Public School Choice: A Status Report." In *New York City Schools*, Diane Ravitch and Joseph Viteritti eds., Baltimore MD: Johns Hopkins University Press (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 2000 "School Choice: the Case of New York's District 4." In *Restructuring Education: Innovations and Evaluations of Alternative Systems*, Simon Hakim, Daniel J. Ryan, and Judith Stull eds., Westport CT: Praeger Publishers (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).

- 2000 "How do Parents Search for Information?" in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*.* Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall). *Received the Aaron Wildavsky Award for best book in 2001-02 from the Public Policy Section of the American Political Science Association
- 2000 "Building Social Networks in the Search for Information about Schools"* in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall). *Dissertation Chapter
- 2000 "The Distribution of Knowledge: How Much Do Parents Know about the Schools in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 2000 "The Distribution of Preferences: What do Parents Want from Schools?" in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 2000 "Allocational Efficiency: You Can't Always Get What you Want – But Some Do." in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 2000 "Productive Efficiency: Does School Choice Affect Academic Performance." in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).
- 2000 "Choosing Together is Better than Bowling Alone: School Choice and the Creation of Social Capital." in *Choosing Schools: Consumer Choice and the Quality of American Schools*. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. (with Mark Schneider, Paul Teske, and Melissa Marschall).

Manuscripts Under Preparation for Submission

"Charters Schools, Equity, and Student Enrollments: The Role of For-profit Educational Management Organizations" (with Nevbahar Ertas).

"The Influence of Evaluations of Personal and Collective Experiences: Considering Parents' Evaluations of their Children's Schools." (with Amanda Wilsker)

Ethnicity and Policy Tools in Public Education: The Role of Representation (with David Pitts)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2005 "Choice and Accountability in Education." Georgia State University *Faculty Mentoring Grant*. \$10,000.
- 2000 "Policy Change and the State Courts: the Case of Education Finance Reform." Georgia State University *Research Initiation Grant*. \$4500. (with Robert Howard)
- 1998 APSA Travel Grant
- 1994-
1998 Stony Brook Departmental Special Achievements Fellowship

REPORTS

- 2002 Roch, Christine, Laura Henderson, Gary Henry, and Bentley Ponder. "Understanding Parents' Choices about the Care and Education of Pre-School Children." Prepared for the Office of School Readiness.
- 1998 Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, Melissa Marschall and Christine Roch. "Evaluating the Effects of Public School Choice in District 4." Prepared for the Manhattan Institute.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 "The Effect of Representative Bureaucracy and Shared Organizational Values on Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools" (with Kelley Dean) at the 78th Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2009.
- 2008 "Ethnicity and Policy Tools in Public Education: The Role of Representation." (with David Pitts) Presented at the Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in Los Angeles, CA, November 6-8, 2008.
- 2008 "Charters Schools, Equity, and Student Enrollments: The Role of For-profit Educational Management Organizations." (with Nevbahar Ertas) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 3-6, 2008
- 2007 "Ethnic Representation and Student Discipline in Public Schools." (with David Pitts). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 12-15, 2007.
- 2006 "Representative Bureaucracy & Policy Tools: Ethnicity, Student Discipline, and Representation in Public Schools." (with David Pitts and Ignacio Navarro). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 20-23, 2006.
- 2006 "The Influence of Evaluations of Personal and Collective Experiences: Considering Parents' valuations of their Children's Schools." (with Amanda Wilsker). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 20-23, 2006.

- 2005 “Social Context and Voting over Taxes: Evidence from a Referendum in Alabama.” (with Michael Rushton). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 7-10, 2005.
- 2004 “Citizens, Accountability, and Service Satisfaction: The Influence of Expectations.” (with Theodore Poister). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago IL, September 1-4, 2004.
- 2004 “Using Citizens' Judgments as an Accountability Mechanism in Democratic Governance: Considering Perceptions of Personal and Collective Experience.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 15-18, 2004.
- 2003 Roch, Christine, and Nevbahar Ertas. “The Limits of Interpersonal Influence: Market Mavens in Private and Local Public Goods Markets.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 3, 2003 – April 6, 2003.
- 2002 Roch, Christine and Robert Howard. "State Courts, Legislatures, and School Financing: Understanding the Timing of Education Finance Reform." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28, 2002 – September 1, 2002.
- 2002 Roch, Christine. "Using Citizen Judgments as an Accountability Mechanism in Democratic Governance: Considering the Role of Trust and Impersonal Influence." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 25-28, 2002.
- 2001 Roch, Christine, and David Van Slyke. "Increasing Citizen Satisfaction by Contracting with Non-Profits for Social Services." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in Washington D.C., November 1-3, 2001.
- 2001 Roch, Christine and Robert Howard. "Litigation, State Courts and Legislatures: The Case of Education Finance Reform." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 19-22 2001.
- 2000 Howard, Robert and Christine Roch. "Policy Change and the State Courts: The Case of Education Finance Reform." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta GA., November 9-11, 2000.
- 2000 Roch, Christine. “Policy, Networks, and Information: the Role of Opinion Leaders in the Flow of Information about Education.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C., August 31 – September 3, 2000.
- 2000 Roch, Christine. “Social Networks as Problem Solving Tools: Changing Networks in Response to Crime.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association in Los Angeles, CA, May 3-6, 2000.
- 2000 Roch, Christine. “Equity as a Policy Criterion: Considering the Effects of Choice in New York City’s District 4.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 27-30 2000.

- 1999 Roch, Christine. "Gathering Information about Local Policy Issues: the Role of Problem-Solving Networks." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 15-17, 1999.
- 1998 Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, Melissa Marschall, and Christine Roch. "Tiebout, School Choice, Allocative and Productive Efficiency." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston MA, Sept. 3-6, 1998.
- 1998 Roch, Christine and John Scholz. "Citizen Response to Legal Change: Social Networks as Opportunity and Constraints." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 23-26, 1998.
- 1998 Teske, Paul, Mark Schneider, and Christine Roch. "School Choice and Student Performance." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 23-26, 1998.
- 1998 Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, Melissa Marschall, and Christine Roch. "Evaluating the Effects of Public School Choice in District 4." Presented to the Manhattan Institute at the Harvard Club, New York NY, February 25, 1998.
- 1997 Roch, Christine, Mark Schneider, and Paul Teske. "The Flow of Information in the Market for Public Goods: Networks as Efficient Shortcuts to Information about Schools." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C., August 28-31, 1997.
- 1997 Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, Melissa Marschall, and Christine Roch. "Shopping for Schools: In the Land of the Blind, The One-Eyed Parent May be Enough." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago IL, April 10 to 12, 1997.
- 1996 Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, Christine Roch, and Melissa Marschall. "Networks to Nowhere: Segregation and Stratification in Networks of Information about Schools." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco CA, August 29 to September 1 1996.
- 1995 Schneider, Mark, Paul Teske, Melissa Marschall, Michael Mintrom, and Christine Roch. "Shopping for Public Goods: Institutional Structures, Social Interactions, and the Search For Information about Local Schools" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago IL, August 31- September 3, 1995.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Boundaries of Interpersonal Influence: Opinion Leaders in Private and Local Public Goods Markets.” (with Nevbahar Ertas)

“Social Networks as Problem-Solving Tools: Changing Networks in Response to Crime”

"Federal and National Influences on State Education Policy."

COURSES TAUGHT

Scope and Theory of Public Policy (graduate)

Policy Analysis (graduate)

Public Policy Process (undergrad)

Urban Political Economy (undergrad, graduate)

Politics and Policy (graduate)

Introduction to Statistical Methods (undergrad, graduate)

Other Teaching Interests:

Education Policy

Intermediate Methods (Regression, Maximum Likelihood)

DISSERTATIONS

Joy Mordica. 2003. “Paradigms of Inquiry and Evaluation of Mathematics Curriculum and Policy: Implications for the Study of the Use of information.” Educational Policy Studies. *Outside Committee Member.*

Geon Gysuck. 2005. “The Effects of Home Rule and Dillon’s Rule on Local Government Behavior.” Economics. *Committee Member.*

John Matthews. 2006. “The Effect of Proximity to Commercial Uses on Residential Prices.” Joint Program in Public Policy. *Committee Member.*

Nevbahar Ertas. 2007. “Public School Responses to Charter School Presence.” Joint Program in Public Policy. *Chair.*

Robert Salvino. 2007. “Home Rule, Selectivity, and Overlapping Jurisdictions.” Economics. *Committee Member.*

PAST AND CURRENT KEY INTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Departmental Executive Committee

MPP Program Development

The Admissions and Coordinating Committee for the Joint Ph.D. Program

Junior Search Committee, Chair

Junior Search Committee – School of Education

University Senate Research Committee

University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2008 Member, NASPAA Dissertation Selection Committee
- 2007 Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association
- 2005-
2007 Member, Council for the Public Administration Section, APSA.
- 2005 Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee for the Urban Politics Section, APSA.
- 2004 Discussant, "We Built this City," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2004 Discussant, "Schools: Choices, Charters, and Children," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2003 Discussant, "Satisfaction in Service Delivery," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2002 Discussant and Chair, "Choice and Charters: Assessing the Policy Impacts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2001 Discussant and Chair, "Explaining Public Policy Decisions and Outcomes," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2001 Discussant and Chair, "Themes and Theories in Urban Public Policy and the Uses of Urban Space," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2000 Discussant, "Change in Local Government Structures and Their Consequences," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- 2000 Discussant and Chair, "The Role of Group Involvement in Political Behavior," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2000 Chair, "Reinvigorating Democracy," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- 1999 Discussant, "Local Developmental Nightmares," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Occasional Referee, *American Journal of Political Science*; *The Journal of Politics*; *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *American Review of Public Administration*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *National Science Foundation*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

Member, American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association.