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EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

MAXWELL SCHOOL OF CITIZENSHIP & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ph.D. in Public Administration

Advisor: William Duncombe

Dissertation: *Are Eating and Exercise Behaviors at School Contributing to Youth Obesity in the United States?*

Comprehensive Exams: Public Budgeting & Finance, Information Technology and R&D Policy, Research Methods, Intellectual History of Public Administration

SYRACUSE, NY

SEPTEMBER 2003 TO 2007

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

ROBERT F. WAGNER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Master of Public Administration: Public Policy

Capstone Thesis: "Opportunities for Merit Pay in New York City Public Schools"

NEW YORK, NY

MAY 2000

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts: American Studies. Minors: Biology, History, French
Summa Cum Laude

GEORGETOWN, KY

MAY 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Cynthia Searcy and William Duncombe. 2009. "An Examination of the Financial Health of Georgia's Start-up Charter Schools," *Fiscal Research Center Report*, July 2009.

William Duncombe and Cynthia Searcy. 2007. "Out With the Old, In With the New? A Case Study of Procurement Practices in New York State School Districts," *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management* (19:4) p.514-545.

William Duncombe and Cynthia Searcy. 2007. "Can the Use of Recommended Procurement Practices Save Money," *Journal of Public Budgeting & Finance* (27:2) p.68-87.

Charles Brecher, Diana Silver, Cynthia Searcy, Beth Weitzman. 2005. "Following the Money: Using Expenditure Analysis as an Evaluation Tool," *American Journal of Evaluation* (26:1) p.166-188.

Charles Brecher, Cynthia Searcy, Diana Silver, Beth Weitzman. 2004. "What Does Government Spend on Children: Evidence From Five Cities," Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy, The Brookings Institution, March 2004.

Charles Brecher and Cynthia Searcy, "Playing by Baseball Rules Could Aid Schools," *Newsday*, October 3, 2002.

Charles Brecher and Cynthia Searcy, "Good's Not Enough for New York City," *New York Post*, July 20, 2001.

PRESENTATIONS

"An Examination of the Financial Health of Georgia's Start-up Charter Schools" American Education Finance Association, Nashville, TN, April 20, 2009.

"Charter School Finance: An Examination of Schools of Choice in Georgia" Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Chicago, IL, October 24, 2008.

"School Choice and No Child Left Behind," American Education Finance Association, Denver, CO, April 2008.

"More Money For Those Left Behind? A Preliminary Fiscal Analysis of the Impact of Charter Schools on Traditional Public Schools in Five Distressed School Districts," Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Atlanta, GA, October 2006.

"School Environments and Adolescent Obesity in Large Urban Areas, " Yale University Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity, New Haven, CT, May 2006.

"Children's Budgets Reconsidered: Lessons Learned From a Multi-Year Fiscal Analysis of Public Spending for Children's Services in Five Distressed Cities," Western Social Science Association, Phoenix, AZ, April 2006.

"Procurement Practices of New York State School Districts," American Education Finance Association, Louisville, KY, March 2005.

"What Do We Know About the Procurement Practices of New York State School Districts?" Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Chicago, IL, October 2004.

"Distribution of New York State School Aid," New York State Network for Economic Research Conference, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, December 2002.

"Fiscal Analysis as a Tool in the Evaluation of Complex Social Programs," American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2002.

TEACHING

Georgia State University *Assistant Professor*

FALL 2008

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
PAUS 8501: Managing Public Money

Syracuse University *Adjunct Professor*

SUMMER 2008

Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs
PPA734: Public Budgeting

Georgia State University *Assistant Professor*

SPRING 2008, 2009

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
PAUS 8121: Applied Research Methods & Statistics I

Syracuse University <i>Adjunct Instructor</i> Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs PPA721: Introduction to Statistical Methods (Teaching reviews available upon request)	FALL 2007
Syracuse University <i>Teaching Associate</i> Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs MAX123: Critical Issues for the United States (Teaching reviews available upon request)	FALL 2006 TO SPRING 2007
Syracuse University <i>Lecturer & Moderator</i> Whitman School of Management U.S. Army Comptroller Program An Exercise in Hard Choices: Federal Budgeting Simulation	SPRING 2004 TO SPRING 2007
New York University <i>Adjunct Professor</i> Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service Statistical Methods for Public, Nonprofit, and Health Management & SPSS Lab (Teaching reviews available upon request)	SUMMER 2005
SERVICE	
Georgia Charter Schools Association Walton Family Foundation Grant Reviewer	JUNE 2009
Charter Petition Review Committee Atlanta Public Schools	APRIL 2008, 2009
Renaissance 2010 Design Framework Interview Committee Chicago Public Schools, Office of New Schools	JUNE 2008
AWARDS	
Syracuse University Dissertation Prize Excellence in Scholarship and Research Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs	MAY 2008
MAX 123 Teaching Fellowship Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Syracuse University	FALL 2006 TO SPRING 2007
Roscoe Martin Summer Research Award Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Syracuse University	SUMMER 2006
Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Scholarship Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Syracuse University	FALL 2003 TO SPRING 2006
Dean's Scholarship Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service New York University	SPRING 1998 TO SPRING 2000

EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE RESEARCH
Associate Research Scientist
Urban Health Initiative Fiscal Analysis

NEW YORK, NY
SUMMER 2005

CITIZENS BUDGET COMMISSION
Research Associate

NEW YORK, NY
SEPTEMBER 1999 TO 2003

Publications & Research

No Small Change: Opportunities for Streamlining Procurement in New York City (February 2002)

New York's Competitiveness: A Scorecard for 13 U.S. Metropolitan Areas (July 2001)

New York State's Competitiveness: A Scorecard for 12 States (February 2001)

An Affordable Debt Policy for New York State and New York City (October 2000)

Using Collective Bargaining to Improve Education: Recommendations for the 2000 Negotiations with the United Federation of Teachers (August 2000)

LEGAL SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY
Welfare Policy Analyst

EDISON, NJ
JULY 1998 TO AUGUST 1999

TAHARA-CHO BOARD OF EDUCATION
Assistant English Teacher

TAHARA-CHO, JAPAN
JULY 1995 TO JULY 1997