

# Curriculum Vitae

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**Fields of Research:** K-12 Education Policy and Finance  
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**Teaching Experience:** Public Budgeting and Finance  
Financial Management for State and Local Governments  
Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations  
Education Policy  
Program Evaluation  
Economics of Education

**Education:** Ph.D., Public Administration, 1997  
New York University  
  
Bachelor of Arts, 1988  
State University of New York at Albany

### Employment History

2015 – present Professor and Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy, Department of Public Management and Policy, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA

2011-2015: Professor of Public Administration and International Affairs, Associate Dean and Chair, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse New York

2003 – 2011: Associate Professor of Public Administration, Department of Public Administration, Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse New York

1997 – 2003: Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Urban Studies, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies with joint appointment in College of Education, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA

- 1994-1997: Lecturer in Public Administration, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, New York, NY
- 1993-1997: Assistant Research Scientist, Institute for Education and Social Policy, New York University, New York, NY
- 1992-1993: New York State Senate Legislative Fellow, Office of Senator Howard E. Babbush, Albany, NY

### **Honors and Awards**

- 2012: Elected fellow, National Academy of Public Administration
- 2008: Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship, Department of Public Administration, Maxwell School, 2008-2012.
- 2002: Miriam Mills Award (“Outstanding Young Person in the Policy Studies Field”) from the Policy Studies Organization.
- 2000: Joseph S. Wholey Distinguished Scholarship Award for best scholarly paper of 1999 on performance-based governance, awarded to “Using Adjusted Performance Measures for Evaluating Resource Use,” from the American Society for Public Administration.
- 1998: Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award from the American Education Finance Association

### **Grants and Sponsored Activities**

“Third Party Evaluation of Say Yes to Education in Buffalo: Phase Two” Co-Principal Investigator with Robert Bifulco, Say Yes to Education Foundation, \$217,000 grant awarded, July 2018 – June 2021.

“Third Party Evaluation of Say Yes to Education in Buffalo,” Co-Principal Investigator with Robert Bifulco, Say Yes to Education Foundation, \$503,869 grant awarded, July 2013 – June 2017.

“Say Yes to Education, Family Choices and Economic Development in Syracuse: An Initial Monitoring Report.” Co-Principal Investigator with Robert Bifulco, Say Yes to Education Foundation, \$50,363 grant awarded 2012.

“Examining the Nature and Magnitude of Intra-District Resource Disparities in New York State School Districts.” New York State Education Finance Research Consortium, principal investigator. \$37,000 grant, awarded February 2007.

“Economic Inequality and Higher Education.” Russell Sage Foundation, co-principal investigator with Stacy Dickert-Conlin, \$43,000 grant for conference and volume, 2005-2006.

“How Should We Organize Primary Schooling? Grade Span, School Size and Student Academic Performance,” U.S. Department of Education, (with Amy Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel, New York University, and Jeffrey Zabel, Tufts University), \$487,910 grant awarded, August 2004 – May 2006, R305E040096.

“A Formative Evaluation of the Lumina Foundation's Impact on Higher Education Policy.” Lumina Foundation for Education, (with Gary T. Henry and Dana Rickman, Georgia State University), \$277,000 grant awarded, June 2004 – August, 2005.

“Measuring and Accounting for Performance in the U.S. K-12 Public Schools,” U.S. Department of Education, (with Amy Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel, New York University, and Jeffrey Zabel, Tufts University), \$658,096 grant awarded, June 2001 – May 2004, R305T010115.

American Education Research Association Research Grant (co-principal investigator), \$15,000 grant to conduct research on national trends in school finance equity, 1999

National Center for Education Statistics “New Scholars Award” (co-principal investigator), \$5,000 award to conduct school finance research using national databases, 1999.

“Evaluation of Georgia’s Hope Scholarship Program: Effects of HOPE on Grade Inflation, Academic Performance and College Enrollment,” (with Gary T. Henry And Daniel Bugler), Georgia Council for School Performance, 1999.

Palestinian Training Program for Local Government Finance Officers, \$87,000 grant received (by International Studies Program) from the World Bank to train local government finance officers from Palestine in budgeting and governmental accounting, 1999.

Evaluation of Georgia’s Post-Secondary Options Program, (co-principal investigator), funding from the Council for School Performance, 1998

Georgia State University Faculty Mentoring Grant (with Gary T. Henry), \$9,700 grant to prepare proposal on financial aspects of Georgia pre-kindergarten program, 1998.

## **Books**

*Economic Inequality and Higher Education: Access, Persistence and Success.* (2007). Editors: Stacy-Dickert-Conlin and Ross Rubenstein. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

*Measuring School Performance and Efficiency: Implications for Practice and Research, 2005 Yearbook of the American Education Finance Association,* (2005), Editors: Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ross Rubenstein and Jeffrey Zabel. Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education Publishing.

## **Publications**

“Evaluating the Effects of Universal Place-Based Scholarships on Student Outcomes: The Buffalo “Say Yes to Education” Program,” (forthcoming), with Robert Bifulco and Hosung Sohn, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.

“Can Synthetic Controls Help Estimate the Effect of Unique Interventions? The Case of Say Yes to Education,” (2017), with Robert Bifulco and Hosung Sohn, Evaluation Review, 41(6), 593-619.

“Assessing the Effects of Place Based Scholarships on Urban Revitalization: The Case of Say Yes to Education,” (2017), with Hosung Sohn, Judson Murchie and Robert Bifulco. Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, 39(2), 198-222.

“The Context of Education Policy in the United States and the Intersection with Music Education Policy,” (2017) in *Policy and the Political Life of Music Education*, Patrick Schmidt and Richard Colwell, eds., Oxford University Press, 53-65.

“The School Finance Perspective on Equity.” (2016). The Source. Fall 2016. <http://www.advanced-ed.org/source/school-finance-perspective-equity>.

“The Path Not Taken: How Does School Organization Affect 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Achievement?” (2011), With Amy Ellen Schwartz Jeffrey Zabel and Leanna Stiefel, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, 33 (3): 293-317

“The Effect of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on Public Education Spending: A Meta-Regression Analysis,” (2009), with Sonali Ballal, Public Finance Review, 37 (6): 665-685

“Spending, Size and Grade Span in K-8 Schools,” (2009), with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Jeffrey Zabel, Education Finance and Policy 4 (1): 60-88.

“Examining the Nature and Magnitude of Intra-District Resource Disparities in Mid-size School Districts,” (2008), with Larry Miller, Public Budgeting and Finance 28 (4): 26-51.

“Equity and Accountability: The Impact of State Accountability Systems on School Finance,” (2008), with Sonali Ballal, Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, Public Budgeting and Finance 28 (3): 1-22.

“From Districts to Schools: The Distribution of Resources Across Schools In Big City School Districts,” (2007), with Amy Ellen Schwartz, Leanna Stiefel and Hella Bel Hadj Amor. Economics of Education Review 26: 532-545.

“New Stakes and Standards, Same Ol’ Spending? Evidence from New York City High Schools,” (2007), with Patrice Iatarola. Education Finance and Policy. 2 (1): 74-99.

“Do State-Funded Property Tax Exemptions Increase Local Government Inefficiency?: An Analysis of New York State’s STAR Program,” (2006), with Tae Ho Eom. Public Budgeting and Finance 26, 1: 66-87.

“Discussion of ‘Alternative Education Finance Strategies,’ (2006), Regional Economic Development, 2, 1: 28-30.

“Measuring School Efficiency: What Have We Learned?” (2005), with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Jeffrey Zabel. In *Measuring School Performance and Efficiency: Implications for Research and Practice*, Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ross Rubenstein and Jeffrey Zabel, editors, Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education Publishing.

“The Reliability of School Performance Measures Using Data Envelopment Analysis,” (2005), in *Measuring School Performance and Efficiency: Implications for Research and Practice*, Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ross Rubenstein and Jeffrey Zabel, editors, Larchmont, NY: Eye on Education Publishing.

“Is HOPE Enough? Impacts of Receiving and Losing Merit-Based Financial Aid,” (2004), with Gary T. Henry and Daniel T. Bugler. *Educational Policy* 18, 5: 686-709

“Distinguishing Good Schools from Bad in Principle and Practice: A Comparison of Four Methods,” (2004), with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Hella Bel Hadj Amor. *Developments in School Finance, 2003*, 53-70.

“From Districts to Schools: The Distribution of Resources Across Schools in Big City School Districts,” (2004), with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, in *Proceedings from the Symposium on Education Finance and Organizational Structure in NYS Schools*, David H. Monk and James Wyckoff, eds. (Albany, NY: Education Finance Research Consortium).

“Better than Raw: A Guide to Measuring Organizational Performance with Adjusted Performance Measures,” (2003), with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, *Public Administration Review*, September/October, 63, 5: 607-615.

“Do Local Sales Taxes for Education Increase Inequities? The Case of Georgia’s ESPLOST,” (2003), with Catherine Freeman. *Journal of Education Finance*, 28, 3: 425-442.

“National Evidence on Racial Disparities in School Finance Adequacy,” *Developments in School Finance, 2001-02*, (2003), William J. Fowler, Jr. ed., (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics), 91-110.

“Politics, The Courts and the Economy: Implications for the Future of School Financing,” (2003), with Lawrence O. Picus, in *State and Local Finance Under Pressure*, David L. Sjoquist, ed. (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing): 60-94.

“Providing Adequate Educational Funding: A State By State Analysis of Expenditure Needs,” (2002), *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 22 (4): 73-98.

“Paying for Grades: Impacts of Merit-Based Financial Aid on Educational Quality,” (2002), with Gary T. Henry, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 21 (1): 93-109.

“Who Pays and Who Benefits? Examining the Distributional Consequences of the Georgia Lottery for Education,” (2002), with Benjamin Scafidi, *National Tax Journal*, 55 (2): 223-238.

Reprinted in *Modern Classics in the Economics of Education* (2005), Clive R. Belfield, ed., (Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing).

“The Equality of Public School District Funding in the U.S.: A National Status Report,” (2002), with Michele Moser, *Public Administration Review*, January/February, 62 (1): 63-72.

Reprinted in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Public Policy, Justice and the Law*, (2005), Marie Natoli, ed., (Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill).

"Revenue Sources of Palestinian Municipalities: Finance Officers Explain Reality and Possibilities," (2001), with Katherine G. Willoughby and Russell Lipari, International Public Management Review, 2 (1): 28-40.

"Examining School-Level Expenditures and School Performance: The Case of New York City," (2001), with Patrice Iatarola, in *Improving Educational Productivity*, David H. Monk, Herbert J. Walberg and Margaret C. Wang, eds. (Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing): 139-166.

"The Equity of Public Education Funding in Georgia, 1988-1996," (2000), with Dwight R. Doering and Larry R. Gess, Journal of Education Finance, 26 (2): 187-208.

"Politics, the Courts and the Economy: Implications for the Future of School Financing," (2000), with Lawrence O. Picus, Proceedings of the 92nd Annual Conference, (Washington, DC: National Tax Association): 131-137.

"School-Level Resource Allocation in the Chicago Public Schools," (2000), Developments in School Finance, 1998, (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement): 45-60.

"Using Adjusted Performance Measures for Evaluating Resource Use," (1999), with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, Public Budgeting and Finance, 19 (3): 67-87.

"Measuring School Efficiency Using School-Level Data: Theory and Practice," (1999), with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, in School-Based Financing, 1999 Yearbook of the American Education Finance Association, Allan Odden and Margaret E. Goertz, eds. (Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press): 40-75.

"Conceptual and Empirical Issues in the Measurement of School Efficiency," (1999), with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, Proceedings of the 91st Annual Conference, (Washington, DC: National Tax Association): 267-274.

"Resource Equity in the Chicago Public Schools: A School-Level Approach," (1998), Journal of Education Finance, 23 (4): 468-489.

Reprinted (2000) in Journal of School Business Management, 12 (1): 33-49.

"Intra-District Equity in Four Large Cities: Methods, Data and Results," (1998), with Leanna Stiefel and Robert Berne, Journal of Education Finance, 23 (4): 447-467.

"Education Finance," (1998), with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz, in Handbook of Public Finance, Fred Thompson and Mark T. Green, eds. (New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc.): 447-482.

"Differences Between Public and Private High Schools: Findings From Four Important Studies," (1996), The Wagner Review 7: 26-36.

"Lobbying in New State," (1992), Comparative State Politics 13: 30-33.

### **Manuscripts In Progress and Under Review**

"What Factors are Related to Option Value Loss on School District Bond Advance Refundings?: Evidence from Texas," with Komla Dzigbede, under review.

"The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation," With Daniel Kreisman, Todd Jones and Cynthia Searcy, under review.

"Issues of validity and reliability in student ratings of instruction: a Meta-Analysis," with Kristin Byron, in progress.

### **Reports and Other Publications**

*Georgia's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education: Review of Trends and Policy Implications*, (2017), with Nicholas Warner, Georgia State University: Center for State and Local Finance..

*Why do some schools get more and others less?: An examination of school-level funding in New York City*. (2007). With Amy Ellen Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel. Paper prepared for the Research Partnership for New York City Schools Inaugural Conference, New York City.

"Weighting for Adequacy. Commentary in Education Week. (2006). With Amy Ellen Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel. Vol 25: 44. (August 9) page 33.

*Rethinking the intradistrict distribution of school inputs to disadvantaged students*. (2006). With Leanna Stiefel, and Amy Ellen Schwartz. Paper prepared for the conference "Rethinking Rodriguez," Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA, April.

*Allocating Resources Within a Big City School District: New York City after Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. New York*, with Lawrence Miller, (2005), (Syracuse, NY: Center for Policy Research)

*Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally: Public Policy Issues of the Georgia HOPE Scholarship Program and the Lottery for Education*, (2003), (Syracuse, NY: Center for Policy Research).

*Financing Georgia's Schools: A Primer*, with David L. Sjoquist (2003), (Atlanta, GA: Georgia State University Fiscal Research Program).

*Racial Disparities in School Finance Adequacy: Evidence from Georgia and the Nation*, (2001), (Atlanta, GA: Georgia State University Fiscal Research Program).

*Provision of an Equitable School Finance Structure in Georgia*, (2000), (Atlanta, GA: Georgia State University Fiscal Research Program).

*An Evaluation of Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program: Effects of HOPE on Grade Inflation, Academic Performance and College Enrollment*, (1999), with Daniel T. Bugler and Gary T. Henry, (Atlanta, GA: Council for School Performance).

*The Distribution of Public Education Funding in Georgia, 1992: Equity From a National Perspective*, (1999), with Michele Moser and Dwight R. Doering, (Atlanta, GA: Georgia State University Fiscal Research Program).

*An Evaluation of Georgia's Post-Secondary Options/Joint Enrollment Programs*, (1998), with Daniel T. Bugler, (Atlanta, GA: Council for School Performance).

*The Equity of Public Education Funding in Georgia, 1988-1996*, (1998), with Dwight R. Doering and Larry R. Gess, (Atlanta, GA: Georgia State University Fiscal Research Program).

### **Selected Invited Papers and Presentations**

“Say Yes to Education in Buffalo, NY” at The Impact of Place-Based Scholarship Programs: What Do We Know? plenary session, PromiseNet conference, Washington DC, November 2016.

“Impacts of Say Yes to Education in Syracuse and Buffalo,” presentation at Education Research Alliance for New Orleans, Tulane University, New Orleans, March 2016.

“Opportunities and Challenges in Program Evaluation.” Presentation for Harvard Graduate School of Education Strategic Data Fellows, June 2014.

“Examining the Intradistrict Distribution of School Resources: An Overview of Research and Policy.” Presentation at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, May 2007.

“Rethinking the Intradistrict Distribution of School Inputs to Disadvantaged Students.” With Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz. Paper prepared for the conference “Rethinking *Rodriguez*: Education as a Fundamental Right,” Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, April 2006.

Comments on “Alternative Education Finance Strategies,” Conference on *Challenges to Public Education Financing Facing Missouri and the Nation*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, November 2005.

“Is HOPE Enough?” with Gary T. Henry and Daniel Bugler. Presented at New York University, October 2003.

“Georgia’s HOPE Scholarships.” Presentation for Fiscal Review Committee of Tennessee State Legislature, Nashville Tennessee, December 2001.

“National Evidence on Racial Disparities in School Finance Adequacy.” Presented at the National Center for Education Statistics Summer Data Conference, Washington, DC, July 2001.

“Visual Display of Equity and Adequacy Measures.” with William J. Fowler, Jr., Lawrence Toenjes, and Andrew Reschovsky. Pre-session workshop at American Education Finance Association conference, sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2001.



“Internal Resource Allocation Practices and the Impact on Student Gains in Performance.” With Patrice Iatarola, commissioned paper and presentation for the conference “Improving Education Productivity: Lessons from Economics” sponsored by the Laboratory for Student Success, Mid Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory at Temple University, Washington, DC, November 2000.

"Who Pays and Who Benefits? Examining the Distributional Consequences of the Georgia Lottery for Education." With Benjamin Scafidi. Presented at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 2000.

"Overview of Equity and Adequacy in School Finance." Presentation for the funding subcommittee of the Governor’s Education Reform Study Commission, Augusta, GA, September, 1999.

"School-Level Resource Allocation in the Chicago Public Schools." Presented at the National Center for Education Statistics Summer Data Conference, Washington D.C., July 1998.

"School-Level Budgeting and Resource Allocation in the Chicago Public Schools: Processes and Results." Outstanding Dissertation of the Year presentation at the annual conference of the American Education Finance Association, Mobile, AL., March 1998.

### **Selected Conference Papers and Presentations**

“Does Georgia's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education Increase Inequalities in Funding and School Facilities?” with Youngwan Song and Nick Warner, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Portland, OR, March 2018.

“Urban Revitalization Effects of Place-Based College Tuition Scholarship Programs,” with Robert Bifulco, Jud Murchie and Hosung Sohn, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver CO, March 2016.

“The Effects of Financial Aid Loss on Student Persistence and Graduation,” With Daniel Kreisman and Cynthia Searcy, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver CO, March 2016.

“Exploring the relationship between school district financial management practices and educational outcomes,” with Komla Dzigbede, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver CO, March 2016.

“Evaluating the Effects of Say Yes to Education on Students' Post-Secondary Outcomes,” with Robert Bifulco, Judson Murchie and Hosung Sohn, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Miami, FL, November 2015.

“Evaluating the Early Effects of Georgia’s HOPE Scholarship Eligibility Changes,” with Cynthia Searcy. Annual Meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington DC, October 2015.

“The Effects of Say Yes to Education on High School and Post-Secondary Outcomes,” with Robert Bifulco and Hosung Sohn, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2014.

“The Market for Master's and Doctoral Students in Public Policy/ Administration/ Affairs: What Skills are in Demand, and How Well Are We Preparing Students for the Market of the Future?” Roundtable with Nicole Darnall, Carolyn Heinrich, Brian Jacob and Brent Milward, Annual Conference of NASPAA, November 2014.

“Estimating the Effect of Say Yes to Education in Syracuse: An Application of Synthetic Control Methods,” with Robert Bifulco and Hosung Sohn. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, San Antonio, TX, March 2014.

“Did Weighted Student Funding Decrease the Achievement Gap Between Low and High Cost Schools in Houston?” with Larry Miller. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Richmond, VA, March 2010.

“Did Weighted Student Funding Decrease the Achievement Gap Between Low and High Cost Schools in Houston?” with Larry Miller, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2009.

“Does Weighted Student Funding Close the Resource Gap Between High and Low Cost Schools? Evidence from Houston,” With Larry Miller, Annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC, October 2009.

“Does Weighted Student Funding increase resources in high cost schools? Evidence from Houston,” with Larry Miller, Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Nashville, TN, March 2009.

“Does School Money Go Where It’s Needed Most? The Intra-district Allocation of Resources,” with Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz. Annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Chicago, IL, October 2008.

“Can Re-Organizing K-8 Education Improve Academic Performance? The Impact of Grade Span on Student Achievement.” With Amy Ellen Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Denver, CO, March 2008.

“Examining the Nature and Magnitude of Intra-District Resource Disparities in Mid-size New York State School Districts.” With Larry Miller. Annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC, October 2007.

“The Effect of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on Public Education Spending: A Meta Analysis,” with Sonali Ballal. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Baltimore, MD, March 2007.

“It’s Not Just Span: Size, Services, Spending and Grade Span in K-8 School Organization,” with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Jeffrey Zabel. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Baltimore, MD, March 2007.

“Examining the Nature and Magnitude of Intra-District Resource Disparities in “The Big Four” New York State School Districts,” with Larry Miller. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Baltimore, MD, March 2007.

“(Re)Organizing Elementary and Secondary Schooling: How Does School Organization Change Over Time and Does it Matter?,” with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Jeff Zabel. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Denver, CO, March 2006.

“Assessing The Impact Of State Accountability Systems On Equity And Adequacy In School Finance,” with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Sonali Ballal, Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2005.

“Using Policy Research to Influence Higher Education Policy: Preliminary Case Study Evidence.” With Gary T. Henry and Dana Rickman. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Louisville, KY, March 2005.

“New Stakes And Standards, Same Ol’ Spending? Evidence from New York City High Schools.” With Patrice Iatarola. “New Stakes And Standards, Same Ol’ Spending? Evidence from New York City High Schools.” With Patrice Iatarola. Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, GA, October 2004.

“Distinguishing Good Schools from Bad in Principle and Practice: A Comparison of Four Methods.” (with Leanna Stiefel, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Hella Bel Hadj Amor). Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2003.

“Measuring School Efficiency: What Have We Learned?” with Leanna Stiefel and Hella Bel Hadj Amor. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Orlando, FL, March 2003.

“Merit-Based Financial Aid and Tuition Increases: The Case of Georgia’s HOPE Scholarships.” With Benjamin Scafidi, Gary T. Henry and Amy Ellen Schwartz. Annual meeting of the American Economics Association, Washington, DC, January 2003.

"Assessing Incremental Education Finance Reform: The Impact of Georgia’s A+ Education Act." With Catherine Freeman. Annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Kansas City, MO, October 2002.

“Is HOPE Enough? Impacts of Receiving and Losing the HOPE Scholarship.” With Gary T. Henry and Daniel T. Bugler. Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Dallas, TX, November 2002.

“Do Local Sales Taxes for Education Increase Inequities? The Case of Georgia’s ESPLOST.” With Catherine Freeman. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 2002.

“National Evidence on Racial Disparities in School Finance Adequacy.” Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2001.

“Examining School-Level Expenditures and School Performance: The Case of New York City.” With Patrice Iatarola. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2001.

"Paying for Grades: Impacts of Merit-Based Financial Aid on Educational Quality," with Gary T. Henry. Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Seattle, WA, November 2000.

"Politics, the Courts and the Economy: Implications for the Future of School Financing." With Lawrence O. Picus. Annual meeting of the National Tax Association, Atlanta, GA, October 1999.

"Who Pays and Who Benefits? Examining the Distributional Consequences of the Georgia Lottery for Education." With Benjamin Scafidi. Annual meeting of the National Tax Association, Atlanta, GA, October 1999.

"Finance and Budgeting in Palestine." With Katherine G. Willoughby. Annual meeting of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. Washington, DC, November 1999.

"Georgia's HOPE Scholarship: Good Policy?" with Gary T. Henry and Daniel T. Bugler. Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September, 1999.

"Measuring School Efficiency Using School-Level Data: Theory and Practice." With Amy Ellen Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Seattle, WA, March 1999.

"Applying Cost Adjustment Models to an Analysis of Equity in the Distribution of Public Elementary and Secondary Education Resources in the United States." With Michele Moser. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Seattle, WA, March 1999.

"Equity in Georgia Public Schools: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Effects of School Finance Reform." With Dwight R. Doering and Larry R. Gess. Annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Mobile AL. March 1998.

"Using Adjusted Performance Measures to Evaluate Resource Use." With Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz. Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 1997.

### **International Teaching Experience**

- 2002: Coordinator and lecturer, "Budgeting and Fiscal Management," Two-week training seminar for government officials from developing and transition economies, sponsored by World Bank Institute and Andrew Young School, Atlanta, GA, August, 2002.
- 2001: Co-coordinator and lecturer, "Budgeting, Fiscal Management and Revenue Forecasting," two-week training seminar sponsored by World Bank Institute and Andrew Young School, Atlanta, GA
- 2000: Co-coordinator and lecturer, "Subnational Budgeting for Poverty Reduction," two-week training seminar sponsored by World Bank Institute and Andrew Young School, Atlanta, GA
- 1999: Lecturer, "Uganda Intergovernmental Decentralization Training Program," one-week training program, Entebbe, Uganda.

1999: Co- coordinator and lecturer, “Local Government Fund Accounting and Budget System Training Program,” two-week training program for local government finance officers from Palestine, Atlanta, GA.

### **Selected Service and Outreach**

- Audit committee, National Academy of Public Administration, 2017-present
- Nominations Committee, National Academy of Public Administration, 2015-16.
- Editorial Board, *Education Finance and Policy*, 2009-present.
- Editorial Board, *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 2016-present.
- Institutional representative to APPAM, 2011 – present.
- Member of NASPAA Data Committee, 2013 – present.
- Advisory committee, Electronic Hallway, 2012 – present.
- Co-chair, Professional Program Excellence Working Group, Syracuse University Strategic Planning Committee, 2014-15.
- Maxwell School, Department of Public Administration: Committee on Academic Integrity (chair), 2006- present; Strategic Planning Committee, 2007-2011; MPA committee, 2007-2009.
- Conference program committee, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2003.
- Staff member, Georgia Governor Roy Barnes' Education Reform Study Commission, subcommittee on K-12 funding, 1999-2000.
- Advisory Board, Governmental Accounting Standards Board's School District Financial Statements User Guide project, 1999-2000.
- Selected journal refereeing: *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *National Tax Journal*, *Public Budgeting and Finance*, *Public Finance Review*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *European Economic Journal*, *Policy Studies Review*, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Public Finance and Management*, *Educational Foundations*

### **Professional Memberships**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Association for Education Finance and Policy  
American Education Research Association  
American Society for Public Administration  
National Tax Association  
Association for Budgeting and Financial Management