Promoting Civil Discourse in an Era of Political Polarization

Washington Policy Seminar

March 23 - 24
2020

IEL Institute for Educational Leadership

EPFP Education Policy Fellowship Program
The Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP) is a nationwide effort to help colleges and universities gain a fuller picture of student progress and outcomes, meet various reporting requirements, and identify where to focus their resources. The partnership is dedicated to the idea that easier access to better data helps develop actionable insights and make informed decisions to support student success.

Sign up or learn more at
studentclearinghouse.org/colleges/pdp
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

- About IEL & EPFP ................................................................. ii
- Welcome Letter ............................................................... 1
- EPFP Theoretical Framework ............................................. 2
- Opening and Welcome ..................................................... 3
- Plenary: Federal Funding and Budget ................................. 5
- Plenary: The 2020 Census and Its Impact on Education Policy ........................................ 5
- Breakout Sessions Day 1.................................................... 6
- Plenary: The Federal Role In Education ............................. 7
- Plenary: Elections 2020 and Implications for Education ...... 8
- Plenary: Future of Education .............................................. 8
- Breakout Sessions Day 2.................................................... 9
- Plenary: What Will You Say You Did? ............................... 10
- Thank you to IEL Staff .................................................... 10
- 2019–20 Fellows, Alumni & Coordinators ......................... 12
- Agenda At-A-Glance .......................................................... 24

---

**Copyright © 2020 The Institute for Educational Leadership, Inc. All rights reserved.**

---

**INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- **Karen Mapp—Chair** *(EPFP ’98-99)*
  - Senior Lecturer on Education/Director,
    - Education Policy and Management
    - Master’s Program
  - Harvard Graduate School of Education

- **Sara A. Sneed—Vice Chair**
  - President and CEO
  - The NEA Foundation

- **Chike Aguh**
  - Principal
  - McChrystal Group

- **Zakiyah Ansari**
  - Advocacy Director
  - New York State Alliance for Quality Education

- **Maribel Duran**
  - Managing Director and Chief of Staff
  - The Aspen Institute

- **Rachel Fried**
  - Partner
  - College Access Strategies

- **Aimee Rogstad Guidera** *(EPFP ’97-98)*
  - Strategic Consultant
  - Guidera Strategy

- **Ericka Miller**
  - Vice President
  - Isaacson, Miller

- **Lisa J. Nutter**
  - Principal
  - Sidecar Social Finance

- **Ana Tilton**
  - Former Executive Director
  - Grantmakers for Education

- **Johan E. Uvin**
  - President
  - Institute for Educational Leadership

- **Jerry D. Weast**
  - Founder and President
  - Partnership for Deliberate Excellence, LLC

- **Mark Watson**
  - Managing Director
  - Boston Impact Initiative Fund
Education Policy Fellowship Program

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) is a program of the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL). EPFP’s mission is to engage a diverse and collaborative community of strategic leaders to promote equitable education policy.

EPFP is a nationally recognized fellowship program that provides a unique professional development opportunity in which Fellows apply new insights and practice skills. The program content explores three core elements – policy, leadership, and networking – which are built on a foundation of equity.

During EPFP Fellows:

- Learn about the processes and outcomes of policy making and implementation at the local, state, and national levels;
- Expand the knowledge, skills, and practices to affect positive change;
- Develop relationships with diverse colleagues and expand their ability to collaborate with others.

The knowledge and understanding of leadership and policy, and the networks developed during the EPFP experience, provide a foundation upon which Fellows strengthen the education community.

Institute for Educational Leadership

Since 1964, the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) – a community-driven, equity-focused organization – has been dedicated to catalyzing and building capacity at the intersection of leadership, education, and workforce development. We partner with under-resourced communities through initiatives strategically situated at grassroots, regional, and national levels.

We use three primary strategies to advance our work: 1) Prepare and support youth, parent, family, and community leaders; 2) Mobilize to disrupt systemic inequity and discrimination; 3) Innovate policy and program strategies in education, workforce development, and civic engagement.

Learn more about our strategy: http://riseupforequity.org/
March 23, 2020

Dear WPS Participant,

Welcome to the virtual Washington Policy Seminar (WPS), your front-row seat to education policy inside the Beltway! WPS is the Education Policy Fellowship Program’s (EPFP) capstone event that brings together Fellows from across the country into a learning experience on critical issues shaping education policy. For the first time in EPFP’s history we are taking WPS virtual, and we hope that the content you hear will spark new ideas and actions you can realize together with your community.

The 2019-20 cohort has 330 Fellows from across 17 sites. We welcome our newest site, Texas, and congratulate three sites on their EPFP anniversaries: Louisiana on its 5th, North Carolina on its 40th, and Michigan on its 45th!

This year’s theme, Promoting Civil Discourse in an Era of Political Polarization, was co-designed with the site coordinators to build capacity of Fellows to:

- speak up and take action
- provide an insider’s view of Washington
- develop a toolbox of skills on how to navigate policy changes, political polarization, and understand political theater.

During WPS, you will have an opportunity to hear diverse perspectives from key decision-makers and advocates on the pressing federal and national education issues.

At the conclusion of WPS, we encourage you to connect to the 56-year old EPFP network of nearly 10,000 alumni, to give back to your site, and to continue engaging with the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) as we Rise Up for Equity.

Johan E. Uvin
President, IEL

Helen Janc Malone
National EPFP Director, IEL

Emily Samose (EPFP ’12-13)
National EPFP Manager, IEL
National EPFP Content Framework

The Education Policy Fellowship Program is a nationally recognized fellowship program that engages a diverse and collaborative community of strategic leaders to promote equitable education policy. EPFP provides a unique professional development laboratory in which Fellows apply new insights and practice new skills. The program content explores three core elements of professional development – policy, leadership, and networking – which are built on a foundation of equity. We know that work toward equity may take many forms, but at a minimum addresses systemic barriers to opportunities. We know that equity and equality are not synonymous. In furtherance of these values:

- We recruit to ensure diversity in Fellowship participants
- We identify and address barriers to participation by a diverse group of Fellows
- We include diverse perspectives in our curriculum, speakers, and programming
- We intentionally address equity in the ways we study, examine, and influence policy, leadership, and networking

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Policy</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Goal Statement:</strong> Fellows learn about the processes and outcomes of policy making and implementation at local, national, and state levels.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Policy Competencies:</strong> By the completion of the Fellowship experience, each Fellow...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Knows what the key issues are in contemporary education policy, whose interests and what values they involve, and the broad background and policy context of each</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Understands state and federal legislative, executive, and judicial policy roles and processes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Understands how interests are communicated and acted upon in the policy process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Understands how the power of individuals and of coalitions influences the policy process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Knows the key state policy players (individuals as well as organizations) and understands their role in the policy process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6. Evaluates the role of policy in sustaining or eliminating systemic barriers to opportunity</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Leadership</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Goal Statement:</strong> Fellows develop and expand the knowledge, skills, and practices of leaders able to affect positive change.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Leadership Competencies:</strong> By the completion of the Fellowship experience, each Fellow...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Understands types of leadership and the characteristics of courageous, collaborative, and effective leaders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Gains an awareness of their own leadership style, strengths, and areas for further development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Adopts ethical and effective leadership practices</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Networking</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Goal Statement:</strong> Fellows develop relationships with diverse colleagues and expand their ability to collaborate with other individuals and organizations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Networking Competencies:</strong> By the completion of the Fellowship experience, each Fellow...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1. Builds a larger network of cross-boundary professional colleagues and organizational contacts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Identifies interests aligned for, against, and neutral on issues of concern, listen to different perspectives, and search for common ground</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Develops a practical framework of personal power and influence that guides behavior in a work setting, including a focus on self-reflection and developing communication/interaction skills for different audiences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4. Understands the power of networks to bring about change and works to remove barriers that prevent full participation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Welcome to the virtual WPS! WPS will open with a welcome from IEL, an overview of the two-day seminar, and introduction of the sites.

ZOOM LINK FOR ALL MONDAY PLENARY SESSIONS:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oKopIFcoSXa1206PagkDGw

CONGRATULATIONS

LOUISIANA EPFP ON THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY

LA EPFP Coordinator
Nahliah Webber

Former LA EPFP Coordinator
Zakenya Perry Neely

MICHIGAN EPFP ON THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY

MI EPFP Coordinators
Bryan Beverly & Amanda Miller

Former MI EPFP Coordinators
Mary Anderson, Brian Boggs, Yvonne Caamal-Canul, Carl Candoli, Vanessa Garry, Alissa Parks, Argelio “Ben” Perez, Matthew Prophet, Christopher Reimann, Dan Schultz, Jacquelyn Thompson

NORTH CAROLINA ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

NC EPFP Coordinators
Lauren Bock & Corinne Smith

Former NC EPFP Coordinators
Joe Ableidinger, Christopher Cody, Jan Crotts, Gladys Graves, Tracey Greggs, Kendall Hageman, Emma Lee, Jo Ann Norris, Jennifer Wilson-Kearse
Something important happens in our public schools

The more than 3 million members of the National Education Association are deeply committed to the success of every student. Together with families, students, lawmakers, and community organizations, we work to ensure that every student has qualified, committed and caring educators, and that our nation invests in the right classroom priorities.

Visit www.nea.org/teacherquality to learn more about NEA’s vision for teacher professional growth, as well as specific activities and programs to help teachers help every student.
PLENARY: FEDERAL FUNDING AND BUDGET
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Education funding is only two percent of the federal budget, yet it has a big impact on states, districts, and other education institutions, PK-16. Understand the federal budget process, influences on federal budget decisions, and the budgetary implications for education policy.

Speaker: Danica Petroshius, Principal, PennHill Group

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oKoplFcoSXa1206PagkDGw

PLENARY: THE 2020 CENSUS AND ITS IMPACT ON EDUCATION POLICY
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

An accurate census count has a huge impact on education policy and spending, yet there is a persistent undercount of vulnerable populations, especially young children. How does this undercount lead to inequities in state budgets, local policy, class size, and the distribution of services over a decade? How can you take action to ensure an accurate count this year?

Speaker: Joseph Battistelli, Director of Outreach and Membership, Coalition on Human Needs

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oKoplFcoSXa1206PagkDGw

Note: There is a break from 2:45-3:00pm. Please log into one of the breakout zoom links provided.
**Data and Education Policy**
This session will explore how and which data is used to shape education policy, how policy is shaping the role that data plays in education, and what this means for students, families, teachers, and schools. How is “big data” defined and what are the (mis)uses of NAEP, the Civil Right Data Collection, Ed Facts and other data sets? We are now collecting data on teaching and learning on a much more granular level than ever before – what are the intended and unintended consequences of data usage?

Speakers: Kristin Harper, Child Trends; Afet Dundar, National Student Clearinghouse; Emily Cheng, IEL (moderator). Link: https://zoom.us/j/646666293

**Education Law**
Learn about the role the judiciary branch plays in education, including the role of the federal courts and case law in both K-12 and higher education contexts. Pressing issues such as school discipline, immigration, IDEA, and federal rule making in higher education will be addressed.

Speakers: Kelly Sherrill Linkous, The George Washington University; Terri Taylor, Lumina Foundation; Bryan Beverly (EPFP ’13-14), Michigan State University (moderator). Link: https://zoom.us/j/405053830

**Politics of State Education in the Age of ESSA**
What are the core tenants of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and what do we know about where states are in the process of implementing their ESSA state plans? Are these plans a true representation of what is happening on the ground? Leaders from key national organizations will discuss these questions, along with the federal policies that are emerging in response to state plans and the politics of federal and state priorities, especially in terms of accountability and resource equity.

Speakers: Lynn Jennings, The Education Trust; Lindsay Jones, National Center for Learning Disabilities; Maria Ferguson, The George Washington University (moderator). Link: https://zoom.us/j/230912432

**Teaching and Learning for Equity**
Who participates in the conversation about what makes a whole child? How do we create inclusive, more equitable systems and policies to serve all children, in particular, traditionally marginalized students in this time of polarization? From curriculum to school climate to innovations, discuss how public policy supports -- or does not support -- teaching and learning for equity. Engaging panelists push you to consider and unpack how education policy serves Latinx, Black and Brown, and Opportunity youth and communities.

Speakers: Shanita Burney, District of Columbia Public Schools; Cyrus Driver, National Public Education Support Fund; Jonathan Raymond, National Association of School Superintendents; Kwesi Rollins, IEL (moderator). Link: https://zoom.us/j/250590512
PLENARY: THE FEDERAL ROLE IN EDUCATION

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Explore the history of the federal government in education policy, from 1965 to today. Learn about its role in shaping the national discourse, policy, and action on education from multiple perspectives. This session is designed to offer a foundation for the current overarching debates in education and the distribution of power in today’s federal education policies.

Speakers: Segun Eubanks (EPFP '01-02), Director of the Center for Educational Innovation and Development, University of Maryland (moderator); Michael Petrilli, President, The Thomas B. Fordham Institute; Deborah Santiago, CEO, Excelencia in Education; Johan Uvin, President, Institute for Educational Leadership.

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oKopIFcoSXa1206PagkDGw

---

Improving education and serving the public good

Learn more at www.aera.net.
PLENARY: ELECTIONS 2020 AND IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

What will be the impact of the 2020 elections on preK-12 and higher education? This session will address what educational issues are garnering the interest in this election season and the potential impact of the Presidential and Congressional elections on national education priorities.

Speakers: Lindsay Fryer, Vice President, PennHill Group; Kyle Lierman, Founder and CEO, When We All Vote & Civic Advisors

Link for both sessions:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MDvujYfcS06bMKCWwz3QQA

PLENARY: FUTURE OF EDUCATION
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Hear from cross-sectoral leaders about their visions for equity-driven future of education.

Panel: Carley Fahey, Program Associate, IEL; Rachel Fleischer, Executive Director, Young Invincibles; Frank Gettridge, Executive Director, National Public Education Support Fund; Jocelyn Roof, Student, University of Iowa

Note: There is a break from 2:45-3:00pm. Please log into one of the breakout zoom links provided.
**Community Colleges, Workforce Development, and Career Pathways**

What do statistics reveal about postsecondary entry and completion and gaps, especially among low-income students, students involved in the juvenile justice system, and those with disabilities? How are community colleges playing an important role in increasing access for these populations and others? Participate in a robust discussion on the pressing issues facing students and opportunity youth, emerging innovations in postsecondary systems and the promotion of diverse pathways that prepare young people for postsecondary attainment.

**Speakers:** Kermit Kaleba, National Skills Coalition; Kirk Lew, U.S. Department of Labor; Alicia Bolton, IEL (moderator). [Link](https://zoom.us/j/255116744)

**Rural Education, A National View**

The ninth edition of Why Rural Matters shows that one out of every five public school students across the US is enrolled in rural schools. The report also uses five gauges to describe the condition of rural education in each state. Rural communities across our states have unique strengths and challenges. Whether local, state, and national policies recognize those strengths and challenges is inconsistent. Learn about rural education policy from experts who will speak to the particular needs of rural schools and students and what federal and state policies are emerging in support of rural education.

**Speakers:** Michael Chamberlain, U.S. Department of Education; Rachel Fried, College Access Strategies/Public School Initiative; Bryan Padilla, Undergraduate Association at MIT; Christian Rogers, AASA, The School Superintendents Association; Devon Brenner, Mississippi State University (moderator).

[Link](https://zoom.us/j/782964118)

**Technology and Education**

The rapid growth of technology is transforming the labor market and education itself. What are the most recent advances in education technology, and how is it being used in PreK-16 settings? How are we preparing young people to participate in the society and economy of the future? What are policies and practices that develop necessary human capital when it comes to technology in learning and working environments?

**Speakers:** Chike Aguh, McChrystal Group; Susan Bearden, Consortium for School Networking (COSN). [Link](https://zoom.us/j/343249352)

**The Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act**

The Higher Education Act is a major education policy up for reauthorization. What issues dominate the policy debates? What is the role of the federal government in creating access and affordability in higher education? Join the discussion on the pressing issues facing both traditional and nontraditional students, emerging innovations in post-secondary systems, and future directions for higher education policy.

**Speakers:** Wil Del Pilar, The Education Trust; Amanda Janice Robertson, Institute for Higher Education Policy; Don Yu, The Common Application.

[Link](https://zoom.us/j/121036501)
CLOSING PLENARY:
WHAT WILL YOU SAY YOU DID?

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

As you conclude WPS, you are faced with the all-important question of ‘what now?’ How do you lead and have impact in the current context and in face of the systemic challenges that exist? The closing session will motivate and inspire you to think about what’s next, what you should be considering, and how you see your efficacy in being change-makers on behalf of the children, youth, families, and adults you serve.

**Speaker:** Tyra A. Mariani, President & Chief Operating Officer, New America

Link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MDvujYfcS06bMKCWwz3QQA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MDvujYfcS06bMKCWwz3QQA)

---

THANK YOU TO IEL STAFF

ADVANCING LEARNING
with insight you can count on

Unparalleled research capabilities, unwavering commitment to quality, an unrelenting vision of collaboration and service — these standards set ETS apart.

As a nonprofit organization, we have the freedom to devote resources to educational research, analysis and policy studies, using that information to create relevant customized assessment products and services for student learning from the elementary level through postsecondary education.

For more than 65 years, ETS has supported students and educators in reaching their goals with fair, balanced, research-based assessment solutions.

Learn more at www.ets.org/k12/insight

Copyright © 2016 by Educational Testing Service. All rights reserved. ETS and the ETS logo are registered trademarks of Educational Testing Service (ETS). MEASURING THE POWER OF LEARNING is a trademark of ETS. 33543
California

Terra Thorne (CA EPFP Coordinator)
Director of Statewide Initiatives, Education Insights Center
Sacramento State University

Andrea Venezia (CA EPFP Coordinator)
Executive Director, Education Insights Center
Sacramento State University

Aixle Aman
Senior Director, Policy and Community Impact
Leadership for Educational Equity

Sara Arce
Senior Director of Policy & Advocacy
The Campaign for College Opportunity

Rody Boonchouy
Associate Superintendent of Instruction
Davis Joint Unified School District

Naomi Castro
Senior Director
Career Ladders Project

P. Marcell Gilmore
Educational Research Assessment Analyst
Mount San Antonio College

Michael Marion
Bureau Chief
California State Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

Mark Martin
Principal Consultant
State Assembly Budget Committee

Hanna Melnick
Research Analyst and Policy Advisor
Learning Policy Institute

Jennifer Orlick
Director of Strategy, Accountability, and Innovation
Campbell Union High School

Marcela Ramirez-Stapleton
Director, Cross-Cultural Center
University of California Irvine

Ria Sengupta Bhatt
Director of Public Policy
College Futures Foundation

Wendy Smith
GP Regional Coordinator
CCC Chancellor’s Office

Mary Virnoche
Professor and Chair
Department of Sociology, Humboldt State University

Kristin Wright
Director, Special Education
California Department of Education

Elisa Wynne
Deputy Staff Director, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
California State Senate

Colorado

Peter Huidekoper (CO EPFP Coordinator)
School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Denver

Carla Casalino
Human Resources Specialist
Public Education Business Coalition

Jorge Casares
Research Analyst/Education Program
National Conference of State Legislatures

Kristen Collins
ESEA Consultant, Title I and Title V
Colorado Department of Education
Nathaniel Goss
Operations Associate/School and District Support
Colorado Department of Education

Bryan Kelley
Policy Researcher/Knowledge & Research Team
Education Commission of the States

Brianna Mestas
Clinical Instructor & Field Coach
Public Education Business Coalition

Samantha Nuechterlein
Legislative Program Associate
Education Reform Now - Colorado

Paola Paga
Senior Policy Consultant/ Schools of Choice Unit
Colorado Department of Education

Anna Pendleton
Director, Language & Literacy
Denver Public Schools

**District of Columbia**

Jennifer R. Crandall (DC EPFP Coordinator, EPFP '15-16)
Senior Research Analyst, Learning and Engagement
American Council on Education

Rona Frederick (DC EPFP Coordinator '18-19)
Associate Professor; Coordinator, Education Studies
The Catholic University of America

Dahlia Shaewitz (DC EPFP Coordinator '09-10)
Vice President, Transition, Disability and Employment Institute for Educational Leadership

Dorrie Arrigo
Community Advocacy and Partnership Engagement
National Education Association

Diandra Best
Center Director
Early Stages DC

Kristen Bryant
Grade 4-6 Teacher
Fairfax County Public Schools

Tiffany Cain
Senior Program and Policy Analyst
National Education Association

Nicole Cole
Senior Specialist, School Quality and Accountability
DC Public Charter School Board

Carly Fahey
Program Associate
Institute for Educational Leadership

Ryvell Fitzpatrick
Assistant Ombudsman for Public Education
DC State Board of Education

Mary Ford
Teacher
DC Public Schools

Ambereen Khan-Baker
Senior Policy/Program Specialist
National Education Association

Natalie Mayanja
Program Associate
Institute for Educational Leadership

Alexandria Richardson
Manager for Business Affairs
National Education Association

Jaime Roberts
Program Manager
Latin American Youth Centers

Christian Rogers
Policy Analyst
AASA

Brooke Shelley
Senior Education Research Analyst
ICF

Rowena Shurn
Senior Policy and Program
National Education Association

Rachel Stafford
Special Assistant
OSSE

Larkin Willis
Research and Policy Associate
Learning Policy Institute

Sonia Jasso Yilmaz
Teacher Quality
National Education Association Coordinator, EPFP '14-15)
Georgia

Robert Gaines, II (EPFP Coordinator, EPFP '14-15)
Director of Communications
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

Dana Rickman (GA EPFP Coordinator)
Vice President
Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education

Greg Barrett
Project Manager
GEEARS

Nathifa Carmichael
Independent Talent Management Consultant
Human Capital Solutions

Matthew Colvin
Executive Director of Economic Development
University System of Georgia

Kimberly Creagh
Teacher Induction, Development, and Retention
GOSA

John Denine
Executive Director
CASIE

Debra Faulk
Vice President, Senior Philanthropic Specialist
Wells Fargo

Annie Frazer
Executive Director
Montessori Partnerships for Georgia

Allyson Gevertz
Board Member
DeKalb County School Board

Sabrina Gomez
STEM Education Consultant
STEM Next

Dihanne Hayes
Program Manager, Office of Innovation
Atlanta Public Schools

Niyoka Johnson
Director of Teacher Development & Instructional Support
3DE Junior Achievement

Alicia McCartney
President
GACIS

Ramona Mills
Director of Communications
PAGE

Kathaleena Monds
Professor and Director, Center for Educational Opportunity
Albany State University

Mary-Kate Starkel
Director of Development
redefi nED atlanta

Phylicia Thompson
Institutional Assessment and Planning Analyst
Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School

Anona Walker
Director of Post-Secondary Partnerships
Achieve Atlanta

Princeton Williams
Outreach Senior Program Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Jamie Wilson
Chief HR Officer
Clayton County Public Schools

Louisiana

Nahliah Webber (LA EPFP Coordinator)
Executive Director
Orleans Public Education Network

Jillian Delos Reyes
Campaign Manager
United Way of Southeast Louisiana

Jayanne Liggins
Director of Policy
New Schools for New Orleans

Megan Stroh
Navigator
EdNaviga tor

Maryland

Kelly Crawford (MD EPFP Assistant Coordinator)
Assistant to the Interim Director of Innovation and Community Outreach; Office Assistant in the Dean’s Office, School of Education and Urban Studies
Morgan State University

Dia Sekayi (MD EPFP Coordinator)
Associate Professor in Urban Educational Leadership, Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership and Policy
Morgan State University

Richard Taylor (MD EPFP Assistant Coordinator)
Graduate Assistant in Urban Educational Leadership, Department of Advanced Studies, Leadership and Policy
Morgan State University
Valerie Dudley Cook  
*Educational Associate*
Baltimore County Public Schools Home and Hospital Program

LaDan Johnson  
*Social Studies Teacher*
Kenwood High School, Baltimore County Public Schools

Dalbin Osorio  
*Program Manager*
Montgomery County Collaboration Council

Valerie Riggs  
*Assistant Professor of Elementary Education, Department of Teacher Education and Professional Development*
Morgan State University

Lionel Smith  
*Research Associate, Center on Sentencing and Corrections*
Vera Institute of Justice

Nicole Watford  
*Lecturer, Department of English*
Morgan State University

**Massachusetts**

Chad D’Entremont *(MA EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’04-05)*  
*Executive Director*
Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy

Laura Dziorny *(MA EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’12-13)*  
*Chief of Staff*
Rennie Center for Education Research & Policy

Nicole Blais  
*Director of Community Engagement*
Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc.

Allan Cameron  
*Superintendent of Schools*
Wrentham Public Schools

Kristin Castner  
*District Support Projects Liaison*
MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Nikki Champagne  
*Technical Integration Manager/Data Operations*
Always Be Learning

Becky Drossman  
*Assistant Director, College Access, Center for Community & Learning Partnerships*
Wentworth Institute of Technology

Christy Egun  
*Senior Director of Boston Partnerships, Equity and Inclusion*
Mass General Hospital - Center for Community Health Improvement

Valerie Fenn  
*Chief of ACES Institute*
Area Cooperative Educational Services, Connecticut

Lori Gallivan  
*Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability*
Winthrop Public Schools

Raul Garcia  
*Humanities Teacher, Department Chair*
Boston Arts Academy

Stephen Garschina-Bobrow  
*Math Content Specialist*
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Evelyn Gómez  
*Lemelson-MIT Nonprofit Leader/Former Physics and Math Teacher*

Rob Hanna  
*Senior Fiscal Analyst*
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Colleen Holforty  
*Federal Programs Fiscal Data Specialist*
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Nicole Johnson  
*Program Manager*
Jobs for the Future

Jesee Kihiko  
*Education Specialist*
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Joanna Laghetto  
*Finance and Data Coordinator, Office of Charter Schools and School Redesign*
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Kyle Merrill  
*Education Coordinator*  
Riverview School

Claire Murray  
*Learning Specialist*  
KIPP Academy Boston

Avery Newton  
*Insights and Outcomes Specialist*  
American Student Assistance

Ewa Nowicki  
*Doctoral Student and Higher Education Administrator*  
Northeastern University/ Greenfield Community College

Sarah Seyler  
*Principal Associate*  
Education Resource Strategies

Julie Sizer  
*Instructional Coach*  
Codman Academy Charter Public School

Marguerite Vichier-Guerre  
*Program Manager, Office of Turnaround and Transformation*  
Boston Public Schools

**Michigan**

Bryan Beverly  
*(MI EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’13-14)*  
Acting Director, Office of K-12 Outreach  
Michigan State University

Amanda Miller  
*(MI EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’12-13)*  
Legislative & Policy Specialist, MPP  
Michigan State University  
Office of K-12 Outreach

Aimee Alaniz  
*Supervisor, School Health and Safety Unit*  
Michigan Department of Education

Chad Bailey  
*Accountability Specialist*  
Michigan Department of Education

Brandon Bautista  
*Marketing Manager*  
Michigan Virtual

De’Shondria Bedenfield  
*Policy Analyst and Grassroots Coordinator*  
Michigan Association of School Boards

Kyle Burroughs  
*Teacher on Special Assignment*  
Lansing School District

Christopher Cadogan  
*Teacher (Aspiring Leader)*  
Lansing School District

Kelli Cassaday  
*Education Consultant*  
Michigan Department of Education

Jonathan Chapman  
*Career and Technical Education Coordinator*  
Lansing School District

Elizabeth Cooke  
*Policy Consultant*  
Michigan Department of Education

Anna DiPonio  
*School Level Improvement Coordinator*  
Lansing School District

Alyssa Fisher  
*Supervisor, Fiscal and Administrative Services*  
Michigan Department of Education

Anthony Foster  
*Assistant Principal*  
Lansing School District

Angela Green-Izzo  
*School Level Improvement Coordinator*  
Lansing School District

Sungti Hsu  
*Consultant*  
Michigan Department of Education

Dawn Kalkman  
*Education Consultant*  
Michigan Department of Education

Gerardo Lopez  
*Professor*  
Michigan State University

Christopher May  
*Financial Specialist*  
Michigan Department of Education

Jekiea Murphy  
*REAP Aspiring Leader*  
Lansing School District

Hugh Potter  
*Outreach Specialist*  
Michigan State University

Leigh Schafer  
*Aspiring Leader*  
Lansing School District

Shan Shaw  
*Student Services Specialist*  
Lansing School District

Alisande Shrewsbury  
*Special Assistant to the State Superintendent*  
Michigan Department of Education

Thomas Soria  
*Director of School Partnerships*  
Michigan Virtual
Glenn Stevens  
Administrator on Special Assignment  
Lansing School District

Amanda Stoel  
Department Specialist  
Michigan Department of Education

Tyler Thur  
Assistant Director, Data and Evaluation  
Michigan State University

Adela Tudor  
Partnership Schools Manager  
Lansing School District

Kattie White  
Director of Operations  
Lansing School District

LaMar Wilson  
School Administrator  
Lansing School District

John Ward (MN EPFP Coordinator, EPFP '05-06)  
Assistant Superintendent  
Mounds View Public Schools

Osman Ahmed  
Director of Community Partnerships  
Great MN Schools

Abdi Ali  
Executive Director  
Center for Multicultural Mediation

Staci Allmaras  
Director, Western Lakes Regional Center of Excellence  
Lakes Country Service Cooperative

Lucia Appelquist  
Marketing Associate  
University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Diane Cordes  
Superintendent  
Breckenridge Public Schools

Emily Crook  
Racial Equity Instructional Coach  
St. Louis Park Public Schools

Jane Eastes  
Deputy Executive Director  
Lakes Country Service Cooperative

Jerome Evans  
Program Representative  
Lakes Country Service Cooperative

Jenna Hofer  
Fiscal Analyst  
Minnesota Senate

Jolie Holland  
District Licensed School Nurse  
ISD 2687

Bethany Israelson  
Operations Manager  
EdAllies

Carey Johnson  
Principal  
Parkers Prairie Public Schools

Nancy Jost  
Director of Early Childhood  
West Central Initiative

Jitendrapal Kundan  
Executive Director  
Origins

Danyika Leonard  
Policy Director  
Education Evolving

Joshua Nelson  
Director of Education Programs  
Lakes Country Service Cooperative

Chinedum Oji  
Equity Specialist  
Edgewood Middle School

Marcus Penny  
Communications Manager  
Education Evolving

Eric Sawatzke  
Agriculture Instructor  
West Central Area High School

Matt Shaver  
Teacher  
Northeast College Prep

Michael Shrode  
Teacher  
Wadena-Deer Creek Schools

Shirley Volk  
Director of Special Education  
Lakes International Language Academy

— WPS 2020 —
Mississippi

Devon Brenner (MS EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ‘04-05)
Special Assistant to the Vice President for Education Initiatives; Office of Research and Economic Development and Professor, Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education
Mississippi State University

Biz Harris (MS EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’17-18)
Interim Director of Operations and Communications, Mississippi Early Learning Alliance and co-founder and principal
Communion Collective

Margot Besnard
Teacher
Cleveland School District

Donna Bishop
Assistant Principal
Winona School District

Julie Glasco
Coordinator
FASTrack

Bre Heard
Assistant Principal
South Tippah Schools

James Johnson-Hill
Senior Pastor / President
Laurel Municipal School District

Lucy Johnston-Josey
Assistant Professor
Tougalo College

Catherine Melchi
Human Resources Director
Ocean Springs School District

Judy Harris Middleton
Project Manager
Mississippi State University

Lisa Potts
Communications and Impact Coordinator
Woodward Hines Education Foundation

Dyon Ruffin
Lead Education Coach
Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start

Kimberly Smith-Russ
State Program Leader
Alcorn State University Extension Program

Katie Tonore
Director of Teacher Education
William Carey University

Missouri/Kansas

Bob Bartman (MO/KS EPFP Coordinator)
EPFP Coordinator
Local Investment Commission

Kenny Southwick (MO/KS EPFP Coordinator)
Executive Director
Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City

David Carlson
Executive Director of Classified Personnel
Lee’s Summit R-7 School District

Michael Cohron
Assistant Superintendent
Knob Noster Public Schools

Lisa Cummings
Assistant Superintendent
Human Resources
Belton School District #124

Roche Daniels
Assistant Superintendent of Development
North Kansas City Schools

Ron Dempsey
Chief Financial Officer
Greater KC LINC

Chris Gabriel
Principal
Liberty Public Schools

Kevin Hansford
Director of Elementary Services
Shawnee Mission USD 512

Tina Hinds-Booth
Principal
Genesis School

Elle Hogan
Director of External Relations
Turn The Page KC

Angie Hughes
Executive Director of Business Services
Platte County R-3 School District

Eric Johnson
Principal
North Kansas City Schools
Nicole Kirby
Director of Communication Services
Park Hill School District

Jeff Morrison
Assistant Superintendent
Kearney R-1 School District

Kyle Palmer
Executive Director of Human Resources
Center School District

Dawn Patterson
LINCWorks Data Supervisor
Greater KC LINC, Inc

Ben Richardson
Vice Principal
Kansas City Public Schools

Joe Robertson
Communications
The Local Investment Commission, Kansas City

Marc Snow
Superintendent
Grain Valley School District

Jimmarie Stinson
Site Coordinator/Community Organizer
Local Investment Commission

David Stubblefield
Executive Director of School Administration
Blue Valley School District

Dan Weakley
Executive Director of Operations
Hickman Mills C-1 School District

Brad Welle
Deputy Superintendent
Grain Valley School District

Jermaine Wilson
Director of CCR, Counseling, and Support Services
Kansas City Public Schools

New York

Lisa Davis (NY EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’10-11)
Consultant/Retired
Self-Employed

Robert Monson (NY EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’88-89)
Adjunct Associate Professor of Ed Leadership, Teachers College
Columbia University

Kelly Carde
Development and Marketing Manager
After-School All-Stars

Tahira DuPree Chase
Superintendent of Schools
Greenburgh Central School District

Tomas Esper
Ministry of Education, Government of Argentina, Education Policy/SIPA
Columbia University

John Fink
High School Assistant Principal
Carmel Central School District

Alba Gallegos
Chair, P-12 World Languages and ENL
Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools

James Kaishian
Superintendent of Schools
Briarcliff Manor School District

Lori Kanner
Board of Education
Byram Hills Central School District

Alicia Koster
Executive Director
South Orangetown Central School District

Jennifer Lamia
Superintendent of Schools
Byram Hills School District

Michelle O’Donnell
ELA Curriculum Coordinator
Scarsdale School District

Scott Rice
Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Pawling Central School District

Kathy Rodriguez
Elementary Teacher
Democracy Prep Public Schools

Karen Tesik
Executive Director, Pupil Personnel Services
South Orangetown School District

North Carolina

Lauren Bock (NC EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’13-14)
Director of Policy and Programs
Public School Forum of NC

Corinne Smith (NY EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’15-16)
Senior Associate Director, GEAR UP
Appalachian State University

Andrea Adams
Teacher
Graham County Schools
Joe Bullis  
Director of Federal Programs  
Wilkes County Schools

Teresa Bunner  
Director for Student Engagement, Equity Affairs  
Wake County Public School System

Amanda Byrd  
Section Chief  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Caesar Campana IV  
Teacher - English / STEM  
Clay County Schools

Elizabeth Campbell  
Department Chair and Associate Professor  
Appalachian State University

W. Canuette  
Associate Policy Analyst  
The Hunt Institute

Candice Chambers  
Teacher Development Specialist  
NC School of Science and Math

Rodney Chapman  
Senior Lecturer  
UNC Asheville

Kate Culbreth  
Elementary School Teacher  
Cabarrus County Schools

Itaevia Curry  
Intern  
Burroughs Wellcome Fund

Ashley Day  
Biology Instructor  
Isothermal Community College

Michael Dixon  
Chief Technology Officer and Federal Programs Director  
Greene County Schools

Debra Dowless  
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, PreK-5  
Hoke County Schools

Sherria Grubbs  
Assistant Principal  
Granville County Public Schools

Steve Hall  
Principal  
Alleghany County Schools

Krissi Hewitt  
Director of Institutional Research and Strategic Initiatives  
NC School of Science and Math

Erin Horne  
Director of Professional Education  
NC State University

Martinette Horner  
Clinical Assistant Professor and P-12 Distinguished Educator  
UNC Chapel Hill

Matthew Hoskins  
Assistant Director  
NC DPI

Etsu Hutchison  
Manager of Teacher Support  
Participate Learning

Megan Kasper  
Assistant Director for Student Engagement  
Appalachian State University

Ashley Kazouh  
Policy Analyst  
Public School Forum of NC

Keethan Kleiner  
Instructor of Computer Science  
North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

Danielle Madrazo  
Chair, School of Social Sciences and Education  
North Carolina Wesleyan College

Kathryn Marker  
Director  
NC State Education Assistance Authority

Cynthia Martin  
District and Regional Support Director  
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Jennifer McGee  
Associate Professor of Research and Evaluation  
Appalachian State University

Elizabeth Meynardie  
Teacher  
Durham Public Schools

Lisa Mitchell  
Interim Associate Dean  
UNC at Pembroke

Taylor Moore  
Assistant Principal  
Greene County Schools

Mariah Morris  
2019-20 NC Teacher of the Year  
Moore County Schools

Shakara Morrison-Shuford  
Assistant Principal  
Rutherford County Schools

Felix Muriithi  
Director of Finance  
Participate Learning
Sarah Nazionale
Associate Director of Admission for Recruitment and Outreach
UNC Asheville

Catrina Parker
Instructional Director
NC Virtual Public Schools

Elizabeth Paul
Program Coordinator
Public School Forum of NC

Lauren Piner
History/Social Studies Teacher
Pitt County Schools

Alexis Pope
Director of Admissions
Appalachian State University

Victoria Privott
Principal
Wake County Public School System

Reagan Rippy
Assistant Principal
Rutherford County Schools

James Robinson
Senior Budget Analyst, Office of Governor
Office of State Budget and Management

Dov Rosenberg
Technology Facilitator
Durham Public Schools

Amy Schroeder
Education Consultant, Career Development
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Terri Smith
School Counseling Manager
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Geetanjali Soni
Director of Teaching and Learning
North Carolina Virtual Public School

Tierra Stark
Assistant Principal and CTE Director
Watauga County Schools

Misty Ware
Teacher
Graham County Schools

Susan Wynn
Director, Program in Education
Duke University

Samantha Yarborough
Staff Attorney, Legislative Analysis Division
North Carolina General Assembly

Georgia

Elizabeth Beldon (OH EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’19-20)
Program Coordinator, Center for Educational Leadership
College of Education and Human Services

Deborah Morin (OH EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’82-83)
Director, Center for Educational Leader
Cleveland State University

Kate Anderson Foley
CEO
The Education Policy and Practice Group

Vilicia Cade
Chief Academic Officer/Assistant Superintendent
Sandusky City Schools

Ohio

Paula Elder
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment K-6
East Cleveland City Schools

Stephanie Garren
Principal
Alliance City Schools

Brian Gergely
Assistant Principal
Rocky River City Schools

Scott Goggin
Superintendent
Westlake City Schools

Michael Houser
Policy and Labor Liaison
Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Paul Lombardo
Assistant Superintendent of HR and Operations
Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District

Vickie Loncar
Curriculum Coordinator
Mayfield City Schools

Florence Masella
Director of Elementary Curriculum
Euclid City Schools

Bailey Morres
Data and Assessment Coordinator
Warrensville Heights City School District

Steven Nedlik
Assistant Superintendent
Mayfield City Schools

Kathi Powers
Superintendent
Twinsburg City School District
Pennsylvania

Ronald Cowell  (PA EPFP Coordinator)
President
Education Policy and Leadership Center

Amy Morton  (PA EPFP Coordinator)
Pennsylvania State Coordinator
National Institute for School Leadership

Storm Camara
ECYEH State Coordinator, Bureau of School Support
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Joy Cannon
Director of Programming
Center of Life

Lori Cooper
Assistant Professor
Wilkes University

Juliet Curci
Senior Director, School and Community Partnerships
Temple University

Patricia Denicola
Business Administrator
Lehighton School District

Maggie Farrell
Associate Director of Admission
King’s College

Mindy Freidin-Mansfield
Business and Marketing Program Specialist, Bureau of Career and Technical Education
PA Department of Education

Kelsey Hillock
Program Coordinator
Neighborhood Learning Alliance

Seth A. Jacobson
Senior Director, Office of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs
West Chester University

Frank Jankowski
Assistant Superintendent
Selinsgrove Area School District

Scott Krauser
Assistant Superintendent
York Suburban School District

Patience Lehrman
Special Assistant to the Dean, College of Education
Temple University

Alicia McDyre
Assistant Professor, College of Education
Pennsylvania State University

Katherine Noss
Family Support Technical Assistance Coordinator
Center for Schools and Communities

Ashley Patterson
Assistant Professor, College of Education
Pennsylvania State University

Diane Powell
Program Director
PA Association of Intermediate Units

Samantha Rapp
Director of Strategic Partnerships
Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild

Tina Richardson
Chancellor
Penn State Lehigh Valley

Kelly Rosario
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development
Parkland School District

Brandy Smith
Business Manager
Montoursville Area SD

Alison Thompson
Assistant Principal
Parkland School District

Brian Uplinger
Superintendent
Hazleton Area School District

South Carolina

Tom F. Hudson  (SC EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’11-12)
Executive Director
South Carolina School Improvement Council

Bruce Moseley  (SC EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ’05-06)
Middle School Administrator
East Point Charter School

Delia B. Allen
Research Associate, Center for Education Policy and Leadership
The Riley Institute at Furman University

Parker Morse Andreoli
Graduate Assistant, PhD Student
Clemson University College of Education

Michael C. Cates
School Board Trustee
District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties

Cassandra L. Davis
Principal, Mayo Elementary School
Spartanburg County School District Two

Betty Gardiner
Director of Grantmaking and Development
South Carolina First Steps
Andrew J. Hart  
Chief Business Officer  
East Point Academy Public Charter School

Jill Hulsen  
Vice President of Operations and Programs  
Charleston Promise

Ayesha A. Hunter  
Principal, Bates Middle School  
Sumter County Schools

Julie I. Putnam  
Coordinator for Web and Media  
Kershaw County Schools

Austin T. Rhodes  
President  
Rhodes Branding

Ivory T. Thigpen  
Service President of Operations and Programs  
South Carolina House of Representatives

---

Texas

Jessica Gottlieb (TX EPFP Coordinator)  
Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction  
Texas Tech University

Rebecca Hite (TX EPFP Coordinator, EPFP ‘15-16)  
Assistant Professor, Science Education, Curriculum and Instruction  
Texas Tech University

Jon McNaughton (TX EPFP Coordinator)  
Assistant Professor  
Educational Psychology and Leadership

---

Alumni

Cassie Barber (SC EPFP ‘04-05)  
Early Childhood Advisory Council Program Manager  
South Carolina First Steps

James Beeler (NC EPFP ‘18-19)  
Director, GEAR UP  
Appalachian State University

Sheryl Brady (NY EPFP ‘14-15)  
School Board Member  
White Plains City School District

Edelia Carthan (LA EPFP ‘18-19)  
Assistant Professor  
Tougaloo College

Laura Checovich (NC EPFP ‘18-19)  
Communications Associate  
American Institutes for Research

Christopher Marino (MA EPFP ‘17-18)  
Policy Manager  
Teach Plus

Mary Beth Pelosky (VA EPFP ‘05-06)  
Former principal/ current Liaison to Superintendent for Home Instruction/ Assessment Specialist  
Arlington Public Schools

Leroy Ray (NC EPFP ‘18-19)  
Recruiting and Sustainability  
UNCA

James Todd (CA EPFP ‘18-19)  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Planning  
San Joaquin Delta College
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>END</th>
<th>EVENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Opening Plenary (p. 3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Plenary: Federal Funding and Budget (p. 5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Plenary: The 2020 Census and Its Impact on Education Policy (p. 5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Break (p. 5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Breakout Sessions (p. 6)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Plenary: The Federal Role in Education (p. 7)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>END</th>
<th>EVENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Plenary: Elections 2020 and Implications for Education (p. 8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Plenary: Future of Education (p. 8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2:45 p.m.</td>
<td>Break (p. 8)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Breakout Sessions (p. 9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Closing Plenary: What Will You Say You Did? (p. 10)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>