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### **Employment**

Associate Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation	2020-Present
Research Analyst, Ithaka S+R	2013-2015

### **Education**

Ph.D. Public Policy, Harvard University	2020
B.A. Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences, Northwestern University	2013

### **Research Fields**

Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economics of Education

### **Journal Publications**

“Changing College Choices with Personalized Admissions Information at Scale: Evidence on Naviance” Forthcoming at the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

“Can Low-Cost Online Summer Math Programs Improve Student Preparation for College-Level Math? Evidence from Randomized Control Trials at Three Universities” with Matthew Chingos, and Rebecca Griffiths. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 10(4): 794-816, 2017.

“Interactive Online Learning on Campus: Comparing Students Outcomes in Hybrid and Traditional Courses in the University System of Maryland” with Matthew Chingos, Matthew, Rebecca Griffiths, and Richard Spies. *Journal of Higher Education*, 88(2): 210-233, 2016.

### **Working Papers**

“Beyond Teachers: Estimating Individual Guidance Counselors' Effects on Educational Attainment” *Under Review*.

“O Brother, Where Start Thou? Sibling Spillovers in College Enrollment” with Joshua Goodman, Michael Hurwitz, and Jonathan Smith. NBER Working Paper 26502. *Under Review*.

### **Invited Talks and Conference Presentations**

2020	Society of Labor Economics World Conference, Massachusetts School Counselors Association, RAND Corporation, Urban Institute, University of Delaware, Boston University, Notre Dame University, University of Minnesota, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice
2019	Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Hobson’s Summer Institute, University of Chicago Urban Labs, Association for Education Finance and Policy
2018	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Student Conference
2017	Association for Education Finance and Policy

### **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships**

2019-2020      Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University  
2016-2019      Partnering in Education Research Fellowship, Institute for Education Sciences  
2018              Certificate of Distinction in Student Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School  
2018              Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard College

### **Referee Service**

Quarterly Journal of Economics; AEJ: Applied Economics; AEJ: Economic Policy; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Economics of Education Review

### **University Service**

Organizer, Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School (2018)  
Vice President, Harvard Kennedy School PhD Student Association (2018)  
Faculty Outreach Chair, Harvard Kennedy School PhD Student Association (2017)

### **Media Coverage**

*Wall Street Journal, Chalkbeat, Inside Higher Ed, EdNC, EdSurge, Naviance*

### **Additional Publications**

“Better School Counselors, Better Outcomes.” *Education Next* 20(3), 2020.  
“The Effects of Rising Student Costs in Higher Education: Evidence from Public Institutions in Virginia” with Richard R. Spies, Matthew P. Staiger, and D. Derek Wu. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.  
“Interactive Online Learning on Campus: Testing MOOCs and Other Platforms in Hybrid Formats in the University System of Maryland” with Rebecca J. Griffiths, Matthew M. Chingos, and Richard R. Spies. *Ithaka S+R*. 2014.  
“Technology-Enhanced Education at Public Flagship Universities: Opportunities and Challenges” with Deanna Marcum and Clara Samayoa. *Ithaka S+R*. 2014.  
“Making a Place for Curricular Transformation at the University of Technology Sydney” with Nancy Fried Foster. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.  
“CIC Consortium for Online Humanities Instruction: Evaluation Report for First Course Iteration” with Rebecca J. Griffiths and Jessie Brown. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.  
“Can Online Learning Improve College Math Readiness: Randomized Trials Using Pearson’s MyFoundationsLab in Summer Bridge Programs” with Rebecca J. Griffiths and Matthew Chingos. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.  
“In Pursuit of Excellence and Inclusion: Managing Change at Arizona State University” with Kevin M. Guthrie and Martin A. Kurzweil. *Ithaka S+R*. 2015.  
“The Costs of Publishing Monographs: Toward a Transparent Methodology” with Nancy L. Maron, Daniel Rossman, and Kimberly Schmelzinger. *Ithaka S+R*. 2016.

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