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## Education

- 2011– **Ph.D., Urban Education (Expected June 2018)**  
*The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY*  
Dissertation: “Free Tuition and Exclusion at the City University of New York, 1957–1976”  
Committee: Stephen Brier (Chair), Jeanne Theoharis, Joshua Freeman, Paul Attwell
- 1998–2002 **B.A., Cognitive Science and Mathematics**  
*Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD*

## Professional Experience

- 2005–2017 **Amplify Education**  
*Software Engineer*  
Brooklyn, NY  
Implemented a data pipeline and reporting platform for educational games division  
Data analysis and research on the efficacy of early reading assessment and curriculum product  
Led development of analysis tools for an instructional product leveraging machine learning algorithms  
Led data integration on city-wide data system for New York City Department of Education and was technical lead development of a reporting tool for school administrators and teachers  
Implemented services for deployment of software packages to mobile devices and tools for monitoring of backend systems, primarily focused on database performance

## Fellowships

- 2016–2018 Graduate Center Digital Initiatives, The Graduate Center, CUNY  
*Digital Fellow*

New York, NY

2013–2016 The Macaulay Honors College, CUNY  
*Instructional Technology Fellow*  
New York, NY

2012–2013 Brooklyn College, CUNY  
*Graduate Teaching Fellow*  
Brooklyn, NY

## Grants

2017–2018 Research Grant  
*Data science research for The Weather Company with Agustin Indaco (\$25,000)*  
NYC Media Lab

2016 Provost Digital Innovation Grant  
*Research Tools for Historians (\$4,000)*  
The Graduate Center, CUNY

2014 Advanced Research Collaborative Praxis Award  
*Inequality and Free Tuition at CUNY (\$2,000)*  
The Graduate Center, CUNY

## Invited Talks

2017 “‘Harvard of the Poor’ as Racial Myth: Racism and the City University of New York, 1960–1969”  
Presented at Conversations in Black Freedom Studies, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library, November 2, 2017

2015 “Open Admissions and the Origins of the City College Childcare Center”  
Presented at “Panel Stories of Struggle: Histories of Childcare Activism at CUNY”, The Center for the Humanities, The Graduate Center, CUNY, March 4, 2015

## Conferences

2016 “When the Proletarian Harvard Was Kept Lily-White”  
Presented at American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, April 20, 2016

2014 “Higher Education Tuition Before Neoliberalism”  
Presented at Historical Materialism, York University, Toronto, Canada, May 11, 2014

## References Upon Request

Stephen Brier

*Professor and Program Coordinator of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy (ITP) Program*  
The Graduate Center, CUNY

Matthew Gold

*Professor and Co-Director of Digital Initiatives*  
The Graduate Center, CUNY