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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 reporting platform with Python and Amazon Redshift
Data integration and data analysis of early reading assessments and curriculum using Python, R, and Javascript (D3.js)
Lead data integration of a city-wide data system for New York City Department of Education and served as technical lead on reporting tool for school administrators and teachers

Fellowships

- 2016– 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 Agustín 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