

LENA SHI

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EDUCATION

2017 – 2022 **Harvard University**, Ph.D. in Education Policy & Program Evaluation
2014 **University of Virginia**, M.P.P. & B.A. in Global Development Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Implicit bias in higher education, higher education costs and public finance, relationship between welfare and education for long-term mobility, civic engagement

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014-2017 **U.S. Department of Education, Education Researcher**

- Conducted analysis and research to design and launch the College Scorecard.
- Helped design experiments for loan counseling, accreditation, and Pell Grant awards for dual enrollment students and incarcerated youth.
- Informed and led research efforts to integrate education and training access into 12 means-tested programs like SNAP, Medicaid, and Section 8.

2015-2016 **The White House, Education Policy Advisor**

- Coordinated President Obama's 2017 higher education budget process on the \$60 billion community college reform proposal and \$75 million jobs-training proposal.
- Helped increase the number of College Promise programs from 5 to 100+ in one year through technical support, new grants, and convenings. These new programs invested \$280 million to serve 210,000 students.
- Managed policy design and implementation for the earlier FAFSA.

HONORS & GRANTS

2019 Foundations of Human Behavior Grant
2018 Harvard University Partnering in Educational Research (PIER) Fellow
2017 Harvard University Presidential Scholar
2014 Presidential Management Fellow (PMF)
2013 Deloitte Foundation Fellow
2013 Up to Us National Winner, honored by President Bill Clinton
2013 Raven Society Scholar
2012 Herbert E. & Harvie W. Fitzgerald Jr. Dean's Scholarship

TEACHING

2019 Causes & Consequences of Inequality (with David Deming, HKS)
2019 Using Big Data to Solve Economic & Social Problems (with Raj Chetty, ECON)
2013-2014 Public Policy Writing Lab (Instructor, University of Virginia Batten School)