

2010

Publicly Presented Papers:

March 20, 2010, "The Decision by Retired Classroom Teachers to Return to Teaching in Pennsylvania," American Education Research Association, Annual Research Conference, Omni Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

March 19, 2010, "Functional Form and Error Distribution in Value-Added Educational Modeling: A Box-Cox Approach," with Abby Clay Turner, American Education Research Association, Annual Research Conference, Omni Hotel, Richmond, Virginia

Invited Briefings and Presentations

February 25, 2010 "The Data on School Quality and Teacher Performance," Pennsylvania Business Council, *Job Readiness Summit*, Harrisburg, PA. (postponed to April, 2010).

2009

Publicly Presented Papers:

July 30, 2009, "Patterns of Teacher Retirement and Return Employment," Regional Education Laboratory, South West, Conference on Teacher Pensions and Quality, Dallas Texas.

June 2, 2009, "Testing 1,2,3: An Analysis of 4Sight in Pennsylvania," with Abigail Clay Turner; Econometric Society, Boston Summer 2009 Meetings.

March 20, 2009, "Testing 1,2,3: An Analysis of 4Sight in Pennsylvania," with Abigail Clay Turner; American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

March 20, 2009, "A Comparative Analysis of the Preparation and Supervision of Nursing and Teaching Services in Pennsylvania," with Sarah E. Strauss; American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

February 19, 2009, "Patterns of Pennsylvania School Personnel Retirement and Re-Employment: 1984-2007," *RETHINKING TEACHER RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEMS*, National Center on Performance Incentives, Second Annual Conference, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

Invited Briefings and Presentations

January, 2010, "Education Policy and Fiscal Issues Facing Pennsylvania," Policy Staff, Wagner for Governor, Pittsburgh, PA.

November 10, 2009, “Major Research Findings on Teacher Preparation, Teacher Selection, Teacher Quality, and k-12 Student Achievement in Pennsylvania,” Policy Staff, Corbett for Governor, Harrisburg, PA

October 27, 2009, “Major Research Findings on Teacher Preparation, Teacher Selection, Teacher Quality, and k-12 Student Achievement in Pennsylvania, PSLC Seminar, Newell Simon Hall, Carnegie Mellon. (DVD of Presentation sent to Heinz Endowments and William Penn Foundation).

May 20, 2009, “Major Findings of the Three Year Study of the Effects of Teacher Quality Reforms in 2000 for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania State Board of Education. (Televised by Pennsylvania Cable Network, May 24, 2009; DVD sent to absent State Board Members, Heinz Endowments and William Penn Foundation).

April 9, 2009, “Teacher Quality and its Effects on Student Learning in Pennsylvania: Major Findings of a 3 Year Study Funded by the Heinz Endowments and William Penn Foundation. A Briefing to the Legislative Staff of the Pa. House and Senate.” 10 AM-1PM, Room 14E, The Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

2008

Publicly presented papers:

“The Market for Classroom Teachers in Pennsylvania and the Financial Position of Publicly Supported Teacher Preparation Institutions,” American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado, with Tara Tucci and Ji Yang

April 12, 2008, “The Market for Classroom Teachers in Pennsylvania and the Financial Position of Publicly Supported Teacher Preparation Institutions,” American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado, with Tara Tucci and Ji Yang.

April 11, 2008, “The Production of Early Reading and Math Skills in the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado, with Haijing Hao, Zixia Sheng, and William Vogt.

April 11, 2008, “Classroom Teacher Hiring Practices in Pennsylvania: 1997 and 2006 ,” with Celeste M. Strauss, Anne Gorman, and Jiniang Liu, American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado

Invited Briefings and Presentations

November 13, Luncheon Keynote Speaker, “Teacher Quality and Student Learning Outcomes: A Progress Report on a Major Research Study for the Pennsylvania State

Board of Education,” Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Unit Human Resources and Business Managers, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA.

April 29, 2008. “The Supply and Demand for Highly Qualified Teachers in Philadelphia,” Briefing for Dr. Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Public Schools, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

April 24, 2008, “Hiring Practices, Teacher Quality and Student Achievement in Pennsylvania,” A Presentation to the Education Trust, Washington, D.C.

February 3, 2008, “The Project on Teacher Quality for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” Superintendent of the Erie Public Schools and Research Coordinator, General Electric Corporation of Erie, Pennsylvania.

2007

Publicly presented papers:

March 24, 2007, “Patterns of Teacher and Administrator Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawals in Pennsylvania: 1990-2005,” with Ying Chen and Jinxiang Liu, American Education Finance Research Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

March 22, 2007, “Teacher Preparation and Student Achievement in Pennsylvania: A Progress Report to the Reading Committee of The Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” Pennsylvania State Board of Education, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Invited Briefings and Presentations

December 6, 2007, Briefing of Reading Committee, Pennsylvania State Board of Education, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

November 13, 2007, “Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Institute of Learning, Learning Research Development Center, University of Pittsburgh.

October 23, 2007, “ The Supply and Demand for Highly Qualified Teachers in Philadelphia,” Briefing for the Chair of the Philadelphia School Reform Commission and Acting Chief Academic Officer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

October 16, 2007, “ Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Seminar, University of Pittsburgh.

October 11, 2007, “The Teacher Quality Project for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” A Presentation to a consortium of South West Foundations, Heinz Endowments, Grable Foundation, Buhl Foundation, Benedum Foundation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

September 28, 2007, “Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” Seminar, Department of Africana Studies, University of Pittsburgh.

September 20, 2007, “Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” Principals’ Professional Development Day, Pittsburgh Public Schools.

September 10, 2007, “Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, Education Committee, Board of Education of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

August 7, 2007, “Factors Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in Pittsburgh’s Public Schools,” Academic Cabinet, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Board of Education, Pittsburgh Public Schools.

August 1, 2007, “Teacher Quality Project for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” Consortium of South East Pennsylvania Foundations, The William Penn Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

July 24, 2007, “Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools, “ Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

July 20, 2007, Teacher Quality and the Pattern of Hiring of the Philadelphia Public Schools, Pennsylvania State Board of Education, Senior Staff of Pennsylvania Department of Education.

March 24, 2007, “Patterns of Teacher and Administrator Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawals in Pennsylvania: 1990-2005,” with Ying Chen and Jinxiang Liu, American Education Finance Research Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

June 4, 2007 ‘A First Look at Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap in the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” Academic Cabinet, Office of the Deputy Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools

2006

Invited Briefings and Presentations

December 13, 2009, The Effects of the 1999 and 2000 354 and Chapter 49 Certification & Program Approval Reforms, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education, Gerald Zahorchak, and Pennsylvania Secretary for Policy, Donna Cooper; Senator James Rhodes, Chairman, Senate Education Committee, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

July 24, 2006, The Effects of Certification & Program Approval Reforms
A First Report to the State Board Reading Committee, State College, Pennsylvania.