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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Public Administration and Policy, American University, Washington DC. Expected May 2016
Fields: Public Administration, Public Policy, Research Methods
Passed with Distinction, Public Policy Comprehensive Exam, 2014
Passed with Distinction, Public Administration Comprehensive Exam, 2013
Dissertation: Three Essays on Parental Time and Involvement

Masters of Public Administration, May 2015

B.S. Mathematics, minor in economics, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH. May 2007

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Taryn Morrissey, American University, 2011 – present
Research Assistant, Seth Gershenson, American University, Summer 2013, Summer 2014
Nutrition Associate, Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), DC Hunger Solutions 2009 – 2011, 2015
Research Assistant, The Urban Institute, 2007 – 2009
Undergraduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Summer Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Staats Emerging Scholars Award, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, & Administration, 2015
The Neil and Ann Kerwin Doctoral Fellowship, 2015
Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, inducted 2015
American University Charles Levine Ph.D. Student Manuscript Award, 2013
American University Paul A., Paul H., and Isabella A. Clarke Scholarship Award, 2011
Xavier University Mathematics Department Robert F. Cissel Award for Excellence in Mathematics, 2007

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Morrissey, T. W., Jackowitz, A., & **Vinopal, K.** (2014). Local Food Prices and Their Associations With Children's Weight and Food Security. *Pediatrics*, 133(3).

WORKING PAPERS

Vinopal, Katie & Gershenson, Seth. 2015. Re-Conceptualizing Gaps by Socioeconomic Status in Parental Time with Children (invited resubmission, *Social Indicators Research*)

Vinopal, Katie. 2015. State Parental Work Policies and School-Based Parental Involvement (under review)

Vinopal, Katie. In preparation (a). Representative Bureaucracy and Parental Involvement.

Morrissey, Taryn & **Vinopal, Katie.** In preparation (a). Do Neighborhoods Matter? Neighborhood Poverty and Children's Academic Skills and Behavior in Early Elementary School

Morrissey, Taryn & **Vinopal, Katie.** In preparation (b). Early Care and Education and Children's School Readiness

Vinopal, Katie & Morrissey, Taryn. In preparation. School Income Inequality and Children's Social and Emotional Outcomes.

OTHER PUBLISHED PAPERS AND POLICY REPORTS

McKernan, Signe-Mary, Caroline Ratcliffe, and **Katie Vinopal.** 2009. "Do Assets Help Families Cope with Adverse Events?" *Perspective on Low-Income Working Families.* The Urban Institute.

Ratcliffe, Caroline and **Katie Vinopal.** 2009. "Are Families Prepared for Financial Emergencies?" *Opportunity and Ownership Facts.* The Urban Institute.

Loprest, Pamela J., Gregory Acs, Caroline Ratcliffe, and **Katie Vinopal.** 2009. "Who Are Low-Wage Workers?" *ASPE Research Brief.* Prepared for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Urban Institute.

Martinson, Karin, Caroline Ratcliffe, **Katie Vinopal,** and Joanna Panes. 2009. *The Minnesota Integrated Services Project: Final Report on an Initiative to Improve Outcomes for Hard-to-Employ Welfare Recipients.* Prepared for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The Urban Institute.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Representative Bureaucracy and Parental Involvement

- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration Annual Conference (Oct 2015)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Poster (November 2015)

Examining the Impact of State Parental Work Policies on Parental Involvement in Children's Education

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Poster (2014)
- American University Health, Education, Labor, and Development Policy Day (2014)
- Association for Education Finance and Policy (2014)

Head Start and Children's School Readiness: Variations by Family and Neighborhood Poverty. With Taryn Morrissey

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2014)
- New York University Psychology and Social Intervention Colloquium Series (2014)

What Types of Teachers Improve Students' Character Skills? With Seth Gershenson and Michael Hayes

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2014)

Gaps in Quality-Adjusted Time Spent Caring for Children. With Seth Gershenson

- Population Association of America (2014)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Poster (2014).

The State Earned Income Tax Credit and Savings Behavior.

- National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (2013).

The Influences of Local Food Prices on Children's Obesity and Eating Habits. With Taryn Morrissey and Alison Jacknowitz

- Institute for Research on Poverty (2013)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2012)
- USDA RIDGE Center Grantee Conference (2012)
- National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics (2012); Population Association of America (2012)
- Institute for Research on Poverty/RIDGE Center Grantee Conference (2012)

Deterministic and Stochastic Models for the Spread of Fear and Opinions. With R. Bowlby, A Sinamenye, E. Steen, and C. Swofford

- Joint Mathematics Meetings, Undergraduate poster session (2007)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Member: American Educational Research Association (AERA); Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

Member: Student Advisory Committee, APPAM

Reviewer: *Economics of Education Review*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *SAGE Open*

Discussant: Using Time Diary Data in Education Research Conference (Washington, DC); Seventh Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (Izmir, Turkey).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Economics and Math Boot Camp for incoming MPP students, American University, Summer 2014 (mean student-rated evaluation score: 6.7/7), Summer 2015

Instructor, Administrative Politics, Spring 2014 (mean student-rated evaluation score: 6.48/7)

Statistics and Economics Tutor for MPP and MPA students, American University, 2011 - present

REFERENCES

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