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WELCOME

Dear ISCRC Participant,

Welcome to beautiful Ft. Lauderdale. It is a pleasure to begin our Sixth Annual Conference back in our home ground of Florida. As you will see from the program, Yongmei Ni and Chris Torres have assembled a particularly interesting array of presentations that explore the types of schooling taking their place alongside traditional public education as we all seek the best ways to develop our youth and their young minds.

I invite you to join with me in noting that this Conference features both advocates and critics of educational choice--both 'pros' and 'cons'--to help uncover best practices in K-12 education. As always, our Conference is large enough to accommodate a variety of points of view but small enough to encourage the development of intimate professional networks. In the past, this has led both to productive collaborations and lasting friendships, and we look forward to the same this year.

I call your attention to a special Plenary Panel, Alternative Visions for Private School Choice, which I, as Conference Chair, have encouraged as a means of presenting the widest range of views about school choice. Scholars from EdChoice, the American Federation for Children and the Center for Education Reform will share their views and the views of their organizations during lunch on Saturday. Also, please plan on attending the Conference receptions on both Friday and Sunday evenings. In addition to good food and libations, these are the premier opportunities for all of us to meet colleagues in the field of education research and, we hope, forge the ties that have made the ISCRC so popular over the years.

This Conference did not burst into existence spontaneously. Please join with me in thanking the members of the Conference Planning Committee and the generous donor organizations, which are listed elsewhere in this document. Thank you, particularly, to Keri Hunter, without whose attention to detail we would probably be meeting in a tent on the beach. If you encounter any of the members of the Planning Committee during our four days together, please share your impressions. If you would like to become more involved in the planning of the Seventh Annual Conference, you are invited to contact me at rfox@hawaii.edu.

Aloha,



Robert Fox
Conference Chair



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 – 7:30 Opening Reception – Breeze Terrace, Second Floor

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast – Infinity Ballroom

8:30 – 10:00 **Session 1a – Horizon II: Education Policy Responses to Inequity in School Success and School Choice – an International Comparison (Symposium)**

Presentations:

Challenging Policy Instruments Analysis in Educational Efficiency and Equity: The Case of Estonia

Inequity in School Results – the MOTH approach to educational policy in TPS. Portugal

The Impact of the Intersection of Ethnicity and Poverty on Student Achievement in Hawaii

Presenters: *Triin Lauri (Tallinn University); Nina K. Buchanan (University of Hawaii); Robert A. Fox (University of Hawaii); Rodrigo Queiroz e Melo (Portuguese Catholic University & AEEP – Association of Private Schools)*

8:30 – 10:00 **Session 1b – Horizon I: Attendance and Mobility in School Choice**

Presentations:

Catholic School Effect on Attendance in Kindergarten: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Cohort. -- *J. Jacob Kirksey (University of California, Santa Barbara); Michael A. Gottfried (University of California, Santa Barbara); Colin McGinnis (University of Nebraska, Lincoln).*

Absenteeism Rates in Districts of Choice. -- *Colin McGinnis (University of Nebraska, Lincoln); J. Jacob Kirksey (University of California, Santa Barbara).*

Choosing to Move: The Differential Effects of Nonstructural Mobility out of Charter and Traditional Public Schools. -- *Marcus A. Winters (Boston University); Dick M. Carpenter II (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs)*

Moderator: *Vicki Alger (Independent Institute)*

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 2a – Horizon II: Fiscal Issues in Private School Choice**

Presentations:

Effects of the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program on School Resources

Trends in Student-Based Budgeting and School Governance 2017

Funding School Choice: Are Local Revenues Compatible with Student-centered Funding?

Tax-Credit Scholarships in Context: Taxation Interactions, Comparative Returns, and the AMT

Presenters: *Martin F. Lueken (EdChoice); Benjamin Scafidi (Kennesaw State University); Michael Shaw (EdChoice); Lisa Snell (Reason Foundation).*

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 2b – Horizon I: Careers and Roles of Teachers and Leaders in Choice Settings**

Presentations:

Newly Hired Teacher Mobility in Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools: A Test of Segmented Labor Market Theory. -- *Charisse A. Gulosino (University of Memphis); Yongmei Ni (University of Utah); Andrea Rorrer (University of Utah).*

Push, Pull, Tap and Switch: Understanding the Career Decisions of Charter School Leaders. -- *Chris Torres (Michigan State University).*

Principal Perspectives on Private School Autonomy in Three School Choice Program Contexts. -- *Lindsey Burke (George Mason University).*

Tackling Administrative Tasks: Charter School Leaders' Time Management and Challenges. -- *Zena H. Rudo (American Institutes for Research).*

Moderator: *Bryan A. Mann (University of Alabama)*

12:00 – 1:30 **Luncheon and Conference Chair Plenary Panel – Infinity Ballroom: Visions for Private School Choice**

Participants: *Robert Enlow (EdChoice), Halli Faulkner (American Federation for Children) & Adam Peshek (ExcelinEd)*

Moderator: *Robert A. Fox (University of Hawaii)*

1:45 – 3:15 Session 3a – Horizon I: School Choice, Student Dropouts, and the School to Prison Pipeline

Presentations:

One Student at a Time: How Two Charter Schools Combat the School to Prison Pipeline. -- *Joe Lewis and Letitia Basford (Hamline University)*

The School Choice Voucher: A “Get Out of Jail” Card? -- *Corey A. DeAngelis (Cato Institute); Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas).*

The Truth about drop-out rates, at-risk youth and school choice. -- *Alexandra Penn (The GoldenPair Institute for Alternative Education)*

Moderator: *Gary Miron (Western Michigan University)*

1:45 – 3:15 Session 3b – Horizon II: Accountability, Policy, and Politics of Choice

Presentations:

Transit and School Choice: Describing Commute-Time Centered Philadelphia Choice Sets. -- *Michael R. Scott (The University of Texas at Austin); David T. Marshall (Auburn University).*

Accountability and School Choice: “You Have to Either Mold with What’s Happening or You Sink” -- *Amanda U. Potterton (University of Kentucky).*

Lessons in Charter School Accountability: Evidence from California. -- *Sherrie Reed (University of California, Davis)*

Islamic Schooling in the Cultural West: A Summary of the Policy Issues Concerning School Choice. -- *M. Danish Shakeel (University of Arkansas).*

Moderator: *Vance Randall (Brigham Young University)*

3:30 – 5:00 Session 4 – Infinity Ballroom: Views from the Trenches: A Critical Conversation with Five Prominent Charter Practitioners

Participants:

Michael K. Block (Basis Academy); David Hardy (Boys Latin Charter School); Ben Cope (KIPP); Daniel Scoggin (Great Hearts); Nina K. Buchanan (the University of Hawaii and West Hawaii Explorations Academy).

Moderator: *Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas and Fayetteville Public Schools)*

Organizers: *Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas and Fayetteville Public Schools); Nina K. Buchanan (University of Hawaii and West Hawaii Explorations Academy)*

5:30-8:00 Dinner on your own

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30-8:30 Breakfast – Infinity Ballroom

8:30 – 10:00 Session 5a – Horizon I: School Choice and Non-Cognitive Skills (Symposium)

Presentations:

The (Truly) Impossible Dream: Public Schooling and Religious Neutrality. --Neal McCluskey (*Cato Institute*)

Does Private Schooling Affect Non-Cognitive Skills? International Evidence Based on Test and Survey Effort on PISA. -- Corey A. DeAngelis (*The University of Arkansas*)

Validating Measures of Student Self-Regulatory Skills and Faith Formation in Catholic Schools. -- Charles Cownie (*Boston College*); Albert Cheng (*Harvard University*)

Are public schools prison? A comparison of school climate and safety from private and public school principals' survey. -- M. Danish Shakeel (*The University of Arkansas*); Corey A. DeAngelis (*The University of Arkansas*).

Chair: Patrick J. Wolf (*The University of Arkansas*)

Discussant: Robert A. Maranto (*The University of Arkansas*)

8:30 – 10:00 Session 5b – Horizon II: Choice and Equity: Location, Student Mobility and Agglomeration

Presentations:

Agglomeration, choice and inequality in educational outcomes: evidence from the United States. -- Carlos X Lastra-Anadón (*Harvard University*).

Do you have your cream with your gamble? Characteristics of students who move into or out of a school choice program. -- Yujie Sude (*University of Arkansas*).

Moderator: Charisse Gulosino (*University of Memphis*)

10:15 – 11:45 Session 6a – Horizon I: Performance Metrics and Impacts of Choice

Presentations:

The Effects of the Louisiana Scholarship Program on Student Achievement after Four Years. -- Jonathan N. Mills and Patrick J. Wolf (*University of Arkansas*).

The Impact of 3rd Party Governance Training on Milwaukee Voucher School Performance. -- *Michael R. Ford (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh); Douglas M. Ihrke (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee).*

Evaluating the Stability of School Performance Metrics for School Choice: Evidence for Italian Primary Schools. -- *Tommaso Agasisti (Politecnico di Milano School of Management)*

Moderator: *Sherrie Reed (University of California, Davis)*

10:15 – 11:45 Session 6b – Horizon II: Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Can National Data Inform State Local Decision Making? (Symposium)

Presentations:

National trends in charter school enrollment and performance over 12 years. --*Bitnara Jasmine Park, Darrick Yee and Markus Broer (American Institutes for Research)*

A closer look at charter school trends for select jurisdictions with high charter school enrollment. -- *Kendra DeLaine (Howard University); Sakiko Ikoma (American Institutes for Research); Young Yee Kim (American Institutes for Research).*

Moderator: *Deanna Hill (American Institutes for Research)*

Discussant: *Susan Aud Pendergrass (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools)*

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:45 – 3:15 Session 7a – Horizon I: Faith-Based Private Schools (Symposium)

Presentations:

Drawing attention to the Non-Government School Sector: The Place of Guides, Data Hubs, and Overviews

The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Parent's School: Intergenerational Continuity in School Sector Enrollment

The Objectives of Science Teachers in Faith-Based Schools and their Links to Students' STEM Outcomes

The Lasting Impact of High School on Giving and Volunteering in the U.S.

Presenters: *Deani van Pelt (Cardus Education); Derek J. Allison (University of Western*

Ontario); David Sikkink (University of Notre Dame); Jonathan Schwartz (University of Notre Dame); Albert Cheng (Harvard University); Beth Green (Cardus Education)

Chair: Beth Green (Cardus Education)

1:45 – 3:15 Session 7b – Horizon II: Systemic Effects and Examining Difference in School Choice

Presentations:

Stopping the Bleeding: School District Strategic Responses to Statewide Cyber Charter Schools. -- *Bryan A. Mann (University of Alabama)*.

Who Wins in School Choice: Private or Charter Schools? Evaluating the Impact of Charter Schools on the Private School Market Share. -- *Heidi Holmes Erickson (University of Arkansas)*.

School Mission and the Expansion of School Choice: Examining Change in Mission between Sectors and Over Time. -- *Julie W. Dallavis (University of Notre Dame)*.

For-Profit and Nonprofit Education Management Organizations: Similarities and Differences. -- *Gary Miron (Western Michigan University); Christopher Shank (Western Michigan University); Charisse Gulosino (University of Memphis)*.

Moderator: Yongmei Ni (University of Utah)

3:30 – 5:00 Session 8 – Infinity Ballroom: School Choice Polls and Surveys in the United States (Symposium)

Presentations:

National Trends and Snapshots from the 2017 Schooling in America Survey

Military Families' Attitudes toward K–12 Education and School Choice

How Florida Families Use Education Savings Accounts; Satisfaction with the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program

Why Indiana Parents Make Certain Schooling Decisions

Presenters: *Paul DiPerna (EdChoice); Jason Bedrick (EdChoice); Lindsey Burke (The Heritage Foundation); Drew Catt (EdChoice)*

Moderator: *Paul DiPerna (EdChoice)*

5:30 – 7:30 Reception - Impressions Foyer

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

7:30-8:30 Breakfast – Infinity Ballroom

8:30 – 10:00 **Session 9a – Horizon II: *The Effects of Private School Choice Policies on High School Graduation and College Enrollment (Symposium)***

Presentations:

Long-term Impacts of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program
The Effects of the Louisiana Scholarship Program on High School Graduation and College Entrance

Follow-up Attainment Study of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program

Presenters:

Heidi Holmes (University of Arkansas); Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas); and Daniel Kuehn (Urban Institute).

Chair: *Neil McCluskey (Cato Institute)*

8:30 – 10:00 **Session 9b – Horizon I: *Parental Voice and Decision Making***

Presentations:

Public-charter school quality and parental decision making with school choice: a qualitative descriptive study. -- *Hasan Aydin (Florida Gulf Coast University).*

Giving Parents Voices and Choices through Educational Savings Accounts-A California Case Study. -- *Vicki Alger (Independent Institute).*

Parent Preferences in a High-Choice, High-Status Landscape. -- *Eve Rifkin (City High School); Kristin Baese (Lipscomb University).*

Moderator: *Zena H. Rudo (American Institutes for Research)*

10:15 – 11:45 **Session 10 – Horizon II: *New Frontiers in Homeschooling (Symposium)***

Presentations:

Homeschool in the 21st Century. -- *Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas).*

Current Homeschool Enrollment Trends. -- *Angela Watson (University of Arkansas).*

The Effect of School Choice on the Supply of Homeschooling. -- *Corey A. DeAngelis (Cato Institute)*

Hybrid Homeschools. -- *Eric Wearne (Georgia Gwinnett College)*.

Homeschooling and Freedom of Conscience, as Interpreted through Two Conceptions of Secularism. -- *P. Amos Oh (Waterloo University, Canada)*.

A Growing Movement Encountering Resistance. -- *Mike Donnelly (Homeschool Legal Defense Association)*.

Organizer: *Angela Watson (University of Arkansas)*

Chairs/ Discussants: *Albert Cheng (Harvard University), Brian D. Ray (National Home Education Research Institute)*.

11:45 – 12:00 **Grab and Go Lunch – Impressions Foyer**



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