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WELCOME

2006 marked the inaugural year of the *Journal of School Choice*, which was established to provide a forum for the study of the growing academic field of alternate educational delivery systems. The Journal was envisioned as an academic home for scholars studying charter schools, school vouchers, home schools, private schools, virtual schools and magnet schools. Since then, both the variety and complexity of alternative educational delivery methods has grown. Six years later, in 2012, the first International School Choice and Reform Conference (ISCRC) was—not accidentally—convened over the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Weekend in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to bring together some of the scholars who had, for the previous six years, been publishing in the Journal.

Thus was born the very special conference of which this is the program. Eschewing the multitudes who attend the annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association (~14,000) or the American Political Science Association (~7,500), the ISCRC traditionally brings together around 100 attendees whose attention is focused only on two things: the study of school choice and the intimate interaction of established and emerging scholars who value collaboration and academic rigor.

This year's program is the result of many hours of work by our dedicated Program Committee, chaired by Ben Scafidi, with Marisa Cannata, Tommaso Agasisti and Anna Egalite. Please join me and the rest of our Planning Committee in thanking them for this marvelous job.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fox', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Fox
Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii
Conference Chair

6:00 PM
Impressions Foyer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Welcome Reception

Welcome by Robert Fox on behalf of the ISCRC Planning Committee

8:00 AM
Impressions Foyer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

BREAKFAST

SESSION ONE OPTIONS

9:00 AM
Infinity Ballroom

Book Roundtable, Author Meets Critics: Terry Moe's *The Politics of Institutional Reform: Katrina, Education, and the Second Face of Power*

Opening Remarks: Robert Fox (University of Hawaii)

Chair: Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas)

Participants: Terry M. Moe (Stanford University)

Jay P. Greene (University of Arkansas)

Brian Beabout (University of New Orleans)

Domingo Morel (Rutgers University)

Anna Egalite (North Carolina State University)

SESSION TWO OPTIONS

10:45 AM
Horizon I

Education Law and Policy

Chair: Patrick Gibbons (Step Up for Students)

Patrick Gibbons (Step Up for Students) - Bush v. Holmes Revisited on the Eve of a New Voucher Fight in Florida

Meghan Puchert (South Africa) - The Voice of The Child In Home Education: A South African Legal Perspective

Tommaso Agasisti (Politecnico di Milano) - What Kind of School Do You Choose? Criteria of School Selection in a Free-Choice Context

Discussants: Aaron Saiger (Fordham University) and Martin F. Lueken (EdChoice)

10:45 AM
Horizon II

Homeschooling Expanding While Inhibitors Mutate: What's Going On?

Chair: Brian D. Ray (National Home Education Research Institute)

Participants: Michael Donnelly (Home School Legal Defense Association)

Corey A. DeAngelis (Reason Foundation)

Kathaleena Edward Monds (Albany State University)

Kerry McDonald (Foundation for Economic Education)

Discussant: Daniel Hamlin (University of Oklahoma)

10:45 AM
Horizon III

Unpacking the Effects of Private School Vouchers on Student Achievement Using School Effectiveness Indicators

Chair: Patrick Wolf (University of Arkansas)

Heidi Holmes Erickson (Kennesaw State University) - Effect of the Louisiana Scholarship Program on Student Achievement and College Entrance after Four Years

Mark Berends (University of Notre Dame) - Impact of Indiana Vouchers on High School Outcomes and Educational Attainment

John F. Witte (University of Wisconsin) - Do Voucher Students Attain Higher Levels of Education? Evidence from the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program

12:15 PM
Infinity Ballroom

LUNCH

SESSION THREE OPTIONS

1:45 PM
Horizon I

Interesting Schools of Choice

Chair: David T. Marshall (Auburn University)

Katrina Brown (Democracy Prep Charter High School) - Dance Education in New York City Charter Schools: Engaging in Critical Dialogue on the State of the Arts within the Charter Sector

Timothy Weekes (Holy Names University) and Mark P. Ryan (North Valley Military Institute) - Characteristics of Successful Military-Themed Charter Schools

David T. Marshall (Auburn University) and Baxlee Bynum (Barry University) - Exploring Sense of Belonging among Students Enrolled in a Nontraditional Urban Charter School

Discussant: Heidi Holmes Erickson (Kennesaw State University)

1:45 PM
Horizon II

A Comparative Analysis of Trends in Achievement Gaps

Chair and Discussant: Patrick Wolf (University of Arkansas)

M. Danish Shakeel (Harvard University)

Paul E. Peterson (Harvard University)

1:45 PM
Horizon III

Effects of Choice on School Climate, Teachers, and Institutions

Chair: Charisse Gulosino (University of Berkeley)

Charisse Gulosino (University of Berkeley), Heather Olson-Beal (Stephen F. Austin State University), Susie Cox (University of Louisiana at Monroe) and Brent D. Beal (University of Texas at Tyler) - An Investigation of the Relationship of School Competition to Organizational Climate

Andrene Castro (Virginia Commonwealth University) - To Switch or Not to Switch? The Influence of School Choice and Labor Market Segmentation on Teachers' Job Searches

Gary Miron (Western Michigan University) - Growth Trends in the Education Management Organization Industry: 1999-2017

Discussant: Brian Beabout (University of New Orleans)

SESSION FOUR OPTIONS

3:30 PM
Horizon I

Staffing in American Public Schools

Chair: Lindsey Burke (The Heritage Foundation)

Sherrie Reed (University of California, Davis) - Serving the Underserved? Student Characteristics and Staffing Patterns in California Charter Schools

Martha Bradley-Dorsey (University of Arkansas) - Down to Staff Size? Public School FTEs as the Overwhelming Predictor of Charter School Absence in States

Benjamin Scafidi (Kennesaw State University) - Understanding the Staffing Surge in American Public Schools, 1994 to 2017: Evidence from Cross-State Variation

Discussant: Anna Egalite (North Carolina State University)

3:30 PM
Horizon II

Charter Schools Join the Fight for Integration: Implementation & Outcomes

Chair: Sonia Park (Charter School Coalition)

Participants: Sarah A. Cordes (Temple University)

Priscilla Wohlstetter (Columbia University)

3:30 PM
Horizon III

Autonomy, Values, and Conflicts

Chair: Timothy Weekes (Holy Names University)

Miguel Ángel Sancho Gargallo (European Foundation Society and Education) - Evolution of School Autonomy in Spain in International Comparison and Reliability of its Indicators

James Shuls (University of Missouri-Saint Louis) - Values in Public Education

Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute) - Correlates of Values and Identity-Based Conflicts in Public School Districts and States

Discussant: John Witte (University of Wisconsin)

5:00 PM

Conclude for the day

Dinner on your own

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM
Infinity Ballroom

Breakfast

SESSION FIVE OPTIONS

9:00 AM
Horizon I

Yeshivas vs. New York: A Case Study on Parental Choice and Religious Liberty

Chair: Jay Greene (University of Arkansas)

Participants: Jason Bedrick (EdChoice)

Michael Donnelly (Home School Legal Defense Association)

Rita Koganzon (University of Virginia)

Aaron Saiger (Fordham University)

9:00 AM
Horizon II

Virtual Charter Schools and the Political Viability of Charter Schools

Chair: Bich T. Tran (University of Arkansas)

Michael R. Ford (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh) - Virtual Charter School Mobility and Student Achievement: Evidence from Wisconsin

Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas) - Testing Whether Long Commutes to Testing Sites Explain Deficient Cyber Charter School Academic Performance

Bich T. Tran (University of Arkansas) - Voters' Characteristics and Preferences in Massachusetts' Authorization of Additional Charter Schools and Charter School Expansion

Discussant: Sherrie Reed (University of California, Davis)

9:00 AM
Horizon III

Emerging Issues in School Choice in the United States

Chair: Paul DiPerna (EdChoice)

Martin F. Lueken (EdChoice) - Using Random Assignment Research to Inform Switcher Rates for Fiscal Analysis

Michael Shaw (EdChoice) - Surveying America's Generations, K-12 Parents, Public School Teachers: Comparing Schooling Experiences, Views on Reforms, and Technology Attitudes

Andrew D. Catt (EdChoice) - Surveying America's Active-Duty Military Households about School Choice

Michael Q. McShane (EdChoice) - Assessing Opinion on School Accountability and School Choice

SESSION SIX OPTIONS

10:45 AM
Horizon I

International Advocacy of the Right to Freedom of Education – United Nations and European Union

Chair: Leslie Hiner (EdChoice)

Panelists: Rodrigo Queiroz e Melo (ECNAIS)

Ignasi Grau (OIDEL)

Miguel Ángel Sancho (European Foundation Society and Education)

10:45 AM
Horizon II

Practices and Policies in Hybrid Homeschools

Chair: Eric Wearne (Kennesaw State University)

Panelists: Jennifer Cauzza (JCS Family of Charter Schools)

Emily Hill (Caritas School)

Sharon Masinelli (St. John the Baptist Hybrid School)

Brian Daigle (Sequitur Classical Academy)

10:45 AM
Horizon III

Empirical Effects of Charter Schools

Chair: Priscilla Wohlstetter (Columbia University)

Christian Barnard (Reason Foundation) - Principal Appetite for Budgetary Autonomy and the Effects of Charter School Competition: Evidence from Texas

Jude Schwalbach (The Heritage Foundation) - A Literature Review of Safety in Private and Public Charter Schools

Daniel Hamlin (University of Oklahoma) - Does the Opening of Charter Schools Worsen Conditions in Neighborhood Public Schools? An Analysis of School Safety in New York City

Discussant: Sarah Cordes (Temple University)

10:45 AM
Infinity Ballroom

Changing Education Systems

Chair: Andrew D. Catt (EdChoice)

Nat Malkus (American Enterprise Institute) - A School Choice Mechanism Priced To Work

Erwin Epstein (Loyola University) - A Plan for a Universal Voucher Bottom-Up Restructuring

Amanda Potterton (University of Kentucky) – Education Reform in Kentucky: The Past, Present, and Future

Discussant: Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute)

12:15 PM
Infinity Ballroom

LUNCH: Journalists' Perspectives on Covering School Choice

Moderator: Elizabeth Willen (Hechinger Report)

Participants: Arianna Prothero (Education Week), Chris Stewart (Education Post), Bob Bowdon (Choice Media) and Cara Fitzpatrick (Independent Journalist)

Join us for a plenary discussion of how journalists cover the issues and research surrounding school choice. The topics will include their views of the challenges of reporting on this controversial but persistently salient education reform, what aspects of school choice they think are important, and how they distinguish fact from opinion, evaluate sources, and introduce balance into their reporting. The session will be moderated by Liz Willen, Editor in Chief of The Hechinger Report.

SESSION SEVEN OPTIONS

1:45 PM
Horizon I

Right to Education: Freedom or Tyranny?

Chair: Leslie Hiner (EdChoice)

Ignasi Grau i Callizo (OIDEL)

1:45 PM
Horizon II

Homeschooling Policy and Evidence

Chair: Michael Donnelly (Home School Legal Defense Association)

Angela Watson (Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy) - ABCs of Homeschooling in America: A State-by-State Comparison of Homeschool Legislation, Regulation, and Funding

Andrew Cuff (Saint Vincent College and Euro Home Ed, Inc.) - How Do European Churches Impact Home Education Policy?

Brian D. Ray (National Home Education Research Institute) - A Systematic Review of the Empirical Research on Selected Aspects of Homeschooling as a School Choice

Discussant: Eric Wearne (Kennesaw State University)

1:45 PM
Horizon III

Choice and Regulation

Chair: Paul DiPerna (EdChoice)

Lindsey Burke (The Heritage Foundation) - An Institutional Theory Analysis of Principals' Decisions about Participation and Non-Participation in the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program

Cara Candal (Foundation for Excellence in Education) - Does Parent Choice Foster School Growth and Diversity? The Case of Florida's Tax-Credit Scholarship

Corey A. DeAngelis (Reason Foundation) - The Effects of Regulations on Private School Choice Program Participation: Experimental Evidence from California and New York

Discussant: Angela Dills (Western Carolina University)

1:45 PM
Infinity Ballroom

Access, Aspirations, and Choice

Chair: Jonathan Mills (University of Arkansas)

Biswajit Kar (Jawaharlal Nehru University) - The Idea of 'School Complex' in India's New Education Policy, 2019: A Critical Review

Tommaso Agasisti (Politecnico di Milano) - Inequality and Aspiration Failure among English Secondary School Students

Anna Egalite (North Carolina State University) - An Analysis of the Effects of North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship Program on Student Achievement

Discussant: Mark Berends (University of Notre Dame)

SESSION EIGHT OPTIONS

3:30 PM
Horizon I

Homeschooling Experiences

Chair: Lisa Puga (Rutgers University – Camden)

Lisa Puga (Rutgers University – Camden) - Addressing the "Respect" Gap: Insights from African American Homeschooling Families in Philadelphia, PA

Angélica Pineda Franky (Family 21 Foundation) - Application of Emotional Education and Self-Knowledge Tools and Contents Awakening and Developing Emotional Intelligence Skills for 10 Homeschool Parents

Brian D. Ray (National Home Education Research Institute) - Freedom from State Control (Regulation) of Homeschooling is Not Related to More Child Abuse

Discussant: Kathaleena Edward Monds (Albany State University)

3:30 PM
Horizon II

Effects of Choice Programs

Chair: Heidi Holmes Erickson (Kennesaw State University)

Angela Dills (Western Carolina University) - The Effects of School Choice on Mental Health

Daniela Barriga (NC State University) - Out of Pocket? Out of Reach: How Hidden Costs Affect Participation in a Means-Tested School Choice Program

Matthew Lee (University of Arkansas) - Heterogeneous Achievement Effects in the Louisiana Scholarship Program

Discussant: Daniel Hamlin (University of Oklahoma)

3:30 PM
Horizon III

What Do Parents Want?

Chair: James Shuls (University of Missouri-Saint Louis)

Dave Rojeck (The Catholic University of America) - Holistic Student Outcomes of School Choice

Andrew D. Catt (EdChoice) - Families' Experiences on the New Frontier of Educational Choice: Findings from a Survey of K-12 Parents in Arizona

Ana Gomes (Universidade Católica Portuguesa) - Public Education in Portugal: From Intentions to Reality, a Theoretical Framework for the Understanding of Parents' Wish to Choose Freely

Discussant: Sivan Tuchman (Center on Reinventing Public Education)

3:30 PM
Infinity Ballroom

Consolidation and Accountability

Chair: Martha Bradley-Dorsey (University of Arkansas)

T.K. Sarga (Jawaharlal Nehru University) - Small School Consolidation and Challenges to School Choice in Neighbourhoods in India

Martha Bradley-Dorsey (University of Arkansas) - The A Word: How Scholarly Journals Treat Accountability and its Implications for Policy

Discussant: Jude Schwalbach (The Heritage Foundation)

5:30 PM
Infinity Ballroom

Reception

6:30 PM
Infinity Ballroom

Dinner

Keynote Session

Introduction: Robert Enlow (EdChoice)

Keynote Speaker: Robert Pondiscio (Thomas B. Fordham Institute) - How The Other Half Learns: Equality, Excellence, and the Battle Over School Choice

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 AM
Infinity Ballroom

Breakfast

SESSION NINE OPTIONS

8:30 AM
Horizon I

Left Behind? School Choice in Rural Communities

Chair and Discussant: Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas)

Andrew D. Catt (EdChoice) - Rural Communities Lacking Multi-sector Schooling Options: Indiana's School Choice Deserts

Sivan Tuchman (Center on Reinventing Public Education) - A "Can-Do" Attitude for Students with Disabilities: Special Education in Rural Charter Schools

Michael Crouch (Vanderbilt University) - Examining the Intersection of School Choice and Rural Education: Attrition Rates, Teachers and School Conditions

David T. Marshall (Auburn University) - Exploring Contextual Issues and Parental Perceptions in a Diverse Rural Charter School

M. Danish Shakeel (Harvard University) - Fertile Soil? How Information Does (and Does Not) Shape Attitudes toward School Choice in Rural America

8:30 AM
Horizon II

What's the Winning Messaging Strategy for Expanding Education Freedom?

Chair and Participant: Tommy Schultz (American Federation for Children)

Participants: Cara Candal (Foundation for Excellence in Education)

Walter Blanks (American Federation for Children)

Denisha Merriweather (American Federation for Children)

8:30 AM
Horizon III

Evolution of Charter School Accountability in California: Reflections from Research, Policy, Advocacy, and Practice

Chair: Sherrie Reed (University of California, Davis)

Participants: Erin Abshere (California Charter Schools Association)

David Patterson (Placer County Board of Education Member and Board Member of the California Charter Authorizing Professionals)

Heather Rose (University of California, Davis)

Jenny Singh (California Department of Education)

8:30 AM
Infinity Ballroom

The Not-So-Great Society: Re-Examining 50 Years of "War on Poverty" Education Programs and Mapping a Comprehensive Conservative Education Policy Agenda

Chair: Lindsey M. Burke (The Heritage Foundation)

Jay P. Greene (University of Arkansas) - What is the Purpose of Education?

Jason Bedrick (EdChoice) - Explaining the Stagnation of America's Students: The Education Monopoly and Misaligned Incentives

Corey A. DeAngelis (Reason Foundation) - What Does the Evidence Say about Education Choice? A Comprehensive Review of the Literature

Jonathan Butcher (The Heritage Foundation) - A Better Path for K-12: Helping Students Succeed in School and Life with ESAs

SESSION TEN OPTIONS

10:15 AM
Horizon I

Interesting Schools of Choice II

Chair: Nina Buchanan (University of Hawaii)

Juliet Squire (Bellwether Education Partners) - Working Toward Equitable Access and Affordability: How Private Schools and Microschools Seek to Serve Middle- and Low-Income Students

Scott Davies (University of Toronto) and Janice Aurini (University of Waterloo) - School Choice as a Discretionary Space: The Case of Summer Learning Programs

Jia Wang (UCLA/CRESST) - A Quasi-Experimental Approach to Evaluating Magnet Schools

Discussant: Angela Watson (Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy)

10:15 AM
Horizon II

More Than A Number: A Discussion on Why Research on School Choice Programs Needs to Focus on More than Just Test Scores

Chair: Emory Edwards (EdChoice)

Panelists: Chris Stewart (Education Post), Evy Valencia (50CAN), Robert Marshall (Vanguard Collegiate), and Naomi Shelton (KIPP Foundation)

10:15 AM
Horizon III

Choice and Integration

Chair: Andrene Castro (Virginia Commonwealth University)

TJ D'Agostino (University of Notre Dame) - Exploring Equity Reforms in Chile: A Longitudinal Study of Social Integration in an Elite Chilean School

Catherine Straus (Cato Institute) - School Choice's Role in Integrating Washington, D.C., K-12 Schools

John Merrifield (University of Texas at San Antonio) - The Green New Education Deal: Economic Development Zone Scholarships in Atlanta

Discussant: Matthew Lee (University of Arkansas)

10:15 AM
Infinity Ballroom

A Decade of the Cardus Education Survey

Chair: Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas)

Panelists: Ray Pennings (Cardus)

Deani Van Pelt (Edvance Christian Schools Association)

Erik Ellefsen (Center for the Advancement of Christian Education)

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Grab and Go Lunch



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