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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (2006) – Educational Leadership and Policy – Vanderbilt University

Master of Arts (1999) – Educational Policy Studies – University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bachelor of Arts (1992) – English Education – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Faculty Experience

Associate Professor and Kenan Faculty Fellow 2010-present
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Assistant Professor 2006-2010
University of Georgia

Adjunct Assistant Professor summers, 2008-present
Vanderbilt University

Other Relevant Experience

Research Associate 2010-present
Education Law Consortium
Athens, GA

Policy Research Fellow 2008-2010
University of Georgia Education Policy and Evaluation Center
Athens, GA

Business Alliance Coordinator 2001-2003
Wake County Public School System
Raleigh, NC

Director of Partnerships and Research 1999-2001
Wake Education Partnership
Raleigh, NC

English Teacher 1992-1996
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Charlotte, NC

Publications

Books

Guthrie, J. W., Springer, M. G., Rolle, R. A., & **Houck, E. A.** (2007). *Modern education finance and policy*. Chicago: Allyn & Bacon.

Journal Articles

Houck, E. A. (2013). Comment on Brent Beal's and Heather Olson Beal's "Rethinking the Market Metaphor: School Choice, the Common Good, and the National Football League" *Journal of School Choice*, 7(4), 517-519.

Williams, S. M., & **Houck, E. A.** (2013). The life and death of desegregation policy in the Wake County Public School System and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. *Education and Urban Society*, 45, 533-547.

Houck, E. A., & Eom, M. (2012). Resource and output equity as a mechanism for assessing educational opportunity in Korean middle school education. *Journal of Education Finance*, 38(1), 18-51.

DeBray, E. H., & **Houck, E. A.** (2011). A narrow path through the broad middle: Mapping institutional considerations for ESEA reauthorization. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 86(3), 319-337.

Houck, E. A. (2011). Intradistrict resource allocation: Key findings and policy implications. *Education and Urban Society*, 43(3), 271-295.

Dayton, J., Dupre, A., & **Houck, E. A.** (2010). Brother, can you spare a dime? Contemplating the future of school funding litigation in tough economic times. *Education Law Reporter*, 258, 937-954.

Houck, E. A., Rolle, R. A., & He, J. (2010). Examining school district efficiency in Georgia. *Journal of Education Finance*, 35(4), 331-357.

Houck, E. A., & Kurtz, A. (2010). Resource distribution and graduation rates in SREB states: An overview. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 85(1), 32-48.

Houck, E. A., & Ross, M. (2010). Introduction to the special issue on education in the American South: Historical perspectives and contemporary conditions. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 85(1), 1-3.

Houck, E. A. (2010). Teacher quality and school resegregation: a resource allocation case study. *Leadership and Policy in Schools*, 9(1), 49-77.

Houck, E. A. (2008). County funding versus municipal aspiration: A case study. *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*, 11(1), 81-86.

- Rolle, R. A., **Houck, E. A.**, & McColl, A. (2008). And poor children continue to wait: An analysis of horizontal and vertical equity among North Carolina school districts in the face of judicially mandated policy restraints 1996-2006. *Journal of Education Finance*, 34(1), 75-90.
- Rolle, R. A. & **Houck, E. A.** (2007). Curious Georgia studies economics: A principal reflects on concepts of educational efficiency. *The School Administrator*, 64(5), 34-39.
- Springer, M. G., **Houck, E. A.**, Ceperly, P. E., & Hange, J. (2007). Revenue generation and resource allocation and deployment practices in smaller learning communities: Lessons learned from three high schools. *Journal of Education Finance*, 32(4), 462-488.
- Rolle, R. A. & **Houck, E. A.** (2004). Introduction to the *Peabody Journal of Education's* special issue on the future of school finance research. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 79(3), 1-6.
- Rolle, R. A., Hessling, P. A., & **Houck, E. A.** (2003). Where do we go from here? A discussion of education funding in the Midwestern United States, 1991-2001. *School Business Affairs*, May, 19-21.

Edited Volumes

Journals

- Houck, E. A.**, & Ross, M. (Eds.) (2010). Special issue on education in the American South: Historical perspectives and contemporary conditions. *Peabody Journal of Education* 85(1).

Monographs

- Houck, E. A.** (Ed.). (2010). *Georgia education policy papers 2010*. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Education Policy and Evaluation Center.
- Houck, E. A.** (Ed.). (2009). *Georgia education policy papers 2009*. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Education Policy and Evaluation Center.

Chapters

In books

- Cohen-Vogel, L., Osborne-Lumpkin, T., & **Houck, E. A.** (2013). New data, old patterns: the role of test scores in student assignment. In D. Anagnostopoulos, S. Rutledge & R. Jacobsen (Eds.) *The Infrastructure of Accountability* (pp. 129-144). Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard Education Press.

- Houck, E. A.** (2012). Man, I work like a woman. In J. M. Marshall, J. S. Brooks, K. M. Brown, & L. H. Bussey (Eds.). *Juggling flaming chainsaws: Academics in educational leadership try to balance work and family* (pp. 237-243). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Houck, E. A.** (2011). Resource allocation post-PICS. In E. Frankenberg & E. DeBray (Eds.). *Integrating schools in a changing society: New policies and legal options for a multiracial generation* (pp. 243-254). Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press.
- Springer, M. G., **Houck, E. A.**, & Guthrie, J. W. (2007). History and scholarship of United States education finance and policy. In H. F. Ladd & E. B. Fiske (Eds.). *Handbook of research in education finance and policy* (pp. 3-22). New York: Routledge.
- Killough, A. L., Webster, W., Brown, V. B., **Houck, E. A.**, & Edwards, C. L. (2003). African-American violence exposure: An emerging health issue. In C. C. Yeakey & R. D. Henderson (Eds.). *Surmounting All Odds: Educational Opportunities in the New Millennium* (pp. 147-174). Greenwich, CT: Information Age.

In monographs

- Houck, E. A.**, & Vanausdoll, B. (2010). Reconsidering Title II spending in Georgia. In E. A. Houck, (Ed.). *Georgia education policy papers 2010* (pp. 79-88). Athens, GA: University of Georgia Education Policy and Evaluation Center.
- Houck, E. A.**, & Mohammed, M. C. (2009). New directions in teacher compensation. In E. A. Houck, (Ed.). *Georgia education policy papers 2009* (pp. 66-75). Athens, GA: University of Georgia Education Policy and Evaluation Center.
- Houck, E. A.**, Cannon, J. & Southerland, K. (2004). Accountability, assessments and standards. In J.W. Guthrie & K.K. Wong, (Eds.). *Alabama education policy primer: A guide to understanding K-12 education*. Montgomery, AL: A+ Education Foundation.
- Houck, E. A.**, Cannon, J. & Gassenheimer, C. (2004). Teaching quality. In J.W. Guthrie & K.K. Wong, (Eds.). *Alabama education policy primer: A guide to understanding K-12 education*. Montgomery, AL: A+ Education Foundation.
- Watal, C. & **Houck, E. A.** (2004). No Child Left Behind. In J.W. Guthrie & K.K. Wong (Eds.). *Alabama education policy primer: A guide to understanding K-12 education*. Montgomery, AL: A+ Education Foundation.

Technical Reports and Other Publications

- Houck, E. A.** & Merrill, B. C. (2014). Policy Brief: Weighted Student Funding and Student Based Funding. A brief prepared for North Carolina Senator Fletcher Hartsell (R).

- Houck, E. A. & Barrett, N.** (2013). *Local Education Agency Race to the Top expenditures: Year two analysis*. Chapel Hill: Consortium for Educational Research and Evaluation - North Carolina.
- Houck, E. A.** (2012). *Local Education Agency Race to the Top expenditures: An initial analysis*. Chapel Hill: Consortium for Educational Research and Evaluation – North Carolina. [Available online](#).
- Houck, E. A.** (2011). “Student Assignment Policy.” In Luanna H. Meyer (Ed.), *Education. Oxford Bibliographies*. [Available online](#).
- Howley, C., **Houck, E. A.**, Tung, S., & Boyd, D. (2011). *Increasing Education Cost Effectiveness in the Mid-Atlantic Region*. REL MA 1.2.66-11: Regional Educational Laboratory Mid-Atlantic.
- Houck, E. A.** (2010). *Exploring student enrollment in Sumter County: Trends and predictions*. Sumter County Archway Partnership.
- Houck, E. A.** (2009). *Where GLSI Goes: An analysis of GLSI schools in 2008-2009 academic Year*. Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement.
- Houck, E. A.** (2009). *Understanding Charter and Private School Location in Georgia*. (Georgia) Governor’s Office of Student Achievement.
- Houck, E. A.**, & Guthrie, J. W. (2008). *Governance, Leadership, and Pupil Performance in Warren County Schools: A status report*. Davis, CA: Management Analysis and Planning.
- Skidmore, M., Freeman, M., & **Houck, E. A.** (2008). *Quality-Plus Leader Academy Assessment Project Interim Report*. Prepared for the Gwinnett County Public Schools, Suwanee, GA., June.
- Houck, E. A.** (2007). *Fiscal Reallocation in Schools Facing Reduction or Elimination of CSR Funding*. Prepared for the Title I Office/CSR Program, Georgia Department of Education. Atlanta, GA., June.

Grant Activity

As PI

- PI. The GLSI Effect. Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement. \$9,000. May, 2011 – August, 2011.
- PI. Creating a Dose Variable for GLSI Exposure. Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement. \$8,600. May, 2010 – August, 2010.
- PI. Exploring Enrollment in Sumter County Schools. Sumter County Archway Partnership.

\$4,000. January-April, 2010.

- PI. Determining a Leadership Effect on Student Achievement. Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement. \$8,600. May, 2009 – May, 2010.
- PI. Governor's Office of Student Achievement through the University of Georgia's Education Policy and Evaluation Center: Mapping Choice in Georgia's Failing Schools. \$1,900. July, 2008 – June 2009.
- PI. Northeast Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency. \$18,026. July, 2008 - June 2009.
- PI. University of Georgia Early Career Faculty Grant: Court influence on school district student assignment policies: an event history analysis. \$5,627. August, 2007 - May, 2008.

As Co-PI

- Co-PI. North Carolina Consortium for Educational Research and Evaluation (NCCERE). North Carolina Race to the Top Evaluation. Chair of the local spending and cloud computing evaluation initiatives. \$234,132. August, 2010 – August, 2014.
- Co-PI. University of Georgia Education Policy and Evaluation Center seed grant: Investigating student assignment and resource allocation in Tuscaloosa, AL schools. \$1,000 over one year (Sheneka Williams, co-PI) – December, 2007 - December, 2008.
- Co-PI. Northeast Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency. \$50,195 over two years (Karen Watkins, co-PI). August 2006- June 2008.
- Co-PI. Gwinnett Quality-Plus Leader Academy Assessment Project. \$185,440 over 1 year (Melissa Freeman, Max Skidmore, co-PIs). January 2008 – August 2008.

Professional Presentations

- Houck, E. A.** (2014, January). Rethinking the Market Metaphor: School Choice, the Common Good, and the National Football League. Comments accepted for presentation at the National Conference on School Choice, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Brady, K. P. & **Houck, E. A.** (2013, April). *Everything old is new again: Changing intergovernmental accountability relationships in an era of standards-based education reform*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Houck, E. A.** & Midkiff, B. C. (2013, April). *Money and sex in education: The intersection of scholarship in school finance and gender*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Houck, E. A.** (2012, May). *Financing schools through tough economic times*. Paper presented at the National Education Finance Conference, San Antonio, TX.

- Houck, E. A.** (2011, May). *We promised to do what? Examining teacher compensation policies of Race to the Top winners.* Paper presented at the National Education Finance Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Houck, E. A.** & Smith, A. (2011, May). *Intra-district funding inequities: The state's role.* Paper presented at the National Education Finance Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Grooms, A. & **Houck, E. A.** (2011, May). *Measuring vertical and horizontal equity in Georgia using traditional and alternative methods, 2004-2009.* Paper presented at the National Education Finance Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Houck, E. A.** & Williams, S. M. (2010, April). *"To turn back would be a huge mistake": Race, class, and student assignment in Wake County Public Schools.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, Denver, CO.
- Peters, A. L., Williams, S. M. & **Houck, E. A.** (2010, April). *Is There a "Doctor" in the House? A Comparison of the Ed.D. and the Ph.D.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, Denver, CO.
- Eom, M., & **Houck, E. A.** (2010, April). *Resource and Output Equity as a Preliminary Analysis for Assessing Equal Educational Opportunity in South Korean Middle School Education.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Richmond, Va.
- Eom, M., & **Houck, E. A.** (2009, October). *Analysis of the equity and adequacy of education resources and performance by socioeconomic status and region in Korean K12 education.* Paper presented at the 3rd Korean Education Vertical Research Scientific Conference, Seoul, Korea.
- Williams, S. M., & **Houck, E. A.** (2009, April). *"To turn back would be a huge mistake": Race, class, and student assignment in Wake County Public Schools.* Paper presented at Looking to the Future: Legal and Policy Options for Racially Integrated Education in the South and the Nation, Chapel, Hill, NC.
- Houck, E. A.** & Williams, S. M. (2008, November). *Rethinking student assignment: New approaches in the aftermath of PICS.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the University Council for Education Administration, Orlando, FL.
- Houck, E. A.**, Kurtz, A., & Leahy, J. (2008, November). *Examining resource allocation and graduation rates in five Southern states.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the University Council for Education Administration, Orlando, FL.
- Houck, E. A.** & Sielke, C. C. (2008, April). *Resource allocation as commitment: Budgetary reactions to cuts in CSR funding.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Denver, CO.
- Houck, E. A.** (2007, November). *Exploring resegregation and teacher quality.* Paper presented

at the annual meeting of the University Council for Education Administration, Alexandria, VA.

Houck, E. A. (2007, March). *Quantile regression applications in assessing vertical equity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Baltimore, MD.

Houck, E. A. & Springer, M. G. (2006, March). *Revenue generation and resource allocation and deployment practices in smaller learning communities: Lessons learned from three high schools*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Denver, CO.

Goldring, E. B. & **Houck, E. A.** (2005, April). *Teacher resources and mobility under unitary status*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada.

Houck, E. A. & Springer, M. G. (2005, March). *The past as prologue: Horizontal equity in North Carolina, 1996-2002*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Finance Association, Louisville, KY.

Guthrie, J. W., **Houck, E. A.**, & Watral, C. (2004, November). *Policy brief: On the margins of accountability - special education and ELL populations under NCLB*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association, Tucson, AZ.

Houck, E. A. (1999, April). *Chasing Leandro*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, Montreal, Canada.

Invited Presentations

Houck, E. A. (2013, April). *Alternative models of teacher compensation*. Presentation and facilitated discussion for the Georgia Education Solutions Group, Athens, GA.

Houck, E. A. (2012, September). *Education as a "Growth" Industry: Implications of Student Growth Measures for Teacher Compensation Policy*. Paper presented at Education in Georgia: Fifth Annual State of the State Report, Athens, GA.

Houck, E. A. (2012, May). *School finance litigation workshop*. Workshop at the National Education Finance Conference, San Antonio, TX. (session chair and presenter).

Houck, E. A. (2011, May). *The changing face of education finance policy and litigation in tough economic times*. Workshop at the National Education Finance Conference, Tampa, FL. (session chair and presenter).

Houck, E. A. (2010, September). *Understanding teacher compensation in Georgia*. Paper presented at Education in Georgia: Third Annual State of the State Report, Athens, GA.

- Houck, E. A.** (2009, October). *Assessment and accountability reform*. Paper presented at Education in Georgia: Second Annual State of the State Report, Lawrenceville, GA.
- Houck, E. A.** (2008, October). *Examining school district efficiency in Georgia*. Paper presented at Education in Georgia: First Annual State of the State Report, Atlanta, GA.
- Houck, E. A., & He, J.** (2008, April). *Reconsidering efficiency: Implications for courts and policymakers*. Paper presented at The State of School Finance in Georgia: Findings and Implications for Georgia and Beyond, Athens, GA.
- Dayton, J. P., & **Houck, E. A.** (2008, April). *Political and fiscal factors influencing school finance litigation*. Paper presented at the American Education Finance Association Attorney's Workshop, Denver, CO.
- Houck, E. A.** (2008, March). *Discovering the modified quadriform: A less normative examination of educational efficiency*. Paper presented at the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy Seminar Series, Athens, GA.
- Houck, E. A.** (2008, January). *Teacher quality and school re-segregation: a case study in resource allocation*. Paper presented at the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy Seminar Series, Athens, GA.
- Houck, E. A.** (2007, June). *Standards for data analysis*. Paper presented at the Clayton County Public Schools Leadership Conference, Pine Mountain, GA.
- Houck, E. A.** (2007, April). *Data analysis for improved decision making*. Paper presented at the University of Georgia College of Education Superintendent's Education Policy Advisory Conference, Athens, GA.
- Dayton, J.P., & **Houck, E. A.** (2007, March). *Scanning the event horizon*. Paper presented at the American Education Finance Association Attorney's Workshop, Baltimore, MD.
- Guthrie, J. W., **Houck, E. A.** & Springer, M. G. (2006, January). *Nashville and its schools*. Paper presented at Nashville Business Alliance. Ingram Industries, Nashville, TN.

Teaching Experience

Doctoral student dissertations

Chair

at The University of North Carolina

Todd LoFrese, EdD in Educational Leadership, in progress
 Kendra Brown, EdD in Educational Leadership, in progress
 Deanene Deaton, EdD in Educational Leadership, in progress
 Tim Lancaster, EdD in Educational Leadership, in progress

at the University of Georgia

Jiang He, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2009. *School Finance – Is Attitude the Answer?*

Moonyoung Eom, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2011. *A Comparative Analysis of Educational Opportunities in the U.S. and Korean Educational Systems*

Committee member

at The University of North Carolina

Brooke Maxfield, PhD in Education

Carlos R. Melendez Roman, PhD in Education

William Jackson, PhD in Education

Chris Harrison, PhD in Education

Zealan T. Hoover, Undergraduate honors thesis, 2013. *Growth and Stasis in Northern Ireland's Integrated Schools Movement Through a Framework of Opportunity Structures and Challenger Groups*

at the University of Georgia

Ed Bengston, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2010. *Examining Principal Succession: Perspectives of Principals and Central Office Leaders.*

In Heok Lee. PhD in Workforce, Leadership, and Social Foundations, 2010. *Development of career aspirations in adolescents.*

Tabitha McKinley, PhD in Educational Psychology, 2010. *Estimating Growth Using the Censored-Inflated Structural Equation Model with Floor Effects Data.*

Meca Mohammed, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2011. *Examining the Effects of Academic Press, Social Support, and Collective Efficacy in U.S. High School on Students' College Preparedness: A Multilevel Analysis of the Education Longitudinal Study of 2002.*

Ann Duffy, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2011. *Principal Pay-for-Performance as State Policy: How Three Race To The Top Winners Align State Policy with Federal Incentives.*

Adam Kurtz, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2011. *Examining Administrative Authority to Dismiss Tenured Teachers in Georgia.*

Ain Grooms, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy, 2013. *Competing Objectives: An implementation and equity analysis of the voluntary interdistrict desegregation program in St. Louis, 1999-2009.*

David Goldie, PhD in Educational Administration and Policy.

Graduate courses taught

School-Based Inquiry and Reform for the School Executive, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2012, Spring 2013

School Finance and Economic Equity, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2011, 2012, Fall 2012

Organizational Theory, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2010, 2011

Special Topics: Regression Analysis, University of Georgia, Fall 2009.
Data Analysis and Management for Administrators, University of Georgia, Fall 2009, Summer 2010.
Applied Statistical Methods in Education, University of Georgia, Fall 2008.
Resource Allocation and Deployment, Vanderbilt University, Summers 2008-2013.
Research in Educational Administration and Policy, University of Georgia, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008, Summer 2009.
Educational Finance and Policy, University of Georgia, Spring 2007-2010.
Educational Policy Analysis, University of Georgia, Fall 2006-2007, Spring 2009, Summer 2009.
Data Analysis for Policymakers, Vanderbilt University, Summer 2006.
Resource Allocation and Deployment, Vanderbilt University, Summer 2005, Fall 2005 (teaching assistant).

Undergraduate courses taught

Education Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2013.
Public Policy, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2005 (teaching assistant).
Systematic Inquiry, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2004.
Systematic Inquiry, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2003 (teaching assistant).

Service

Advising and Consulting

City of Indianapolis Office of Education Innovation, 2010-2013
 Georgia Governor's Office of Student Achievement, 2008-2010
 Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement, 2009-2012
 Georgia School Funding Association (formerly the Consortium for Adequate School Funding in Georgia), 2006-2008
 Northeast Georgia Regional Education Service Agency, 2006-2010
 Regional Educational Lab Mid-Atlantic, 2010
 Sumter County Public School System, 2010

Refereeing/Reviewing (* - within the last 12 months)

**Educational Administration Quarterly*
Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis
 **Educational Policy*
 **Educational Researcher*
 **International Journal of Education Policy and Leadership*
 **Journal of Education Finance*
 **Journal of School Choice*
 **Journal of School Leadership*
 **Teachers College Record*

*AERA, Divisions A & L, Fiscal Issues, Policy and Education Finance SIG
 National Center for School Choice
 *Politics of Education Association

*University Council for Education Administration

Professional Service

To the State

- Georgia Race to the Top grant writing committee, teacher and leader quality team, 2009.

To the Field

- Session Chair, Fiscal issues, Policy, and Education Finance SIG: *The allocation of human and fiscal resources*. Annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Editorial board member (charter member), *Education Law and Policy Review*, 2013-present.
- Associate Chair, National Education Finance Conference, 2012 – present.
- Program Coordinator, Fiscal Issues, Policy and Education Finance SIG, American Education Research Association, 2012-present.
- Politics of Education Association Program Planning Committee member, 2011
- Editorial Board member, *Educational Administration Quarterly*, 2011-present.
- Board of Advisors, National Education Finance Conference, 2010-2012 (charter member).
- Advisory Editor for Education (founding member), Oxford Bibliographies Online, 2010-present.
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Education Finance*, 2008-present.
- Student editorial board member, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 2005-2006.

To the University/College/School

- Member, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Education Technology Advisory Committee, 2012-present.
- Coordinator, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Education EdD program in educational leadership, 2012-2014.
- School of Education representative, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Faculty Council, 2012-2015.
- School of Education faculty representative, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Education Alumni Council, 2010-present.
- Member, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Education School Advisory Committee, 2010-2012.
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Education Policy Committee (ad hoc), 2010-2012.
- University of Georgia College of Education Faculty Senate, 2009-2010.
- State of the State of Education in Georgia Planning Committee, College of Education, 2009.
- University of Georgia Educational Policy and Evaluation Center Steering Committee, 2007-2010.
- Educational Evaluation and Policy Center spring conference planning committee, 2008-2010.

To the Program and Department

- EdD re-visioning committee, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2010-2011.
- Social committee, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Georgia, 2008-2010; chair, 2009-2010.
- Program realignment sub-committee (ad hoc), Program in Educational Administration and Policy, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Georgia, 2007-2010.
- Seminar planning committee, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Georgia, 2007-2010.
- MEd admissions committee, Program in Educational Administration and Policy, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Georgia, 2007-2010.
- EdS admissions committee, Program in Educational Administration and Policy, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Georgia, 2007-2008.
- Curriculum Committee, Program in Educational Administration and Policy, Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, College of Education, University of Georgia, 2006-2007.

To the Community

- Research Associate, *A Vision for Public Education in Georgia*, 2010.
- Selection Committee, Kathryn H. Hug Instructional Leadership Award, Athens-Clarke County School District, 2010.

Honors

Distinguished Research and Practice Fellow, National Education Finance Conference, 2012.
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Kenan Faculty Fellow, 2010.
 Fellow, National Center for Education Statistics Cooperative Systems Program, Washington, DC. October 26-30, 2009.
 Distinguished faculty member, American Education Finance Association Attorneys' Workshop, Nashville, TN. March 19, 2009.
 Distinguished faculty member, American Education Finance Association Attorneys' Workshop, Denver, CO. April 10, 2008.
 Distinguished faculty member, American Education Finance Association Attorneys' Workshop, Baltimore, MD. March 22, 2007.
 Participant, David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Administration & Policy, San Francisco, CA. April 5-7, 2006.
 Recipient, Peabody College Outstanding Educator Honor, 2005. Recognized for excellent undergraduate and graduate instruction.
 Recipient, Governor's School/Business Partnership Award. Awarded to Wake County's business alliance program, 2003.
 Member, North Carolina Partners Leadership Council, 2002-2003.
 Member, Wake County School-to-Career Council, 1999-2003.
 Recipient, Spiegel Graduate Scholarship, Carolina Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa, 2002.

Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for Teachers,
University of California-Berkeley, 1994.
North Carolina Teaching Fellow, 1988-1992.

Media

As author

Houck, E. A. & Williams, S. M. (2011). What we found – and didn't find. *The (Raleigh) News and Observer*, April 15. [Available](#) online.

Houck, E. A. (2010). What's wrong with teacher pay now? *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, April 26. [Available](#) online.

Houck, E. A. & Sielke, C. C. (2008). Education task force should focus on funding. *Athens Banner-Herald*, February 10. [Available](#) online.

As subject/interviewee

Ujifusa, A. (2013). GOP delivers on activist K-12 agenda in NC. *Education Week*, August 19. [Available](#) online.

Campbell, S. (2012). Student numbers down at Henderson Independent, but progress being made elsewhere. *The Salisbury Post*, September 2. [Available](#) online.

Goldsmith, T., & Hui, T. K. (2012). Wake County magnet school program at crossroads. *(Raleigh) News and Observer*, June 17. [Available](#) online.

Ujifusa, A. (2012). Dueling districts in North Carolina Governor's race? *Education Week's State EdWatch blog*, April 13. [Available](#) online.

Grubb, T. (2011). Chatham budget squeeze highlights inequities. *The Chapel Hill News*, March 27. [Available](#) online.

Hui, K. (2010). Study: Wake schools less diverse. *(Raleigh) News and Observer*, May 3. [Available](#) online.

Sorenson, N. (2010). Graduate students may think twice about teaching degrees. *The Red and Black*, February 2. [Available](#) online.

Blackburn, R. (2010). Pay plan concerns teachers. *Athens Banner-Herald*, January 18. [Available](#) online.

Waters, R. (2009). Wake's commitment to diversity stands out. *(Raleigh) News and Observer*, March 29. [Available](#) online.

Blackburn, R. (2008). Praises for pre-K; Harsher words for testing: Changes in education. *Athens Banner-Herald*, October 18. [Available](#) online.

Schnably, C. (2008). UGA Economic Expert Jeff Humphreys: K-12 Education in Georgia Likely to Face More Cuts. *College of Education News*, October 17, 2008. [Available](#) online.

Gelpi, G. (2007). Budgeting Challenges Can Be Met. *Augusta Chronicle*, December 16. [Available](#) online.

Torres, K. (2007). When Diversity is Elusive: Magnet Program to Get Own Campus. *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, February 21. [Available](#) online.

Torres, K. (2007). New Era in DeKalb Schools Opens with an Ear for Parents. *Atlanta*

Journal-Constitution, January 17. [Available](#) online.
Brophy, B. (2001). *Powerful Allies: Local education funds serve as 'conveners and brokers' for school reform*. Ford Foundation Report, Spring. [Available](#) online.

Audio and video

Professor Studies Wake's Diversity Policy. WRAL-TV. April 27, 2010. [Video](#).

COE Brown Bag Seminar on Charter Schools: Yes, No, Maybe? April 7, 2010. [Video](#).

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