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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, 1992, University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.S., Sociology, 1988, University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.A., Sociology, 1985, Calvin College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009-present—Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2025-present, 2014-2021—Director, Notre Dame Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (PIER)
2021-2024—Hackett Family Director, Institute for Educational Initiatives
2009-2023—Director of the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity (CREO), University of Notre Dame
2022-2025—Chair Designate and Chair, Journal Publications Committee AERA
2014-2021—Founding Director, Notre Dame Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (PIER)
2020-2021—Associate Vice President for Research, University of Notre Dame
2020—Elected to the National Academy of Education
2019-2025—Ranked among the nation's top 200 education scholars as selected by the [Educational Scholar Public Influence Rankings](#)
2015-2019—Co-Editor, *American Educational Research Journal*
2015-2016 — Vice President of the American Education Research Association's Division L, Policy and Politics of Education
2014—Fellow American Educational Research Association
2013-2015—Editor, *Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis*
2013-2014—Program Chair, American Educational Research Association
2005-2011—Director of the National Center on School Choice (NCSC), Vanderbilt University, Peabody College (IES Funded)
2004-2005—Assistant Director of the National Center on School Choice (NCSC), Vanderbilt University, Peabody College (IES Funded)
2002-2008—Associate Professor of Public Policy and Education, Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations, Vanderbilt University, Peabody College
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2003-2005—Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University
2002-present—Adjunct Senior Social Scientist, RAND
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1992-1997—Associate Social Scientist, RAND, Washington, DC
1991-1992 —Data Coordinator, Center on Organization and Restructuring of Schools, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, Madison, Wisconsin
1991 —Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
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1986-1990 —Project Assistant, National Center on Effective Secondary Schools, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, Madison, Wisconsin

RESEARCH AREAS

Throughout his career, Professor Berends has primarily focused on the relationship among school organization, classroom instruction, and student outcomes, with particular attention to marginalized students. In his research, he applies diverse quantitative and qualitative methods to understand how school reforms impact both teachers and students. In the 1990s, he led the summative evaluation of New American Schools (NAS), which was then the nation's largest privately funded reform initiative. His work demonstrated that developing reform models and aligning the school system were important for promoting innovative instructional strategies and student achievement.

His research contributed to Professor Berends' invitation by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in the national evaluation of Title I and Comprehensive School Reform programs. He also investigated how evolving family and school dynamics between 1972 and 2004 influenced Black-white and Latino-white achievement gaps. His findings highlighted the improved socioeconomic conditions of Black and Latino students and their increased perception of within-school opportunities. Additionally, his research indicated that without ongoing desegregation during this period, achievement gaps would have widened. This work was included in an *amicus brief* submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in cases concerning school segregation and the role of race as a deciding factor; it was the fifth time the court considered social science research since *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954.

Currently, Professor Berends' research uses experimental and quasi-experimental designs to explore two core areas: (1) the effects of school choice (especially charter schools and school vouchers) on student academic and social outcomes, and (2) the broader effects of schools and teachers on students' academic and social development. His recent publications include *Opportunities for Learning: A Sociological Perspective* by Maureen Hallinan (Notre Dame Press, 2025), the *SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Education* (SAGE, London, 2024), *Handbook of Research on School Choice, 2nd edition* (Routledge, 2020), and *Education at the Crossroads* (Routledge, 2019).

School Choice and Educational Innovations

In 2011, Indiana implemented new education policies concerning charter schools and vouchers, expanding options for parents seeking schools that align with their children's needs. The state established the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program, which provides state-funded vouchers to qualifying families to help offset tuition costs at participating private schools. Indiana operates one of the largest voucher programs in the United States, supporting over 70,000 students. Concurrently, Indiana increased its number of public charter schools to over 120, serving nearly 50,000 students statewide. For the past decade, Professor Berends and his colleagues have analyzed various data to understand the impact of this voucher program on students, families, and schools.

Funded by the Spencer Foundation, the project examines the following research questions: (1) What is the impact of the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program (vouchers) on student achievement gains and the schools these students attend? (2) What is the impact of the charter schools on student achievement gains? (3) Are these voucher and charter school impacts greater for some groups of students compared with others, having effects on the racial/ethnic and socioeconomic achievement gaps? (4) How do schools of choice (charter or private schools) differ from traditional public schools in terms of organizational and instructional conditions, school leadership, professional capacity, school learning climate and funding conditions, and parent involvement and support that promote achievement?

We are examining the achievement gains of students receiving vouchers to attend private schools and students choosing to attend a charter school in the state of Indiana. Because students in traditional public, charter, and private schools all take the same state assessments, we have a unique opportunity to examine achievement outcomes across students and school sectors using longitudinal student assessment data from the Indiana Department of Education. With additional longitudinal data collected from schools and teachers in a representative sample of K-8 traditional public schools, charter schools, and private schools, we are analyzing the conditions under which the impacts of the voucher and charter schools occur. With Joe Waddington at the University of Chicago and NORC of the University of Chicago, the study gathered survey data from about 570 schools and 5,300 teachers, linked to the state administrative records on students, teachers, and schools.

This research has expanded with funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences, which provided Professor Berends and his team a \$500,000 exploratory grant to examining the impact of school choice (voucher and charter schools) on high school outcomes and educational attainment.

Dr. Berends also served as Director of the National Center on School Choice awarded a \$13.3 million grant by the Institute for Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education. Partners included the Brookings Institution, Brown University, Harvard University, Indiana University, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), Stanford University, University of Indianapolis, and the University of Wisconsin. The NCSC's projects included research on the effects of charter schools on student achievement, teacher recruitment and teaching quality, curriculum and instruction, and parental

involvement. A second set of projects focused on the effects of competition on public schools and systems using the nation's largest student achievement growth database of NWEA.

Randomized Field Trials of Reading Interventions at Scale

With a team of colleagues at Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), Dr. Berends was involved in ACE Haiti. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, ACE aimed to bring help to the Holy Cross community to recover and rebuild. In the fall of 2014, ACE Haiti launched "Haiti Reads," a literacy intervention with random assignment in 50 Haitian Catholic schools and 50 controls. The project served 7,000 students, trains about 130 teachers, and implemented a reading curriculum for students to learn to read in their native tongue, Creole, as well as French. Dr. Berends and his colleague Professor Andrew Elliot of the University of Rochester worked with ACE faculty and staff to study the effects of this literacy and teacher training intervention on student motivation and teachers' sense of efficacy, with the promise of informing and enhancing the design of this approach in Haiti and beyond.

This project builds on a previous randomized field trial that Dr. Berends co-led with colleagues at Vanderbilt (Drs. Doug Fuchs [PI], Lynn Fuchs, and Don Compton), University of Minnesota (Dr. Kristen McMaster), and University of Texas Pan American (Dr. Laura Saenz); the team examined the effects of an early reading program at scale with a randomized research design. For over a decade, a research group at Vanderbilt University has partnered with local school districts to develop reading Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS, Doug and Lynn Fuchs). Its purpose is to strengthen teachers' capacity to meet the academic needs of a broader range of children. PALS incorporates empirically validated, state-of-the-art practices for improving phonological awareness, decoding, and comprehension. The program has been empirically tested in multiple, large, randomized field trials. The study was a randomized field trial in Nashville, Minneapolis, and south Texas to assess the effects of PALS and factors related to scale-up in various settings across the nation.

New American Schools

For several years, Dr. Berends led a multi-year research effort on New American Schools Development Corporation's (NAS) whole-school reforms. With RAND colleagues, he published *Facing the Challenges of Whole-School Reform: New American Schools After a Decade* (2002). The central focus of this effort assessed whether the NAS designs were associated with changes in schools, classrooms, and student outcomes. A significant component of this research monitored a longitudinal sample of over 100 schools through principal phone interviews, teacher surveys, and district-provided data between 1996 and 1999. A supplementary study on changes in classroom practices and student achievement trends provided more detailed information about how the NAS designs were related to changes in teaching and learning opportunities for students. The book from this study was published by RAND and entitled *Challenges of Conflicting School Reforms: Effects of New American Schools in a High-Poverty District* (2002).

Social Context of Education

Dr. Berends also led project that analyzed the effects of changing families and schools on student achievement trends, particularly those of black, Latinx, and white students. With his collaborator Professor Sam Lucas of Berkeley, Dr. Berends' research examined whether changes in family background and school characteristics (e.g., desegregation and academic-track placement) account for the closing of the test score gap between African American/Latinx students and their white peers in high- and low-poverty settings between the early 1970s and early 2000s.

Ability Grouping and Tracking

Dr. Berends has conducted several studies on the effects of ability grouping and tracking on students' academic and social outcomes. This research has also examined the impact of instructional differences among grouped classes. Dr. Berends has examined the effects of tracking on students' school bonding and engagement, finding support for ethnographers' arguments that tracking polarizes students into pro- and anti-school orientations.

With Dr. Lucas, Dr. Berends co-led a project that examined the structure and effects of tracking in several data sets covering the experiences of several student cohorts over the past thirty years. The cohorts represented were sufficiently close together that a fine-grained understanding of trends in tracking and its effects may be obtained. The main questions were: (1) Has the *structure* of tracking changed over time? (2) What have been the patterns of track *mobility* over time? (3) How have the *effects* of track location on achievement changed over time after the effects of family, demographic, and school factors have been considered?

RESEARCH SUPPORT

(Submitted to IES) Principal Investigator (Co-PIs Nicole McNeil, Jill Pentamonti, and Alison Cheng). Notre Dame Predoctoral Training Program in Interdisciplinary Educational Research and Action (PIER). Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, \$5.0m over 5 years (September 2025-August 2030).

Co-Principal Investigator. (PI: Ron Zimmer; Co-PIs: Julie Dallavis, Joe Ferrare, Adam Kho, Joe Waddington), Charter School Performance and Practices After the COVID-19 Pandemic. MIT Blueprint Labs Charter School Research Collaborative, \$302,499 over two years (January 1, 2025—December 31, 2026).

Principal Investigator. (Co-PI: Joe Ferrare, Joe Waddington, Ron Zimmer), School Improvement in Indiana: Exploring Differences among Charter, Voucher Private, and Traditional Public High Schools, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, \$541,660 over 3 years (July 2019-June 2022).

Principal Investigator. (Co-PI: David Stuit), School Quality Matrix for Indianapolis 4.0. Walton Family Foundation-funded at \$245,644 over 4 years (December 15, 2018-December 31, 2022).

Principal Investigator. (Co-PI: Joe Waddington), School Effectiveness in Indiana: An Examination of Impacts and the Conditions Under Which Choice is Effective. Spencer Foundation, Lyle Spencer Research Award-funded at \$999,024 over 3 years (October 2015-September 2019).

Principal Investigator. (Co-PI: David Stuit), School Quality Matrix for Indianapolis 3.0. Walton Family Foundation-funded at \$240,159 over 3 years (September 2015-November 2018).

Principal Investigator, Effects of School Choice in Indiana. Walton Family Foundation-funded at \$299,423 over 3 years (October 2014—September 2017).

Principal Investigator, Examining Catholic School Effectiveness in Cities Across the United States. Walton Family Foundation-funded at \$1,340,000 over 6 years (June 2009-May 2015).

Principal Investigator, Sensitivity of Teacher Value-Added Results to Different Measures of Student Growth. U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences-funded at \$150,000 (May 2011-December 2011). IES contract ED-IES-12-C-0004 by Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest, administered by American Institutes for Research.

Director, National Center on School Choice (NCSC). U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences -funded at \$10 million over 7 years (September 2004-September 2011).

Principal Investigator, Opening Up the Black Box of Choice and Regular Public Schools: A Study of Achievement Growth, Instruction & Alignment. U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences -funded at \$3.3 million over 5 years as part of the NCSC (September 2006-September 2011).

Co-Principal Investigator, Scaling Up Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies to Strengthen Reading Achievement. U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences -funded at \$5.5 million over 5 years (September 2004-September 2009).

Co-Principal Investigator, The Structure and Effects of Tracking in the United States: A Temporal Perspective. Spencer Foundation-funded at \$472,800 over 8 years (March 1997-February 2005).

Co-Principal Investigator, Explaining Student Achievement Trends, 1972-1992. U.S. Department of Education-funded at \$436,918 over 7 years (October 1996-December 2003).

Co-Principal Investigator, Monitoring the Progress of Title I and Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program (CSRD) Schools, National Evaluation of Title I and CSRD Programs. U.S. Department of Education-funded at \$1.76 million over 4 years (September 1999-June 2003).

Co-Principal Investigator, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. NBPTS-funded at \$185,380 (March 2002-July 2002).

Project Director, National Study of Title I Schools. U.S. Department of Education-funded at \$1.9 million (October 2000-July 2002).

Co-Principal Investigator, The Quality of Instruction in High-Poverty Settings: Evidence from the Longitudinal Evaluation of School Change and Performance. U.S. Department of Education-funded at \$155,000 (February 2002-September 2002).

Co-Principal Investigator, Analytic Plan to Evaluate National Longitudinal Survey of Schools (NLSS) and Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration (CSR D) Survey Data. U.S. Department of Education-funded at \$50,000 (March 1999-August 1999).

Co-Principal Investigator, RAND Assessment of New American Schools. New American Schools-funded at \$2.4 million for 5 years (December 1997-June 2002).

Co-Principal Investigator, Trends in High School Grade Inflation and its Correlates. College Entrance Examination Board-funded at \$190,945 for 3 years (August 1998-September 2001).

Co-Principal Investigator, Who's Teaching At-Risk Students? U.S. Department of Education-funded at \$299,986 for 3 years (October 1996-September 1999).

BOOKS, ARTICLES, OTHER PUBLICATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Books

Covey-Minor, E., Berends, M., & Schneider, B. (Eds.). (2025). *Opportunities for Learning: A Sociological Perspective by Maureen T. Hallinan*. Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame Press.

Berends, M., Schneider, B., & Lamb, S. (Eds.) (2024). *SAGE handbook of the sociology of education*. London: SAGE Publications.

Berends, M., Primus, A., & Springer, M. G. (Eds.) (2020). *Handbook of research on school choice, 2nd edition*. New York: Routledge.

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Berends, M., Springer, M. G., Ballou, D., & Walberg, H. J. (Eds.) (2009). *Handbook of research on school choice*. New York: Routledge.

Goldring, E., & Berends, M. (2009). *Leading with data: Pathways to improve your school*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

Translated into Chinese (2014)

Berends, M., Springer, M. G., & Walberg, H. J. (Eds.) (2008). *Charter school outcomes*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates/Taylor & Francis Group.

Berends, M., Lucas, S. R., Sullivan, T., & Briggs, R.J. (2005). *Examining gaps in mathematics achievement among racial-ethnic groups, 1972-1992*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Berends, M., Bodilly, S., & Kirby, S. N. (2002). *Facing the challenges of whole-school reform: New American Schools after a decade*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Berends, M., Chun, J., Schuyler, G., Stockly, S., & Briggs, R. J. (2002). *Challenges of conflicting school reforms: Effects of New American Schools in a high-poverty district*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Berends, M., Kirby, S. N., Naftel, S., & McKelvey, C. (2001). *Implementation and performance in New American Schools: Three years into scale-up*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Kirby, S. N., Berends, M., & Naftel, S. (2001). *Implementation in New American Schools: Four years into scale-up*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Kirby, S., N., Naftel, S., & Berends, M. (1999). *Staffing at-risk school districts in Texas: problems and prospects*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Grissmer, D. W., Kirby, S. N., Berends, M., & Williamson, S. (1994). *Student achievement and the changing American family*. Santa Monica, CA: RAND.

Edited Journal Volumes

Berends, M., Springer, M.G., & Langevin, W. E. (Eds.) (2007). *Peabody Journal of Education: Special Issue on Policy, Politics, and Organization of School Choice Research*, vol. 82, issues 2-3. Mahwah, New Jersey, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Journal Articles

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- Berends, M, Peñaloza, R. V., Cannata, M., & Goldring, E. B. Innovation in charter schools: An analysis of teaching and learning practices. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Conference on School Choice and Reform, Lisbon, Portugal, January, 2019.
- Berends, M. Voucher research challenges in the United States. Invited presentation at the conference Educational Freedom, Autonomy, and Accountability: Lessons from Chile and the United States. Casa Central, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, December, 2018.

- Berends, M. Advancing educational accountability. Invited presentation at the conference Educational Freedom, Autonomy, and Accountability: Lessons from Chile and the United States. Casa Central, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile, December, 2018.
- Berends, M., Waddington, R. J., & Austin, M. The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program: Voucher pathways and effects on student achievement. Invited presentation at the University of Arkansas, Department of Education Reform Lecture Series. Fayetteville, AK, November, 2018.
- Berends, M., Waddington, R. J., & Austin, M. The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program: Participation and Impact on Achievement. Invited presentation at Gary Orfield's Civil Rights Project, Bringing Civil Rights Research to Bear on Voucher Programs, Are the Promises Realized? Dirksen Senate Office Building (for Senate staffers), Washington, DC, 2018.
- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Vouchers in the crossroads: Heterogeneous impacts on student achievement and attendance across private schools in Indiana. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, 2018.
- Waddington, R.J., Zimmer, R., & Berends, M. Cream skimming and push out of voucher students in Indiana. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, 2018.
- Ferrare, J. J., Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Do charter schools close racial and socioeconomic achievement gaps over time? A longitudinal analysis of Indiana's charter schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Portland, March, 2018.
- Fitzpatrick, B., Berends, M., Waddington, J., Ferrare, J. Virtual charter school teachers and student achievement: Increasing educational opportunity or doing harm? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Portland, March, 2018.
- Waddington, R.J., Zimmer, R., & Berends, M. Cream skimming and push out of voucher students in Indiana. Paper submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Portland, March, 2018.
- Grissmer, D., White, T., Murah, H., Berends, M., & Ko, Michelle. Kindergarten based evaluation of Core Knowledge schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness. Washington, DC, March 2018.
- Austin, M., Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Vouchers in Indiana: Educational opportunity or entitlement program? Paper to be presented at the Russell Sage Foundation, Using Data for Science and Policy, January, 2018.

- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Voucher variation: Heterogeneous impacts on student outcomes across Indiana private schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL 2017.
- Ferrare, J. J., Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Heterogeneity Within the Charter School Sector: Examining the Longitudinal Effects of Charter Operators on Student Achievement in Indiana. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL, 2017.
- Berends, M, Waddington, R. J., & Austin, M. The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program: Participation, implementation and impact on achievement. American Federation for Children Summit, Indianapolis, IN, 2017.
- Berends, M. .Waddington, R. J., & Ferrare, J. J. School choice in Indiana: Impacts of charter schools and school vouchers on student achievement outcomes. University of Chicago, Committee on Education, IES Predoctoral program Workshop on Education Lecture Series, Chicago, IL, 2017.
- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Consequences of competition: Effects of the expansion of charter schools and private school vouchers on traditional public schools in Indiana. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC, 2017.
- Ferrare, J. J., Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Virtual Illusion: Longitudinal effects of charter school types on achievement gaps in Indiana. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC, 2017.
- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Early Impacts of Indiana Choice Scholarship Program: Achievement Effects for Students in Upper Elementary and Middle School. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC, 2017.
- Berends, M., & Waddington, R. J. School or "school type" effects? Examining the heterogeneity in student achievement and engagement outcomes between schools of choice in Indianapolis. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO, 2016.
- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Vouchers in the crossroads: Heterogeneous impacts on student achievement and attendance across private school in Indiana. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Miami, FL, 2015.

- Austin, M., & Berends, M. Change and stability in the curriculum: Schools' responses to participating in a publicly funded voucher program. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2015.
- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Early impact of the Indiana Scholarship Program: Achievement Effects for Student in Upper Elementary and Middle School. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2015.
- Altenjofen, S., Berends, M., & White, T.G. Parents Who Apply to Charter Schools: Pre-Lottery Influences on School Choice. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC, 2015.
- Grissmer, D., White, T., Murrah, W., Player, D., Altenhofen, S., Berends, M., Cabell, S., Cameron, C., DeCoster, J., Ko, M., & Larson, J. Impacts of Core Knowledge charter schools on measures of general knowledge and early reading through first grade. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC, 2015.
- Berends, M., & Waddington, R. J. Effects of School Choice Options on student Achievement and Engagement: Indianapolis' Portfolio of Charter, Magnet, Private, and Traditional Public Schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC, 2015.
- Waddington, R. J., & Berends, M. Early impact of the Indiana Scholarship Program: Achievement effects for students in upper elementary and middle school. Paper presented at Notre Dame invitational conference "Crossroads of America: The Intersection of Research and Policy in the Indiana School Choice Ecosystem." Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame, 2014.
- Berends, M. School reform: Partnering with teachers and schools on research-based interventions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 2014.
- Berends, M., & Waddington, R. J. Examining the portfolio of school choice in Indiana: Effects of charter, magnet, private, and traditional public schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, San Antonio, TX, 2014.
- Berends, M., & Waddington, R. J., Austin, J. A., Schoenig, J. A., Smrekar, C. E., Ngaire, N. H., & Brandenberger, E. C. School voucher policy and implementation: Lessons from Indiana and Tennessee. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, 2014.
- Waddington, R. J. & Berends, M. Blending into my new school: The integration of voucher students in Indiana private Schools. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2014.

- Austin, M., Berends, M., & Stuit, D. School vouchers in Indiana: A school –based perspective on participation in Indiana’s Choice Scholarship Program. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, 2013.
- Berends, M., and Donaldson, K. Does the organization of instruction differ in charter schools? Ability grouping and students' mathematics gains. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, 2012.
- Freeman, K. J., and Berends, M. The Catholic school advantage in a changing social landscape: Consistency or increasing fragility? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, 2012.
- Berends, M., M. Cannata, and Ellen B. Goldring. School Choice Debates, Research, and Context: Toward Systematic Understanding and Better Educational Policy. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, 2012.’
- Berends, M. Charter school research, practice, and policy. Invited keynote address for the U.S. Department of Education's Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest webinar "Connecting Research to Practice: A Forum on Charter School Research, Practice, and Accountability," December 14, 2011.
- Berends, M. "Scaling-Up The Right Approach?" World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE). Doha, Qatar, November 2, 2011.
- Berends, M., and Donaldson, K. Ability grouping in charter and traditional public schools? Effects of instruction on achievement. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, 2011.
- Berends, M., Cannata, M., Cravens, X., Goldring, E. B., Peñaloza, R. V., & Stein, M. School choice options, instructional conditions, and student achievement gains. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, 2011.
- Preston, C., Goldring, E., Berends, M., & Cannata, M. Much Ado about Nothing? Innovation in Charter Schools. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, 2011. Preston, C., Goldring, E., Berends, M., & Cannata, M. Much Ado about Nothing? Innovation in Charter Schools. Paper presented at the *Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness*, Washington, DC, 2011.
- Berends, M., and Donaldson, K. Ability grouping, classroom instruction, and students’ mathematics gains in charter and traditional public schools. Paper presented at the *Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness*, Washington, DC, 2011.
- Preston, C., Goldring, E., Berends, M., & Cannata, M. Market reforms and school innovation: Comparing traditional public schools and charter schools. Paper presented at the University Council for Educational Administration convention, New Orleans, 2010.

- Berends, M. Connecting research to practice: Addressing student achievement gaps. Keynote address at the Midwest Regional Conference on Achievement Gaps, sponsored by IES, Learning Points, and UW-Green Bay, Nov. 3-6, 2010, Chicago.
- Berends, M. What is known about the effects of charter schools. Keynote address at the Forum on Research, Policy and Practice for Idaho Charter School Leaders and Stakeholders, sponsored by IES and Education Northwest, June 15, 2010, Boise, Idaho.
- Berends, M. Prospects for research and policy: A brief look back and a look ahead. Vice presidential address of Division L (Educational Policy and Politics) for the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO, 2010.
- Cannata, M., Berends, M. Stein, M. & Peñaloza, R. V. Professional development and mathematics instruction. Paper presented at the at the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO, 2010.
- Berends, M., Stein, M., Cannata, M., Peñaloza, R. V., and Smithson, J. How different are charter and traditional public school classrooms? An examination of mathematics instruction. Paper presented at the at the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO, 2010.
- Berends, M., Cannata, M, Cravens, X., Goldring, E., Peñaloza, R. V, Stein, M. School choice options: Instructional Conditions, and Student Achievement Growth. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the University Council for Education Administration, Anaheim, CA, 2009.
- Berends, M., Cannata, M, Cravens, X., Goldring, E., Peñaloza, R. V, Stein, M. School choice options: Instructional Conditions, and Student Achievement Growth. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, 2009.
- Berends, M, Stein, M., & Smithson, J. Mathematics and reading instruction in charter and traditional public schools: Content, cognitive complexity, and alignment to state standards and assessments. Invited paper presented at the National Center on School Choice conference School Choice & School Improvement: Research in State, District and Community Contexts. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2009.
- Nicotera, A., Mendiburo, M., & Berends, M. Charter school effects in an urban school district: An analysis of student achievement gains in Indianapolis. Invited paper presented at the National Center on School Choice conference School Choice & School Improvement: Research in State, District and Community Contexts. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2009.

- Berends, M., Cannata, M., Goldring, E., & Peñaloza, R. V. Innovation in schools of choice. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA, 2009.
- Berends, M., Stein, M., & Smithson, J. Mathematics and reading instruction in charter and traditional public schools: Content, cognitive complexity and alignment to state standards and assessments. Paper presented at the American Educational Finance Association, Nashville, TN, and the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, 2009.
- Berends, M., & Peñaloza, R. V. Innovation, school choice, and student achievement gains. Paper was presented at the Second Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, Crystal City, VA, March 1-3, 2008.
- Berends, M., Mendiburo, M., & Nicotera. Charter school effects in an urban school district: An analysis of student achievement growth. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, New York, 2008.
- Berends, M., Mokher, C., & Zottola, G. How social capital varies among charter schools: Examining relationships to academic rigor, homework, and engagement from students' perspectives. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, New York, 2008.
- Berends, M., Goldring, E., Stein, M., & Cravens, X. Instructional conditions in charter schools and students' mathematics achievement gains. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, First Annual Conference, Washington, DC March 2-4, 2008.
- Berends, M., Stein, M., & Smithson, J. Differences between charter and traditional public school teachers' instructional practices and curricular alignment to the mathematics standards and state assessment in Indiana. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, First Annual Conference, Washington, DC March 2-4, 2008.
- Berends, M., & Peñaloza, R. V. Changes in Family Background and School Characteristics and the Black-White Test Score Gap in Mathematics: Comparisons of Four Senior Cohorts, 1972 to 2004. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, 2007.
- Fuchs, D., Berends, M., Yen, Fuchs, L., Compton, D., McMaster, K., Sáenz, L., & Stein, M. Scaling up peer-assisted learning strategies in Minneapolis, South Texas, and Nashville: A multi-method and longitudinal randomized control trial. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2007.
- Berends, M., & Stein, M. Teacher responses to peer-assisted learning strategies. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2007.

- Berends, M., Stein, M., & Nicotera, A. Instructional conditions in charter schools and student achievement growth. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2007.
- Teasley, B., & Berends, M. A national examination of the No Child Left Behind School choice policy. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2007.
- Nicotera, A. & Berends, M. Differential effects of the No Child Left Behind transfer policy on academic achievement in Idaho. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2007.
- Fuchs, D., Berends, M., Yen, L., Fuchs, L., Compton, D., McMaster, K., & Sáenz, L. Scaling up peer-assisted learning strategies in Minneapolis, South Texas, and Nashville: A multi-method and longitudinal randomized control trial. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Research Conference, San Diego, 2007.
- Berends, M., & Peñaloza, R. V. Changes in Family Background and School Characteristics and the Black-White Test Score Gap in Mathematics: Comparisons of Four Senior Cohorts, 1972 to 2004. Paper presented at the Russell Sage Foundation Conference on Stalled Progress: Inequality and the Black-White Test Score Gap, New York, November 16-17, 2006.
- Berends, M. Charter school effects on achievement: Where we are and where we're going. Paper presented at the National Academy of Education Meetings, Boulder, CO, October, 2006.
- Berends, M., Watral, C., Teasley, B., & Nicotera, A. Charter school effects on achievement: Where we are and where we're going. Paper presented at the National Center on School Choice conference "Charter Schools: What Fosters Growth and Outcomes?" Vanderbilt University, September, 2006.
- Lucas, S. R., & Berends, M. Stability and change in U.S. track mobility: An analysis of four cohorts. Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Meetings, Durban, South Africa, July 2006.
- Hamilton, L., & Berends, M. Instructional practices related to standards and assessments. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, 2006.
- Nicotera, A., Teasley, B., & Berends, M. Examination of student movement in the context of federal transfer policies. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, 2006.
- Nicotera, A., Teasley, B., & Berends, M. Examination of student movement in the context of federal transfer policies. Paper presented at the American Educational Finance Association, Denver, 2006.
- Lucas, S. R., & Berends, M. Stability and change in U.S. track mobility: An analysis of four cohorts. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association, August 2005.

- Hamilton, L., Berends, M., & Stecher, B. Teachers' responses to standards-based accountability. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, 2005.
- Berends, M. Survey Methods in Educational Research. Presidential Invited Session on Complementary Methods for Education Research: Meet the Authors and Reviewers. American Educational Research Association, Montreal, 2005.
- Lucas, S. R., & Berends, M. Stability and change in U.S. Track Mobility: An analysis of four cohorts. Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Meetings, Neuchatel, Switzerland, May 2004.
- Berends, M. Survey Methods in Educational Research. Presidential Invited Session on Complementary Methods for Education Research: Meet the Authors and Reviewers. American Educational Research Association, San Diego, 2004.
- Goldring, E., & Berends, M. Using data to strengthen schools. Symposium on Improving the preparation of education leaders: The AASA "Leadership for Learning." Paper presented at the University Council for Educational Administration Convention, Portland, OR, November, 2003.
- Berends, M. Teacher Quality and Certification: The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards' Sponsored Program of Research. Symposium at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2003.
- Berends, M., & Garet, M. In (re)search of evidence-based school practices: Possibilities for integrating nationally representative surveys and randomized field trials to inform educational policy. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, 2003.
- Berends, M. Comprehensive School Reform in the United States: Lessons from a High-Poverty District. Paper presented at the International Conference for School Effectiveness and Improvement, Sydney, Australia, January 5-8, 2003.
- Berends, M. Leadership for Comprehensive School Reform: The Experiences of New American Schools. Paper presented at the International Conference for School Effectiveness and Improvement, Sydney, Australia, January 5-8, 2003.
- Garet, M., & Berends, M. Towards evidence-based school practices: Opportunities for integrating nationally representative surveys and randomized field trials to inform educational policy. Paper presented at the International Conference for School Effectiveness and Improvement, Sydney, Australia, January 5-8, 2003.
- Berends, M. Grade inflation: Reality, myths, and pitfalls. Invited paper for the Educational Records Bureau Conference, New York, NY, October 24, 2002.
- Berends, M. The past, present, and future of comprehensive school reform research. Invited address to the National Clearinghouse of Comprehensive School Reform Network of Researchers Meeting, Washington, DC, May 21, 2002.
- Berends, M. Implementing comprehensive school reform in high-poverty districts: Cautionary lessons based on the New American Schools (NAS) experience. Paper presented at the

Annual Meeting of the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, 2002.

Lucas, S. R., & Berends, M. Finding and explaining school-to-school variation in race and track assignment. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, 2002.

Berends, M., Lucas, S. R., & Briggs, R. J. (2002). Effects of curricular differentiation on student achievement: Longitudinal analyses of high school students. Invited paper presented at the *Research Seminar II: Instructional and Performance Consequences of High-Poverty Schooling*, The Charles Sumner School, Washington, DC, March 11, 2002.

Lucas, S. R., Fucella, P. N., & Berends, M. Neo-classical education transitions of boomer and post-boomer cohorts: A corrected tale for three cohorts. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification and Social Mobility, Berkeley, CA: August, 2001.

Berends, M., Lucas, S. R., & Sullivan, T. Effects of changing family background characteristics on black-white test score trends, 1972-1992. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, March 29-31, 2001.

Lucas, S. R., & Berends, M. Explaining the dominance of downward track mobility for the mobile. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, March 29-31, 2001.

Berends, M., Bodilly, S., & Kirby, S. N. Lessons learned from New American Schools. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Seattle, WA, 2001.

Kirby, S., Berends, M., & Naftel, S. Implementation in a longitudinal sample of New American Schools. Paper presented at the Title I Invited Conference in Washington, DC, Sponsored by the Laboratory for Student Success at Temple University Center for Research in Human Development and Education, November 1, 2000.

Berends, M., & Kirby, S. N. The district role in comprehensive school reform: Evidence from New American Schools' scale-up phase. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, 2000.

Berends, M., Desimone, L., Garet, M., Ginsburg, A., Miller, M., Plisko, V., & Yamishiro, K. Strategies for evaluating federal education programs. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Orlando, FL, November 2, 1999.

Berends, M., Lucas, S. R., & Sullivan, T. Effects of changing family background characteristics on black-white test score trends, 1972-1992. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification and Social Mobility, Madison, WI: August, 1999.

- Berends, M. Early implementation findings from a longitudinal sample of New American Schools. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, 1999.
- Berends, M. Early implementation findings from a longitudinal sample of New American Schools. Paper presented in symposium on “The Progress of New American Schools in Districts, Schools and Classrooms” at the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement, San Antonio, TX, January 5, 1999.
- Berends, M., & Chun, J. Does instructional practice differ in design-based classrooms? Paper presented in symposium on “The Progress of New American Schools in Districts, Schools and Classrooms” at the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement, San Antonio, TX, January 5, 1999.
- Berends, M. Tracking, social promotions, and other educational organizational issues. Presentation to the National Research Council, Panel on Juvenile Crime: Prevention, Treatment, and Control. Washington, DC, October 2, 1998.
- Bodilly, S., & Berends, M. Necessary district support for comprehensive school reform. Paper presented at the Title I: Seizing the Opportunity Invited Conference in Washington, DC, Co-sponsored by the Harvard Civil Rights Project and the Citizens’ Commission on Civil Rights, September 18, 1998.
- Berends, M., & Bodilly, S. Lessons learned from New American Schools' scale-up phase. Presentation to major foundations at the Comprehensive School Reform Meeting, Washington, DC, RAND, August 19, 1998.
- Berends, M., & Dijkstra, A. B. The sacred in education: Academic achievement in religious schools. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Montreal: July, 1998.
- Kirby, S. N., Berends, M., & Naftel, S. Supply and demand of minority teachers in Texas: Problems and prospects. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego: April, 1998.
- Berends, M., & Dijkstra, A. The impact of social capital on educational opportunities in cross-national perspective: A comparison of the United States and the Netherlands. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto: August, 1997.
- Berends, M. Evaluation of the New American Schools (NAS) initiative: Methods and early findings. Symposium presented at Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago: April, 1997.

Berends, M. Coupling, control, and social capital in New American Schools. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago: April, 1997.

Berends, M., & Dijkstra, A. B. Social capital and academic achievement: Educational opportunities in American and Dutch religious education. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York: August, 1996.

Berends, M., & Koretz, D. NAEP's adequacy for monitoring students at risk. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New York: April, 1996.

Grissmer, D. W., Williamson, S., Kirby, S. N., & Berends, M. Explaining trends in NAEP achievement scores. Invited paper presented at the Conference on Intelligence on the Rise? Secular Changes in IQ and Related Measures, Emory University, Atlanta, GA: April, 1996.

Berends, M., Grissmer, D. W., Kirby, S. N., & Williamson, S. Changing families, student achievement, and public policy. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC: August, 1995.

Berends, M., & Koretz, D. Who are the educationally disadvantaged? Individual and institutional characteristics of low achieving students in NELS & NAEP. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco: April, 1995.

Grissmer, D. W., Kirby, S. N., Berends, M., & Williamson, S. Multiple risk effects of demographic, family, and other factors on cognitive achievement. Invited paper presented at the 7th International Conference on Socio-Economics of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Washington, DC: April, 1995.

Grissmer, D. W., Kirby, S. N., Berends, M., & Williamson, S. Student achievement and the changing American family." Selected Briefings:

- Secretary Richard Riley and Assistant Secretary Madeline Kunin, U.S. Department of Education, July, 1995.
- Economic Policy Institute, March, 1995.
- American Youth Policy Forum, a non-partisan, non-profit organization of staff from the House and Senate and GAO, CBO, HHS, and Department of Education, February, 1995.
- U.S. Department of Education, February, 1995.
- Press conference to national media upon public release of report, RAND's Washington office, December, 1994.
- Seminar at Teachers College, Columbia University, April, 1994.
- National Academy of Sciences, April, 1994.
- RAND European Board of Directors, March, 1994.

- Operations Research Society of America (ORSA) and The Institute of Management Sciences (TIMS), December, 1993
- RAND Institute on Education and Training Board of Directors, November, 1993.
- RAND Board of Directors, November, 1993.

Berends, M., Koretz, D., & Lewis, E. Exploring racial and ethnic test score differences in national samples. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans: April, 1994.

Berends, M. Restructuring in American schools. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans: April, 1994.

Ladwig, J. G., & Berends, M. Testing the sociology of school knowledge. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans: April, 1994.

Berends, M., Grissmer, D. W., Kirby, S. N., & Williamson, S. Assessing family, parent, and school effects on achievement. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami Beach: August, 1993.

Berends, M. On what track? The effects of organizational stratification at high school entry. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh: August, 1992.

Berends, M. Peer influences on students' attitudes, behavior and academic achievement in school. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco: April, 1992.

Berends, M. Restructuring in nationally nominated schools. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco: April, 1992.

Berends, M. Tracking and students' attitudes, behaviors, and academic achievement in school. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago: April, 1991.

Berends, M. High school tracking and students' school orientations. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC: August, 1990.

Gamoran, A., Berends, M., & Nystrand, M. Classroom instruction and the effects of ability grouping: A structural model. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Boston: March, 1990.

Berends, M., & Gamoran, A. What are the effects of stratifying students in secondary schools? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Central Association Commission on Schools, Chicago: April, 1989.

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Education Week, RHSU Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings (2019-2025)

Fellow, National Academy of Education (2020)

Participant, American Educational Research Association's Knowledge Forum (2016)

Co-Editor, *American Educational Research Journal* (2016-2019)

Vice President of the American Education Research Association's Division L, Policy and
Politics of Education (2015-2016)

Fellow, American Educational Research Association (2014)

Co-Editor, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (2013-2015)

Program Chair, American Educational Research Association, Barbara Schneider President
(2014)

Member of U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Scientific Review Panel on Education Systems and Broad Reform (3-year member, 2010-2012)

Chair, U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Scientific Review Panel on Low-Performing Schools Competition and the Scaling Up Effective Schools R&D Centers (2010)

Vice President of the American Education Research Association's Division L, Policy and Politics of Education (2007-2010)

Member of U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Scientific Review Panel on Education Systems and Broad Reform (3 year member, 2005-2008)

National Academy of Sciences, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Committee Member on Large-Scale Reform in K-12 STEM Education (2010-2011)

Technical Work Group, Evaluation of Teacher Induction Programs, U.S. Department of Education being conducted by Mathematica, 2007-2010.

Technical Work Group, Evaluation of Reading Comprehension Interventions, U.S. Department of Education being conducted by Mathematica, 2005-2008.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, 2003-2005.

American Education Research Association, 2002 Division L Program Chair, Educational Policy and Politics.

American Education Research Association, Palmer O. Johnson Memorial Award Committee, 2000-2003.

American Education Research Association, 2001 Section L Chair Governance and Education Policy, Educational Policy and Politics, Governance.

American Sociological Association, Sociology of Education Council, 1998 – 2001.

Technical Work Group, Evaluation of Safe-Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, U.S. Department of Education being conducted by Research Triangle Institute, 2000-2004.

National Advisory Panel for the CoZi Initiative, The Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University, 1997-1999

Consultant for the evaluation of 21C, The Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University, 1999-2001

Committee to Advance the Field of Sociology of Education, American Sociological Association
Section on the Sociology of Education, 1993-1998.

RAND Education's Research Council, 1998-2002.

RAND's Human Subjects Protection Committee, 1997-2002.

RAND's Computer Advisory Committee, 1993-1996.

Committee on Nominations, American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of
Children, 1995-1996.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Educational Research Association, 1987-present

American Sociological Association, 1987-present

Association for Educational Finance and Policy, 2014-present

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2015-present

International Sociological Association, Research Council 28, 1999-2002

International School Choice and Reform, 2015-present

Population Association of America, 2000-present

Phi Delta Kappa International, 2002-2009, 2025-present

Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, 2010-Present