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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016- present Professor of Higher Education Policy and Sociology, Temple University  
2013- present Founder, Wisconsin HOPE Lab, [wihopelab.com](http://wihopelab.com)  
2014- present Affiliate, Scholars Strategy Network, Harvard University  
2004- present Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2006-present Affiliated Primary Investigator, Consortium for Chicago School Research  
2004- 2016 Affiliate, Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education  
2004-2016 Professor of Educational Policy Studies & Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Tenured & promoted to Associate Professor in 2011, Promoted to Full in 2014  
UW Affiliations: Center for Financial Security, La Follette School of Public Affairs,  
Center for Demography and Ecology, Wisconsin Center for Education Research,  
Women's Studies

### EDUCATION

2004 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
2001 M.A. in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania  
1998 B.A. in Sociology, George Washington University, Phi Beta Kappa

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 Named among the top 50 people shaping American politics, *POLITICO* magazine  
2016 Ranked the 13th most influential U.S. educational policy scholar, *Education Week*  
2014 American Educational Research Association, Early Career Award  
2011 William T. Grant Foundation Mentoring Award  
2010 William T. Grant Foundation Faculty Scholars Award  
2010 & 2011 American Educational Research Association, Outstanding Reviewer Award  
2006 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2006 Finalist for the C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems  
2004 National Forum on Higher Education, Rising Scholar in Higher Education Award  
2003 Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship  
2003 American Educational Research Association Dissertation Fellowship

### BOOKS

Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016) *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL.

- Featured on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, September 27, 2016
- Amazon.com best selling book in September 2016
- Positive reviews from *New York Review of Books*, *Times Higher Ed UK*, *Kirkus*, *Library Journal*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and numerous others.

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- Kelchen, R., Hosch, B., Goldrick-Rab, S. (Forthcoming). "The Costs of College Attendance: Examining Variation and Consistency in Institutional Living Cost Allowances." *Journal of Higher Education*.
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- Kelchen, R. & Goldrick-Rab, S. (2015) "Accelerating College Knowledge: A Fiscal Analysis of a Targeted Early Commitment Pell Grant Program." *Journal of Higher Education*, 86(2): 199-232.
- Kinsley, P. & Goldrick-Rab, S. (2015). "Making the Grade: The Academic Side of College Life Among Financial Aid Recipients." In A. Stich and C. Freire (Eds), *The Working Classes and Higher Education: Inequality of Access, Opportunity, and Outcome*.
- Brand, J., & Pfeffer, F. & Goldrick-Rab, S. (2014) "Interpreting Community College Effects in the Presence of Heterogeneity and Complex Counterfactuals." *Sociological Science*.
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- Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). "[What Colleges Can Do Right Now to Help Low-Income Students](#)." *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). "[This is #RealCollege: Some students struggle to pay for food, housing](#)." *The Washington Post*.
- Goldrick-Rab, S. & Eisenberg, D. (2016). "[In the Darkness, Unassisted](#)." *The Hill*.
- Eisenberg, D. & Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). "[Here's Another Reason Why Many Community College Students Do Not Get Their Degree](#)." *The Conversation*.
- Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). "[Should Anyone Be Eligible for Student Loans?](#)" *The Wall Street Journal*.
- Goldrick-Rab, S. & Broton, K. (2016). "[The Hidden Hunger Problem on Campus](#)." *Democracy*.
- Broton, K. & Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). "The Dark Side of College (Un)Affordability: Food and Housing Insecurity in Higher Education." *Change Magazine*.
- Goldrick-Rab, S. (2016). "Public Higher Education Should be Free." *New York Times, Room for Debate*.
- Goldrick-Rab, S. & Broton, K. (2015). "Hungry, Homeless, and in College." *The New York Times*.
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- Kolbe, T., Kinsley, P., Feldman, R. & Goldrick-Rab, S. *From the (Academic) Middle to the Top: the Impacts and Costs of a College Access Program for At-Risk Youth*. Wisconsin HOPE Lab, Madison WI.
- Miller, H. & Goldrick-Rab. "Making Sense of Transition: An Examination of Transfer Among Economically Disadvantaged Undergraduates." Presented at the meetings of the American Educational Research Association.
- Stevenson, J., Dykema, J. Cyffka, K., Klein, L. & Goldrick-Rab, S. "What are the Odds? Lotteries versus Cash Incentives. Response Rates, Cost and Data Quality for a Web Survey of Low-Income Former and Current College." Presented at the meetings of the American Association for Public Opinion Research
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## **RECENT RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

### **Wisconsin Harvesting Opportunities for Postsecondary Education (HOPE) Lab**

Founder of the nation's first laboratory for translational research aimed at improving equitable outcomes in postsecondary education, and finding innovative ways to make college more affordable. Projects in the Lab range from exploratory, descriptive research aimed at identifying under-examined problems and identifying potential areas for intervention, to intervention development and experimental evaluation, to the translation of data into usable knowledge.

### **Affording Degree Completion: A Study of Completion Grants at Accessible Public Universities**

Do small-dollar completion grants help turn would-be dropouts into college graduates? In a partnership with the Association of Land-grant and Public Universities we are testing this strategy at ten urban-serving universities around the country.

### **Financial Aid Nudges: A National Experiment to Increase Retention of Financial Aid and College Persistence**

Can nudges delivered via text messages improve the rates at which Pell Grant recipients refile their FAFSAs and meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards? We are examining this question with a randomized experiment conducted with a nationally representative sample of undergraduates.

### **The Price of STEM Success: Explaining the Impact of Need-Based Financial Aid on STEM Student Behavior**

How and why does need-based financial aid affect the behavior of students in key science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) programs by contributing to their chances of success? In this experimental study we are examining the pathways through which aid affects students' selection of, continued enrollment in, and successful completion of associate and baccalaureate degrees in STEM at ten Wisconsin colleges and universities.

### **Constructing Affordability: How Institutional and Relational Contexts Affect Retention of Undergraduates from Low-Income Families**

How do institutional and relational contexts affect the ways conceptions of affordability evolve as students experience college and influence their decisions about continued enrollment? This comparative ethnography focuses on 60 students from low-income families during their first year of college. We document how affordability is constructed at 4 Wisconsin public universities, analyze how struggles with college finances are evident in the settings and relationships of their daily lives, and examine how those narratives of affordability change over time.

### **The Other Costs of College Attendance**

What common non-tuition expenses do undergraduates encounter on a daily basis? What are the hidden or unanticipated costs of college attendance? This study examines these questions using multiple methods including daily surveys conducted via cell-phones, in-depth interviews, and surveys with students at colleges and universities across Wisconsin.

### **Wisconsin Scholars Longitudinal Study**

This multi-method experimental study tested the impact of a private need-based grant program in terms of the behaviors and academic outcomes of 3,000 Wisconsin Pell Grant recipients attending the state's 42 public two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

## RESEARCH FUNDING

### **Affording Degree Completion: A Study of Completion Grants at Accessible Public Universities**

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Sciences. Total award amount: \$3.98M: 2017-2021. Co-investigators: Shari Garmise, Jed Richardson, Douglas Webber, Travis York.

### **Financial Aid Nudges: A National Experiment to Increase Retention of Financial Aid and College Persistence**

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Sciences. Total award amount: \$2.2M: 2016-2020. Co-investigators: Ben Castleman, Lindsay Page, Bruce Sacerdote.

### **Wisconsin Harvesting Opportunities for Postsecondary Education (HOPE) Lab**

Funded by the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation & Affiliates with a gift to Founder Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total award amount: \$2.5M: 2013-2018.

### **A Study of the Relationship between Material Hardship and College Academic Outcomes.**

Funded by the Lumina Foundation. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total award amount: \$100,000: 2016. Key investigator: Katharine Broton.

### **#RealCollege: A National Research Conference on Food and Housing Insecurity in Higher Education.**

Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation, Association of Community College Trustees, and Scholarship America in 2016 (May, Milwaukee, \$25,000), and funded by the American Educational Research Association in 2017 (September, Philadelphia, \$30,000).

### **The Price of STEM Success: Explaining the Impact of Need-Based Financial Aid on STEM Student Behavior**

Funded by the National Science Foundation (award #1317309) and the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total award amount: \$5.5M: 2013-17. Co-investigators: Josipa Roksa and Nathan Jones.

### **Constructing Affordability: How Institutional and Relational Contexts Affect Retention of Undergraduates from Low-Income Families**

Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation and the Lumina Foundation. Principal Investigators: Sara Goldrick-Rab and Nancy Kendall. Total award amount: \$700,000: 2013-2015.

### **The Other Costs of College Attendance**

Funded by the Lumina Foundation. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total award amount: \$300,000: 2014-2015.

### **The Impact of Loan Counseling and Financial Education on Undergraduate Decision-Making**

Funded by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. (Total award amount: \$160,000: 2014-2015). Co-investigators: J. Michael Collins and Drew M. Anderson.

### **Evaluation of the Advancing via Individual Determination/ Teens of Promise Initiative**

Funded by the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County and the Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education, Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total amount awarded: \$350,000: 2013-2016.

### **National Evaluation of Single Stop USA's Community College Initiative**

Funded by the Kresge Foundation and the Association of Community College Trustees. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total award amount: \$110,000: 2012-2014.



### **Wisconsin Scholars Longitudinal Study**

Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation, HCM Strategists, Institute for College Access and Success, Smith Richardson Foundation, Spencer Foundation, William T. Grant Foundation, University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School, and the University of Wisconsin System. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total award amount: \$2,461,000: 2008-2015.

### **Rethinking College Choice in America**

Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total amount awarded: \$410,000: 2010-2015.

### **Cost-Effective Ways to Increase College Graduation**

Funded by HCM Strategists. Principal Investigators: Sara Goldrick-Rab and Douglas N. Harris. Total amount awarded: \$110,000: 2009-2010.

### **Investigating the Postsecondary Transitions of Urban Public School Students**

Funded by the National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Graduate School Research Committee. Principal Investigator: Sara Goldrick-Rab. Total amount awarded: \$84,000: 2006-2008.

### **How Complex Postsecondary Educational Transitions Shape Student Success**

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### **An Examination of the Educational Expectations of Technical College Students**

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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

- White House Final Convening on Community Colleges, Speaker (2016)
- White House Domestic Policy Council Convening of Experts on Community Colleges, Convener and Panelist (2016)
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Keynote Lecture on Housing Insecurity among Community College Students (2015)
- Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Keynote (2016)
- National Higher Education Benchmark Institute, Keynote (2016)
- Oregon State Senate and Oregon House of Representatives, Expert Testimony on the Oregon Promise (2015)
- Oregon Community College Association Annual Conference, Keynote (2015)
- Albert Shanker Institute, Board of Directors (2015-)
- American Federation of Teachers, Higher Education Program and Policy Council (2014-)
- Midwestern Higher Education Compact 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Summit, Keynote (2014)
- National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs conference, Keynote (2014)
- Wisconsin Technical College System District Board's Association meeting, Keynote (2014)
- U.S. Congressional Advisory Committee on Student Financial Aid, Testimony (2014 & 2015)
- Maine Legislative Committee on College Affordability, Expert Testimony (2014)
- Association of Community College Trustees' meeting, Keynote (2013)
- U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee, Expert Testimony (2013)
- GEAR-UP Demonstration Program, U.S. Dept of Ed., Technical Working Group (2013)
- Pell Grant Experiments, U.S. Dept of Ed., Technical Working Group (2013-2016)
- Aspen Foundation Prize for Community College Excellence, Selection Committee
- Century Foundation National Task Force on Community Colleges (2012-2013)

- National Center for Education Statistics Technical Review Panels: NPEC Sample Surveys (2012-2013); BPS 2012; B&B 2011; ELS:02, NPSAS 2012
- Wisconsin Educational Approval Board Performance Standards Advisory Committee (2013)
- Wisconsin Legislature Special Committee on Higher Education Financial Aid (2010-2011)
- Affordability and College Attainment in Wisconsin Public Higher Education, Conference Founder and Host, (2011, 2012)
- Education Talks Wisconsin, Founder and Organizer (2013)
- Chronicle of Higher Education, Blogger at Brainstorm (2009-2011)

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO POLICYMAKERS AND PRACTITIONERS**

### **National**

Achieving the Dream; American Federation of Teachers; American Enterprise Institute; Association of Community College Trustees; Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Brookings Institution; Center for State Innovation; Center for Law and Social Policy; Century Foundation; Community College Research Center; Council of Economic Advisors, White House; Council on Opportunity for Education; Domestic Policy Council, White House; Education Trust; HCM Strategists; 1vyG Organization for First Generation Students; Institute for Higher Education Policy; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; Lumina Foundation; Jobs for the Future; National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; National Scholarship Providers' Association; New America Foundation's Postsecondary National Policy Institute; Regional Education Laboratories: Midwest and Northwest; Office of Representative Gloria Nagreta McLeod (D-CA); Office of Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT); Office of Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR); Office of Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI); Office of Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA); Office of Representative Bobby Scott (D-VA); Office of Representative Brandon Boyle (D-PA); Scholarship America; Social Science Research Council; U.S. Department of Education, Office of the Undersecretary; U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; United States House of Representatives, Community College Caucus; United States Senate, H.E.L.P. Committee; United States Students Association; uAspire

### **State/Regional**

California Legislature; Education Northwest; Midwestern Higher Education Compact; New England Association of Graduate Admissions; New Mexico Lieutenant Governor's Office; Oregon Governor's Office; Oregon Community College Association; Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Committee; Oregon State Senator Mark Hass's Office; Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges; State of Ohio; Texas Guaranteed; Washington State Representative Drew Hansen's Office; Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Wisconsin Educational Approval Board; Wisconsin Technical College System; University of Wisconsin System

### **Local**

Boys and Girls Club of Dane County; Kiwanis Club of Dane County; Madison Area Technical College (WI); Nicolet Area Technical College (WI); UW-Extension; UW-Marinette County; United Council of UW Students; UW-Oshkosh; UW-Milwaukee; UW-Parkside

## **ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

- Association of Education Finance and Policy Conference Committee (2015)
- AERA Task Force on Standards for Part-Time, Adjunct, and Contingent Faculty, (2012-2013)
- Spencer Foundation, Small Grants Board (2010-2012)
- American Sociological Association: Sociology of Education Council (2009-2012), Sociology of Education Nominations Committee (2009), David L. Stevenson Award (2008)
- William T. Grant Foundation Mixed Methods Research Network (2009-present)
- Association for Institutional Research, Graduate Study Fellowship Program (2007-2009)

### **Editorial Board Membership**

- American Educational Research Journal (2016)
- Contexts magazine, “The Public Face of Sociology” (2015-2018)
- Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis (2013-2016)
- Educational Researcher (2010-2013)
- Journal of Higher Education (2011-present)
- Research in Higher Education (2011-2014)
- Sociology of Education (2007-2010)
- Journal of Research in Community College Pedagogy (2009-2010)
- Higher Education Abstracts (2009-present)

### **UW-Madison Service**

- Chair, Oversight Committee for PEOPLE Program Evaluation (2014-2016)
- PROFS, Steering Committee Member (2009-2013)
- Chair, Undergraduate Recruitment, Admissions and Financial Aid (2008-2013)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition Policy (2012-2013)
- Faculty Senate (2011-2012)

### **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Conferences**

- American Association of Colleges and Universities (2015, 2017)
- American Educational Research Association (2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- American Sociological Association (2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016)
- Association of Educational Finance and Policy (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
- Association for the Study of Higher Education (2004, 2010, 2012, 2016)
- Association for Public Policy and Management (2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014)
- Association for Institutional Research (2004, 2009)
- Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (2017)
- Association for Community College Trustees (2014, 2015, 2016)
- ASU/GSV (2017)
- Conference on Consumer Financial Decision-Making (2013, 2014)
- Digital Pedagogy (2015, 2017)
- International Sociological Association (2011, 2012)
- National Association of Student Affairs Professional in Higher Education (2015)
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (2012, 2016)
- National Scholarship Providers Association (2009, 2016)
- Open Education Conference (2016)
- Northern Rocky Mountains Education Research Association (2016)
- Student Financial Aid Research Network (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014)
- Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (2011, 2012)
- South by Southwest EDU (2017)

#### **Invited Keynotes and Lectures**

- Amherst College (2017)
- Beloit College (2015)
- Brigham Young University (2016)
- Bunker Hill Community College (2016)
- California State University- Sacramento (2017)
- Claremont Graduate University (2013)
- Columbia University (2008)

- City University of New York (2009, 2016)
- Harvard University (2015, 2016)
- Illinois Education Research Council (2015)
- Johns Hopkins University (2012)
- Lake Superior State University (2015)
- League of California Community Colleges (2016)
- Maynooth University (Ireland) (2015)
- New School for Social Research (2016)
- New York University (2009, 2016)
- New York Federal Reserve Board (2012, 2015)
- MDRC (2009)
- National League of Cities (2016)
- Northwestern University (2011)
- Oregon State University (2016)
- Penn State University (2011)
- Portland Community College (2016)
- Princeton University (2009)
- Stanford University (2009)
- State University of New York System (2016)
- State University of New York-Fredonia (2016)
- University of California-Irvine (2008)
- University of Chicago (2008, 2012, 2016)
- University of Georgia (2008)
- University of Iowa (2017)
- University of Michigan (2011, 2012, 2013, 2016)
- University of Pennsylvania (2009, 2013, 2017)
- University of Southern California (2016)
- University of Utah (2016)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2015)
- Westminster College (2016)

#### **TEACHING**

- Introduction to Debates in Higher Education Policy
- Seminar on Mixed Methods Research for Social Scientists
- Seminar on Scholar-Activism
- Gender and Higher Education
- Community Colleges: Issues and Research
- Sociology of Education

#### **MENTORING**

##### **UW-Madison Postdoctoral Fellows**

Drew M. Anderson (Economics, UW-Madison, 2015-17); James Benson (Sociology, UW-Madison, 2009-10); Nicole Deterding (Sociology, Harvard, 2015-16); Denise Goerisch (Geography, San Diego State, 2014-16); Esther Kim (Sociology, Yale, 2014-16); Hyun Sik Kim (Sociology, UW-Madison, 2009); David Monaghan (Sociology, CUNY, 2015-17); Frank Vernon (Public Health, Indiana, 2014-16)

##### **UW-Madison Committee Chair, Educational Policy Studies**

Derria Byrd (MA, 2011); Russell Cannon (PhD, 2016); Dorothy Cheng (MA, 2013; PhD 2017); Stephanie Cowan (MA, 2008); Rachel Feldman (PhD, expected 2017); Anthony Hernandez, EPS (MA, expected 2017); Eleonora Hicks (PhD, 2015); Kyong Wan Kang (MA, 2013); Robert Kelchen (PhD, 2013); Peter Kinsley (PhD, 2014); Sara Lazenby (MA, 2009); You Geon Lee (PhD, 2013); Minh Mai (MA, 2014); Amanda Oleson (MA, 2013); Jesus Renteria (MA, 2013); Suzanne Sublette (PhD, 2011),

Kathy Villalon (MA, 2016)

**UW-Madison Committee Chair, Sociology**

Katharine Broton (MA, 2012; PhD expected 2017); Lauren Schudde (MA, 2009; PhD 2013)

**Committee Member, Multiple Departments and Universities**

Brian An, Sociology (PhD, 2010); Drew M. Anderson, Economics (PhD, 2015); James Benson, Sociology (PhD, 2010); Caitlin Bergeon, EPS (MA, expected 2018); Bobbie Boernhaft, ELPA (MA, 2009); Elizabeth Canning, Psychology (PhD, 2016); Megan Chase, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California (PhD, 2013); Ana Collares, Sociology (PhD, 2010); Marjorie Cook, ELPA (PhD, 2010); Rachel Fish, Sociology (PhD, 2015); Seong Won Han, Sociology (PhD, 2013); Sarah Kuba, ELPA (PhD, 2010); Courtney Luedke, Sociology (MA, 2011; PhD, 2014); Hannah Miller, Sociology (MA, 2012; PhD 2016); Alan Nathan, ELPA (PhD, 2012); Robert Osley-Thomas, Sociology (PhD, 2016); Hyunjoon Park, Sociology (PhD, 2004); Johanna Quinn, Sociology (MA, 2013); Shenita Ray, ELPA (PhD, 2012); Suzanne Russ, EPS (PhD, 2015); Julia Savoy, ELPA (MA, 2006); Jessa Valentine, Sociology (PhD, 2015); Binzhen Wu, Economics (PhD, 2006)

**Undergraduate McNair Scholars (Mentor)**

Tommy Sharell Hoard, Sociology (BA, 2006); Alicia Neweil, Psychology (BA, 2012)

**Student Awards**

AERA Dissertation Fellowship (declined): Lauren Schudde  
AERA Dissertation Fellowship: Eleonora Hicks  
AIR Dissertation Fellowship (declined): Lauren Schudde  
Institute for Research on Poverty Dissertation Fellowship: Katharine Broton  
NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship: Lauren Schudde  
NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship: Derria Byrd  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship: Katharine Broton  
William T. Grant Mentoring Award: Jesus Renteria

**Student Job Placements**

Gateway Technical College; Institute for Education Sciences; Madison College; Mathematica Policy Research; Seton Hall University; State University of New York-Buffalo; Teachers College, Columbia University; Wisconsin Center for Education Research; University of Iowa; University of Michigan; University of Pennsylvania; University of Texas-Austin; University of Washington-Bothell