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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016- Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs,
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2016- Senior Research Associate with the Center for Policy Research
- 2016- Fellow with the Institute for Education and Social Policy at New York University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Public Administration and Policy, New York University, 2016
Fields of Study: Financial Management, Public Finance, Public Policy, Education Policy, and
Quantitative Research Methods
- MPA, Public Administration, Cornell University, 2010
Field of Study: Finance and Fiscal Policy
- BS, Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, 2009

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Amy Ellen Schwartz, Leanna Stiefel, and **Michah W. Rothbart**. (2016). "Do Top Dogs Rule in Middle School? Evidence on Bullying, Safety, and Belonging." *American Educational Research Journal*, 53(5).
- Rachel Meltzer, **Michah W. Rothbart**, Amy E. Schwartz, Thad Calabrese, Diana Silver, Tod Mijanovich, and Meryle Weinstein. (2017). "What are the Financial Implications of Public Quality Disclosure? Evidence from New York City's Restaurant Food Safety Grading Policy." *Public Finance Review*.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Michah W. Rothbart**. (Revise and Resubmit). "Does School Finance Reform Change the Link Between Race and Local Resources?" *Education Finance and Policy*.
- Diana Silver, **Michah W. Rothbart**, Jin Yung Bae, and Amy Ellen Schwartz. (Under Review). "By the Letter of Law? The Impact of Administrative Adjudication on Legal Rule Implementation in NYC's Restaurant Grading Initiative." *Policy Studies Journal*.
- Amy Ellen Schwartz and **Michah W. Rothbart** (Under Review). "Let Them Eat Lunch: The Impact of Universal Free Meals on School Meal Participation, Obesity and Academic Achievement." *The Journal of Human Resources*.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- "Competing for Students: The Impact of School Choice on School Budgets."
- "The Impact of Restaurant Letter Grades on Taxes and Sales: Micro Evidence from New York City" with Amy Ellen Schwartz, Thad Calabrese, Zachary Papper, Todor Mijanovich, Rachel Meltzer & Diana Silver.
- "Do Minimum Community Benefit Laws Work? Evidence From Illinois." with Nara Yoon.
- "Does Universal Free School Meals Reduce Childhood Obesity? with Amy Ellen Schwartz.
- "Social Program Participation and School Readiness" with Colleen Heflin.
- "The Costs of CTE Programs in NYC" with Bob Bifulco.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Financial Management in State and Local Governments (Syracuse University)

Public Budgeting (Syracuse University)

Financial Management in Nonprofit Organizations (Syracuse University)

Financial Management for Public, Nonprofit and Health Organizations (NYU)

Introductory Statistics (Cornell University ILR School), Teaching Assistant

CONFERENCES AND OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Schools Provide a Lot More than Instruction”

- IHDS's 10th Anniversary: Imagining the Future of Urban Education and Mental Health, 2018

“Do Minimum Community Benefit Laws Work? Evidence from Illinois”

- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, 2017
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference, 2017

“Let Them Eat Lunch: The Impact of Universal Free Meals on Student Performance”:

- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, 2016
- Syracuse University Maxwell School Social Policy Seminar, 2017

“Competing for Students: The Impact of Increased School Choice on School Budgets”:

- NYU-Federal Reserve Bank of New York Fiscal Policy Breakfast Series, 2016
- Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, 2016
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, 2015
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference, 2015 (*poster*)

“Does School Finance Reform Change the Link Between Race and State Aid?”:

- Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, 2015
- Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, 2014 (*poster*)

“The Economic Impact of Public Restaurant Grades: Micro Evidence from New York City”:

- NYU-Federal Reserve Bank of New York Fiscal Policy Breakfast Series, 2015
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, 2014
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Epidemiology Grand Grounds, 2014
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health Law Research Annual Meeting, 2014
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference, 2013

“Bullying, Safety, and Belonging in the Middle School Years: Causal Evidence on the Top Dog / Bottom Dog Hypothesis”:

- Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, 2013

OTHER PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, Institute for Education and Social Policy, New York University Steinhardt

Director of Research and Evaluation, Office of Postsecondary Readiness, N.Y.C. Department of Education

Senior Analyst, Office of Postsecondary Readiness, N.Y.C. Department of Education

Oak Ridge Postsecondary Fellow and Policy Analyst, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Research Assistant, Department of Labor Economics and Department of Human Resource Studies, Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations

SERVICE (EXTERNAL)

Reviewer for: *Education Finance and Policy*, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*; *Educational Policy*

GRANTS RECEIVED

“Does Universal Free School Meals Reduce Childhood Obesity?”, PI, The Tufts/UConn RIDGE Center, July 2017 – January 2019

“Social Program Participation and School Readiness,” Maxwell School Appleby-Mosher Fund, June 2018

“Let Them Eat Lunch: The Impact of Universal Free Meals on Student Performance,” Honorarium, NYU Food Environment NIH R01 grant, June 2017.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Institute of Education Sciences Outstanding Predoctoral Fellow Award Nominee, NYU

Institute of Education Sciences Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Fellow

Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Postsecondary Fellow

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:

Michelle Lofton (Doctoral Student, Syracuse University; incoming Assistant Professor, University of Georgia)