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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
- 2016-2018 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

**Michah W. Rothbart.** (2020). "The Impact of School Choice on Public School Budgets: Evidence from Open Enrollment in New York City." *Public Budgeting & Finance*. 40(4): 3-37. <https://doi.org/10.1111/pbaf.12267>

**Michah W. Rothbart.** (2020). "Does School Finance Reform Reduce the Race Gap in School Funding?" *Education Finance and Policy* 15(4): 675-707. [https://doi.org/10.1162/edfp\\_a\\_00282](https://doi.org/10.1162/edfp_a_00282)

Amy Ellen Schwartz and **Michah W. Rothbart.** (2020). "Let Them Eat Lunch: The Impact of Universal Free Meals on School Meal Participation, Obesity and Academic Achievement." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 39(2): 376-410.

**Michah W. Rothbart,** Amy Ellen Schwartz, Thad Calabrese, Zachary Papper, Tod Mijanovich, Rachel Meltzer, and Diana Silver. (2019). "What a Difference A Grade Makes: Evidence From New York City's Restaurant Grading Policy." *Public Administration Review* 79(5): 651-665.

Rachel Meltzer, **Michah W. Rothbart,** Amy Ellen Schwartz, Thad Calabrese, Diana Silver, Tod Mijanovich, and Meryle Weinstein. (2019). "What are the Financial Implications of Public Quality Disclosure? Evidence from New York City's Restaurant Food Safety Grading Policy." *Public Finance Review* 47(1): 170-201.

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): 1450-1484.

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Diana Silver, **Michah W. Rothbart**, and Jin Yung Bae. (Revise & Resubmit). “By the Letter of Law? The Impact of Administrative Adjudication on Legal Rule Implementation in NYC's Restaurant Grading Initiative.” *The American Review of Public Administration*.

**Michah W. Rothbart** and Nara Yoon. (Revise & Resubmit). “Holding Hospitals Accountable? Evidence on the Effectiveness of Minimum Charity Care Provision Laws.” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Center for Policy Research Working Paper #218, Maxwell School, Syracuse University.

[https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working\\_papers2/wp218.pdf](https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working_papers2/wp218.pdf)

Colleen Heflin, **Michah W. Rothbart**, and Mattie Mackenzie-Liu. (Under Review). “Below the tip of the iceberg: Examining early childhood participation in SNAP and TANF from birth to age six.” *Population Research and Policy Review*.

**Michah W. Rothbart** and Colleen Heflin. (Under Review). “Inequality in Literacy Skills During Transition to Formal Schooling at the Intersections of Food and Cash Assistance Programs Participation and Race.” *Social Service Review*.

**Michah W. Rothbart**, David Schwegman, and Iuliia Shybalkina. (Under Review). “The Impact of Pork-Barrel Capital Funding in Schools.” *Public Budgeting & Finance*.

**Michah W. Rothbart**, Amy Ellen Schwartz, and Emily Gutierrez. (Under Review). “Paying for Free Lunch: The Impact of the Universal Free Meals on Revenues, Spending, and Student Health.” *Education Finance and Policy*.

Center for Policy Research Working Paper #227, Maxwell School, Syracuse University.

[https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working\\_papers2/wp227.pdf](https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working_papers2/wp227.pdf)

William C. Horrace, **Michah W. Rothbart**, Yi Yang. (Under Review). “Technical Efficiency of Public Middle Schools in New York City.” *Economics of Education Review*.

Center for Policy Research Working Paper #235, Maxwell School, Syracuse University.

[https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working\\_papers2/wp235.pdf](https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedFiles/cpr/publications/working_papers2/wp235.pdf)

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Cutting Back State Aid to School Districts in the COVID Era: Consequences for Racial Funding Equity in New York State.”

“What Schools Buy When They Don't Buy Instruction: Evidence on Noninstructional Expenditures in Schools.”

“Stretched to the limit? Overcrowded schools, shared buildings, and underserved students” with Jeehee Han and Amy Ellen Schwartz.

“Public Pre-Kindergarten Availability and Children's School Readiness: Which Students Benefit?” with Colleen Heflin and Taryn Morrissey.

## FUNDING RECEIVED

Principal Investigator. “Does Universal Free School Meals Reduce Childhood Obesity?” The Tufts/UConn RIDGE Center. (July 2017 – January 2019; \$50,000) with Amy Ellen Schwartz, Co-Investigator.

Co-Investigator. “SNAP Uptake and School Readiness in Virginia.” Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. (August 2018 – September 2020; \$100,000) with Colleen Heflin, Principal Investigator.

Co-PI. “Statewide, longitudinal analysis of malleable factors related to high school completion outcomes for students with disabilities.” CPR Summer Research Project Assistantship (June 2020 – August 2020; \$2,000).

Investigator. “Statewide, longitudinal analysis of malleable factors related to high school completion outcomes for students with disabilities.” Maxwell School Summer Project Assistantship Program (June 2019 – August 2019; \$2,000).

Investigator. “Social Program Participation and School Readiness” Maxwell School Appleby-Mosher Fund (June 2018 – August 2018; \$1,203).

Honorarium. “Let Them Eat Lunch: The Impact of Universal Free Meals on Student Performance.” NYU Food Environment NIH R01 DK097347 grant (June 2017). Principal Investigator of the Grant: Brian Elbel.

## **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

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- 2019 Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University
- 2016 Institute of Education Sciences Outstanding Predoctoral Fellow Award Nominee, New York University
- 2011 - Institute of Education Sciences Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training  
2016 Fellow, New York University
- 2009 Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Postsecondary Research Fellow

## **CONFERENCES AND OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Achievement Gaps from Day 1? Evidence on school readiness by economic disadvantage and race”

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, 2020
- Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, 2020
- The Maxwell School of Syracuse University Critical Issues for Food Policy Research Conference, 2019

“The Impact of Pork-Barrel Capital Funding in Schools.”

- Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, 2020
  - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, 2019
- “What Schools Buy When They Don’t Buy Instruction: Evidence on Noninstructional Expenditures in Schools”
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, 2019
- “Paying for Free Lunch: The Impact of the Universal Free Meals on Revenues, Spending, and Student Health”
- University at Albany Department of Public Administration and Policy, 2020
  - Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, 2019
  - NYU/Federal Reserve Bank of New York Fiscal Policy Breakfast Series, 2019
  - Tufts/UConn RIDGE Grantee Meeting, 2018
  - Syracuse University Daniel Patrick Moynihan Conference, 2018
- “Implications of Food Safety Inspections for Public Policy and Finance”
- NYU Food Studies Program
- “Stretched to the limit? Overcrowded schools, shared buildings, and underserved students”
- Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference, 2019
  - Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, 2018
- “Schools Provide a Lot More than Instruction”
- IHDSC'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”:
- University of Hong Kong Department of Politics and Public Administration, 2018
  - Syracuse University Maxwell School Social Policy Seminar, 2017
  - National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, 2016
- “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
- “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
  - N.Y.C. 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 Research Fellow and Policy Analyst, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

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

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

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:**

Michelle Lofton (Assistant Professor, School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia)

Iuliia Shybalkina (Assistant Professor, Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky)

Yusun Kim (Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut)

Emily Gutierrez (Research Associate, Center on Education Data and Policy, Urban Institute)

David Schwegman (Assistant Professor, School of Public Affairs, American University)

Saied Toossi (Research Agricultural Economist, USDA Economic Research Service)

Jeehee Han (Doctoral Candidate, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University)

Yoon Jung Choi (Doctoral Candidate, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University)

## **SERVICE (INTERNAL)**

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Committee, 2018-

Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship Committee, 2019-

Dissertation Defense Chair: Jonathan Presler, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Economics Department (2020)

## **SERVICE (EXTERNAL)**

Conference Program Committee Member: *Association for Education Finance and Policy (2020)*

APPAM Mentor: Youngwan Song (Doctoral Student, The Andrew Young School at Georgia State University)

Reviewer for: *Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis; Journal of Public Economics Plus; Public Finance Review; Educational Policy; Public Budgeting & Finance; Education Finance and Policy; AERA Open; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Preventive Medicine; Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis; Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management; Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs, Healthy Eating Research*

Grantee Reviewer for: *University of Missouri Strategic Investment Program*

**UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES:**

Daniel McMurray (Political Science, The Maxwell School at Syracuse University)