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EDUCATION

M.Ed. (Education Management) - Trinity College, University of Dublin

M.P.A (Government Finance) - The Ohio State University

B.A. (Political Philosophy) - James Madison College at Michigan State University

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

School Finance Consultant

2012 - Present

Working with clients on a variety of school funding research topics including: Early learning funding, the current condition of state education budgets and the adequacy and equity of school funding in states. Current clients include: Education Commission of the States, Ford Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts and Lawrence Picus & Associates.

Senior School Finance Analyst, Education Commission of the States 2008 - 2012

Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States 2000 - 2008

- Managed ECS's education finance efforts, produced policy briefs, reports, presentations and other documents that are published to the ECS website and distributed to educators and legislators nationwide
- Oversaw project and proposal budgets ranging from \$15,000 to over \$1 million. Worked directly with stakeholders including the National Center on Time and Learning, Pearson Publishing, Pew Center on the States and multiple state government clients.
- Worked as part of a team on school funding adequacy and equity studies in Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota and Vermont
- Conducted research on various education topics, including: the condition of state budgets, the adequacy and equity of state finance formulas, state funding of early-learning programs and promising practices in funding programs for high-need students
- Assisted in acquiring financial support from private funders, including: Ford Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, GE Foundation, Foundation for Child Development, Pre-K Now and the Pew Charitable Trusts
- Worked with state policy makers, and their staff, to shape early learning, K-12 and higher education funding policy in all fifty states
- Testified to state legislatures or governors' commissions in twenty-five states on educational issues, including: charter schools, education funding, school choice, virtual learning and vouchers
- Quoted over 250 times by numerous national media outlets, including: CNN, Education Week, NBC Nightly News, National Public Radio and The New York Times
- Presented on various education policy issues to numerous local, state and national organizations, including: Council of State Governments, Education Writers Association, League of Women Voters, National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials, National Conference of State Legislatures and National School Boards Association

School Funding Consultant, GLG Research 2010 – present

- Supply information and advice about the current status of state and federal education budgets to businesses investing in the field of public education
- Provide clients with analyses of state and federal legislation to help them assess the impact on their business

Policy Analyst, Consulting Firm of Augenblick & Myers 1999 – 2000

- Worked on research projects in areas that included adequacy in school funding, school district consolidation and special education funding reform in order to assist policymakers in Kansas, Minnesota and South Carolina

Finance/Tax Policy Analyst, Michigan State Senate – Minority Staff 1995 – 1999

- Staffed the Michigan Senate Taxation/Finance and Capital Construction committees.
- Drafted legislation dealing with taxation, K-12 and higher education funding, bonding and capital construction
- Helped design Request for Proposals and Request for Qualifications for state projects.
- Monitored the K-12, higher education and capital construction budgets
- Worked with state and national groups to draft or amend legislation. Groups included: AFL-CIO, American Association of School Administrators, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of State Boards of Education, National Education Association and state universities and community colleges

OTHER

- Member of The Association for Education Finance and Policy (Formally the “American Education Finance Association”)