

DOUGLAS N. HARRIS

(Updated: April, 2025)

POSITIONS

Tulane University	
Professor of Economics	2015-present
Schlieder Foundation Chair in Public Education	2012-present
Chair, Department of Economics	2019-present
Director, State of the Nation Project	2022-present
Director, National Center for Research on Education Access and Choice (REACH)	2018-present
Director, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans	2013-present
Editor, Live Handbook of Education Policy Research	2023-present
Faculty Affiliate, Murphy Institute for Political Economy	2012-present
Associate Professor of Economics	2012-2015
Brookings Institution	
Non-Resident Senior Fellow	2016-present
University of Wisconsin at Madison	
Associate Professor of Educational Policy and Public Affairs (tenured)	2009-2012
Assistant Professor of Educational Policy Studies	2007-2009
Co-Director, Wisconsin Scholars Longitudinal Study	2008-2012
Florida State University	
Assistant Professor of Education and Economics	2002-2007
Economic Policy Institute	
Education Economist	2001-2002

FORMAL EDUCATION

Michigan State University	2000
Ph.D., Economics	
University of Wisconsin at Madison	1996
M.A., Public Affairs	
Central Michigan University	1993
B.S.B.A., Economics	

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS (Google Scholar Citations: 11,566)

Articles Under Review

Harris, D.N. & McKenzie, R. Harris. The Regulation of Charter Schools: National Patterns and Causal Effects. (Revise and resubmit, *Education Finance and Policy*).

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

- Harris, D. & Mills, J. (forthcoming). Should college be free? Evidence from an eight-year randomized control trial. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.
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- Marsh J.A., Allbright T.N., Brown D.R., Bulkley K.E., Strunk K.O., Harris D.N. (2021). The Process and Politics of Educational Governance Change in New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Denver. *American Educational Research Journal* 58(1): 107-159.
- Blazar, D., Heller, B., Kane, T.J., Polikoff, M., Staiger, D.O., Carrell, S., Goldhaber, D., Harris, D.N., Hitch, R., Holden, K.L. and Kurlaender, M. (2020), Curriculum Reform in The Common Core Era: Evaluating Elementary Math Textbooks Across Six U.S. States. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 39: 966-1019.

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Books and Edited Volumes

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- Bulkley, K., Marsh, J., Strunk, K., Harris, D., Hashim, A. (2020). [Challenging the One Best System: The Portfolio Management Model and Urban School Governance.](#) Harvard Education Press.
Winner: Outstanding Book Award, 2022 AERA School Reform Special Interest Group
- Harris, D. & Herrington, C. (2015). [Value Added Meets the Schools:](#) The Effects of Using Test-Based Teacher Evaluation on the Work of Teachers and Leaders, Special Issue of *Educational Researcher* (co-editor with Carolyn Herrington)
- Harris, D. (2011). [Value-Added Measures in Education.](#) Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press. Nominated for the *Grawemeyer Award in Education*
- Guthrie, J., Wong, K., & Harris, D. (2004). [A Nation at Risk: A 20-year Reappraisal.](#) Special Issue of the *Peabody Journal of Education*, 19(1).

Book Chapters and Other Scholarly Papers

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- Harris, D., Farmer-Hinton, R., Kim, D., Diamond, J.B., Blakely Reavis, T., Rifelj, K., Lustick, H., and Carl, B.R. (2018). [*The Promise of Free College \(and Its Potential Pitfalls\).*](#) Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.
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- Harris, D. & Liu, L. (2018). [*What Gets Measures Gets Done: Improving Accountability Measures in the Next Generation of Accountability under ESSA.*](#) New Orleans, LA: Tulane University, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans.
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- Harris, D. (2017). [*How Managed Competition is Better Than a Free Market for Schooling.*](#) Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.
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- Weixler, L., Barrett, N., Harris, D.N., & Jennings, J. (2017). [*Changes in New Orleans School Segregation After Hurricane Katrina.*](#) New Orleans, LA: Tulane University, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans.
- Buerger, C. & Harris, D.N. (2016). [*How did the New Orleans School Reforms Influence School Spending?*](#) New Orleans, LA: Tulane University, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans.
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- Maroulis, S., Santillano, R., Jabbar, H., & Harris, D. [*The Push and Pull of School Performance: Evidence from Student Mobility in New Orleans.*](#) New Orleans, LA: Tulane University, Education Research Alliance for New Orleans.
- Perry, A., Harris, D., Buerger, C., & Mack, V. (2015). [*The Transformation of New Orleans Public Schools: Addressing System-Level Problems Without a System.*](#) New Orleans, LA: The Data Center.
- Arce-Trigatti, P., Harris, D., Lincove, J., & Jabbar, H. (2015). [*Many Options in New Orleans Public Schools.*](#) *Education Next* 15(4), 25-33.
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- Harris, D., Valant, J., & Gross, B. (2015). [The New Orleans OneApp](#). *Education Next* 15(4), 17-22.
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- Harris, D. (2012). [How do value-added indicators compare with other measures of teacher effectiveness?](#) Palo Alto, CA: Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
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- Harris, D. (2007). Class size and school size: Taking the trade-offs seriously. In F.M. Hess and T. Loveless (Eds.), *Brookings Papers on Education Policy 2006-2007* (pp.137-161). Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.
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RESEARCH SUPPORT (Total as PI: \$28 million)

<i>National Analysis of the Long-Term Effects of Charter Schools</i> Bloomberg Philanthropies, City Fund, Walton Family Foundation (PI: Harris) Award: \$200,000	2024-present
<i>National Analysis of the System-Level Effects of Charter Schools</i> City Fund and Walton Family Foundation (PI: Harris) Award: \$1 million	2023-present
<i>National Center for Research on Education Access and Choice (REACH)</i> U.S. Dept. of Education, Institute of Education Sciences (PI: Harris) <u>Award</u> : \$10 million	2018-present
<i>Education Research Alliance for New Orleans</i> John and Laura Arnold Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, William T. Grant Foundation (PI: Harris) <u>Award</u> : \$6 million (total)	2014-2023
<i>The New “One Best System”? Urban Governance and Educational Practice</i> Spencer Foundation, Lyle Spencer Grant (PIs: Katy Bulkley, Harris, Julie Marsh, Katharine Strunk) <u>Award</u> : \$1 million (total)	2015-2020
<i>Testing the Promise: A Randomized Trial of a Promise College Scholarship for Urban Public School Students</i> U.S. Dept. of Education, Institute for Education Sciences (PI: Harris) <u>Award</u> : \$3 million	2013-2018
<i>Dynamic Knowledge Network on Teacher Value-Added</i> Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (PI: Harris) <u>Award</u> : \$75,000	2012-2015
<i>School Leadership for Student Achievement: A Survey and Quasi-Experimental Analysis of Leadership in Florida</i> U.S. Dept. of Education, Institute for Education Sciences (PIs: Eric Camburn and Harris) <u>Award</u> : \$1.6 million	2009-2014
<i>Preparing for the Future: A Randomized Trial of a Promise College Scholarship for Urban Public School Students</i> Smith Richardson Foundation (PI: Harris)	2011-2013

<u>Award: \$280,000</u>	
<i>Wisconsin Scholars Longitudinal Study</i>	2008-2012
Gates, Smith Richardson, Spencer, and W.T. Grant Foundations (PIs: Sara Goldrick-Rab and Harris)	
<u>Award: \$2.8 million (total)</u>	
<i>Performance Measures in Higher Education</i>	2011-2012
Gates Foundation (PI: Sandy Baum)	
<u>Award: \$20,000</u>	
<i>Cost-Effective Ways to Increase College Graduation</i>	2008-2009
Lumina Foundation (PIs: Sara Goldrick-Rab and Harris)	
<u>Award: \$110,000</u>	
<i>How Can We Predict Who Will Become an Effective Teacher?</i>	2004-2008
U.S. Dept. of Education, Institute for Education Sciences (PIs: Tim Sass and Harris)	
<u>Award: \$1 million</u>	
<i>National Conference on Value-Added Modeling</i>	2007-2008
Carnegie Corporation, Joyce Foundation, and Spencer Foundation (PI: Harris; Co-PIs: Adam Gamoran and Stephen Raudenbush)	
<u>Award: \$145,000</u>	
<i>National Board Certification in Florida: Does It Make a Difference?</i>	2005-2006
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (PIs: Tim Sass and Harris)	
<u>Award: \$400,000</u>	

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Awards

Tulane Galaxy Award (university-wide recognition for top scholars)	2021
Outstanding Book Award, 2022 AERA School Reform Group	2021
American Education Research Association, Fellow	2018
Tulane School of Liberal Arts, Top Researcher Award	2018
Tulane Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics	2014
Nominated for the national Grawmeyer Prize in education for the book, <i>Value-Added Measures in Education</i>	2012

Testimony (invited)

U.S. Senate, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Hearing Title: "Strengthening Federal Access Programs to Meet 21 st Century Needs: A Look at TRIO and GEAR UP"	2014
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Leadership Roles in Professional Organizations and Foundations

Association for Public Policy and Management Institutional Member Committee	2019-
Association for Education Finance and Policy Board of Directors	2009-2012
Chair, Membership Committee	2010-2012
Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Program Committee	2010-2011
American Education Research Association W.L. Boyd National Educational Politics Workshop, Faculty Mentor	2011
Nominations Committee, Division L	2008
David L. Clark Seminar Distinguished Faculty Member	2006-2007
Program chair, 2006 conference, Division L	2005-2006
Section chair, 2005 conference, Division L	2004-2005
Spencer Foundation Senior Fellow	2010
National Academy of Education/Spencer Fellows Forum Chair	2011, 2012

Editorships, Editorial Boards and Review Awards

Live Handbook on Education Policy Research Editor	2023-present
Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance Editorial Board	2012-2013
American Education Research Journal Editorial Board	2008-present
Outstanding Reviewer Award	2009
Education Finance and Policy Editorial Board	2009-present
Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis Outstanding Reviewer Award	2009, 2011-12
Educational Researcher Editorial Board	2013-present
Elementary School Journal Editorial Board	2012-present
Review of Education Research Editorial Board	2018-present

Boards, Task Forces, Affiliations, Misc.

Tulane – Provost’s Committee on Reducing Administrative Burdens	2018-present
Technical Working Group: Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center, Puerto Rico Recovery Team (through RAND)	2018-present
Race and Equity Institute, two-day workshop	2017
Brookings Institution	2016-present

Non-Resident Senior Fellow USDOE Southwest Regional Education Lab Governing Board	2013-2015
Carnegie Foundation, Expert Panel on Assessing Teaching to Improve Learning	2012-2015
Century Foundation Project on Income-Based Desegregation Advisory Board	2010
Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Educ. Research (CALDER) (formerly based at The Urban Institute in Washington, DC; now AIR) Research Collaborator	2009-present
University of Wisconsin at Madison, Affiliations Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Postsecondary Education Value-Added Research Center (VARC) Institute for Research on Poverty	2007-present
Center for American Progress Affiliated Scholar	2007-2015
Economic Policy Institute Affiliated Scholar	2002-present
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Student Learning and Student Achievement Task Force	2008-2011
National School Boards Association “Brain Trust” on School Desegregation	2008
National Conferences on Value-Added Modeling Chair	2007-2008
Florida State University School (K-12) Board of Directors	2004-2006
Budget Committee Chair	2005-2006
Strategic Planning Committee	2006

Consultant/Adviser (Selected)

Obama Administration	2008-2011
State of Wisconsin Legislature Invited testimony on school accountability	2012
U.S. House of Representatives, Education and Labor Committee	(Various)
U.S. Senate, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	(Various)
Mathematica Policy Research	2009
Inter-American Development Bank	2008
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	2008
National Academy of Sciences	2007, 2008
RAND/AIR Technical Working Group on Value-Added	2005-2006
State Departments of Education California	
Florida	2004
Louisiana	2014-present

Michigan	1999-2000
Missouri	2010-present
Nebraska	2012
South Carolina	2007-2008
Tennessee	2012
Wisconsin	

Media References to Above Research (selected)

The Atlantic Monthly, Boston Globe, Education Week, ESPN, CNN, Chronicle on Higher Education, Education Week, Huffington Post, Inside Higher Education, LA Times, MarketWatch, MSNBC, NBC News, National Review, The Nation, NPR, NPR Marketplace, New York Business Journal, New York Magazine, New York Times, New York Times Magazine, Politico, PBS, Reason, Reuters, Slate, Salon, The 538, U.S. News and World Report, Wall Street Journal, Washington Monthly, Washington Post