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## Education

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- Dec. 2014      Ph.D., Public Administration and Public Policy  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University  
*Dissertation*: “Neglected Effects of Charter School Programs”  
*Committee*: Robert Bifulco (Chair), John Yinger, Ross Rubenstein, Amy Schwartz, and Douglas Wolf
- May 2005      Master of Public Administration  
Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut
- May 2004      Diploma in Public Administration  
Department of Public Administration, University of Potsdam, Germany

## Academic Positions

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- Jan. 2015 to      Postdoctoral Fellow  
Present          Education Research Alliance for New Orleans, Economics Department,  
Tulane University
- Aug. 2009 to      Graduate Research Assistant for Robert Bifulco  
Dec. 2015          Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public  
Affairs, Syracuse University

## Research

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### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Bifulco, R., & Buerger, C. (2015). The Influence of Finance and Accountability Policies on Location of New York State Charter Schools. *Journal of Education Finance*, 40(3), 193-221.
- Buerger, C., & Harris, D. (2015). How Can Decentralized Systems Solve System-Level Problems? An Analysis of Market-Driven New Orleans School Reforms. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 59(10), 1246-1262.
- Bifulco, R., Buerger, C., & Cobb, C. (2012). Intergroup Relations in Integrated Schools: A Glimpse Inside Interdistrict Magnet Schools. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 20(28), 1-28.

## **Book Chapters**

Perry, A., Harris, D., Buerger, C. & Mack, V. (2015). The Transformation of New Orleans Public Schools: Addressing System-Level Problems without a System. *The New Orleans Index at Ten*. The Data Center - Brookings.

Bifulco, R., & Buerger, C. (2015). Revenue Volatility in New York State School Districts: Challenges and Responses. *Local Government Budget Stabilization*, Hou, Y. (ed.). Springer International Publishing.

## **Working Papers**

Buerger, C. (*under review*). The Influence of Finance Policies on Charter School Supply Decisions in New York, Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, and Ohio.

Buerger, C. & Bifulco, R. (*under review*). The Effect of Charter Schools on District Efficiency: The Case of New York State.

Buerger, C. (2016). The Impact of Charter Schools on Housing Values.

Buerger, C. (2016). How Did the New Orleans School Reforms Influence School Spending?

Buerger, C. & Gorina, E. (2016). The Interaction of Tax and Expenditure Limitations and the Overruling of State Education Finance Systems on Spending Equity.

Buerger, C. & Lofton, M. (2016). The Impact of Recessions on Local School District Revenues.

## **Current Research Projects**

Buerger, C., Kreisman, D., & Mills, J.N. (2015). The Effect of the Louisiana Merit Based Scholarship on Income and Crime Rates.

Buerger, C., & Arsen, D. (2015). A Comparison between the Charter School Programs in New Or and Detroit.

Buerger, C. & Huitink, Z. (2015). The Impact of Contracting Out on Expenditures and Student Performance in New Orleans.

## **Awards and Grants**

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May 2015      Doctoral Prize for Excellence in Scholarship and Research at the Graduate Level, Graduate School, Syracuse University

May 2015      Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

Sept. 2013      Winner of the Graduate Research Poster Competition at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference 2013 with the poster, "The Impact of State Funding Policies on Charter School Location"

2012-2013     Dissertation Fellowships, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University

2011-2013     Summer Research Grant, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University

2003-2004     Fulbright Scholarship

## **Teaching**

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Fall 2011     Managerial Economics for Public Administrators, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant  
Supervisors: Robert Bifulco and David Popp

2011-2013     Public Budgeting: The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant  
Supervisors: Robert Bifulco (2011, 2012, 2013); William Duncombe (2011, 2012), Sharon Kioko (2013)

2013-2014     Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences: The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant  
Supervisor: Christine Himes

2011           Future Professoriate Program (FPP) Participant: Syracuse University  
Teaching Mentor: Robert Bifulco

## **Non-Academic Positions**

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Aug. 2005 to     Consultant  
Aug. 2009         Rambøll Management, Hamburg, Germany

### *Activities:*

- Work on a daily basis with clients at the state and federal levels to create, as well as implement, optimized structures and processes.
- Facilitate workshops with leaders of state and local government.
- Develop proposals for projects in state and local government.
- Generate research reports on education policy, labor markets, and reduction of bureaucracy costs.

### *Selected projects:*

- Process-cost-analysis in six municipalities (Project Manager)
- Benchmarking solution for 69 municipalities (Project Manager)
- Costs and benefits analysis for a contract management between two non-profit organizations and a municipality (Project Manager)
- Performance management for a municipality (Project Manager)
- Management of an unemployment office (Project Manager)
- Participatory budget for a large city
- Implementation of strategic management in a municipality
- Optimization of structures and processes in different municipalities and states
- Measurement of bureaucracy costs according to the standard-cost-model for six states

## **Professional Activities**

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- Referee: Sociology of Education, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Public Administration Review, Educational Researcher
- Discussant: Association for Education Finance and Policy, Association for Budgeting & Financial Management, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management

## **Conference Presentations**

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- June 2016 “The Interaction of Tax and Expenditure Limitations and the Overruling of State Education Finance Systems on Spending Equity.” Summer Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, London, United Kingdom.
- March 2016 “The Trajectory of Education Expenditures in New Orleans – A synthetic Control Group Approach.” Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- March 2016 The Effect of Charter Schools on District Efficiency: The Case of New York State.” (with R. Bifulco). Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Oct. 2015 “The Trajectory of Education Expenditures in New Orleans” Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting & Financial Management, Washington D.C.
- Oct. 2015 The Effect of Charter Schools on District Efficiency: The Case of New York State.” (with R. Bifulco). Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting & Financial Management, Washington D.C.
- May 2015 “Orleans Parish Education Revenue and Expenditures.” The Urban Education Future? Lessons from New Orleans 10 Years After Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, LA.
- Feb. 2015 “The Influence of Finance Policies on Charter School Supply Decisions in New York, Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, and Ohio.” Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington D.C.
- Oct. 2014 “The Influence of Finance Policies on Charter School Supply Decisions in New York, Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, and Ohio.” Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting & Financial Management, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Sept. 2013 “The Impact of State Funding Policies on Charter School Location.” Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting & Financial Management, Washington D.C. (Poster).
- Mar. 2013 “September 11, 2001 and the Academic Achievement of Arab-American Students. The Case of New York City” (with A. Bogin and W. Moussa). Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, New Orleans, LA.

- Nov. 2011 “The Influence of Accountability and Finance Policies on Charter School Locations and Enrollments” (with R. Bifulco). Annual Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 2011 “The Influence of Accountability and Finance Policies on Charter School Locations and Enrollments” (with R. Bifulco). Annual Conference of the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 2011 “The Influence of Accountability and Finance Policies on Charter School Locations” (with R. Bifulco). Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Seattle, WA.
- Mar. 2010 “Student Integration, Perceptions, and Attitudes: A Glimpse Inside Interdistrict Magnet Schools” (with R. Bifulco). Annual Conference of the American Education Finance Association, Richmond, VA.