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APPOINTMENTS

- 2005 – Present Assistant Professor of Educational Economics, New York University
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Professions
- 2006 – Present Associated Faculty, NYU Robert Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
- 2005 – Present Affiliated Faculty, NYU Institute for Education and Social Policy
- 2005 – 2006 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2003 – 2005 Assistant Professor of Economics, California State University Sacramento
Department of Economics
- 2002 – 2003 Lecturer, Catholic University of America Department of Economics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2003
Dissertation: *Four Decades of Change in U.S. Public Education: Essays on Teacher Quality
and School Finance*
Dissertation Committee: William Evans (chair), Robert Schwab, Wallace Oates,
Ginger Jin, Jennifer King Rice
- M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 1999
- B.B.A. Economics and Accounting, Wichita State University, *summa cum laude*, 1997

SPONSORED RESEARCH

“The Politics of Inequality and Redistribution in U.S. Education Finance,” Russell Sage Foundation, Sean P. Corcoran, principal investigator (with Thomas Romer and Howard Rosenthal), July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 (\$213,905)

“The Political Economy of Inequality in America’s Public Schools: An Infrastructure Grant,” Spencer Foundation, Sean P. Corcoran, principal investigator (with Thomas Romer and Howard Rosenthal), July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007 (\$204,354)

“National Study to Track Career Changes among Newly Licensed Registered Nurses – Phase 2,” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sean P. Corcoran co-investigator (with Christine Kovner, Carol Brewer, and William Greene), June 2008 – August 2016 (\$4.1 million)

“The Impact of Ending Mandatory Busing on Students, Schools, and Communities: Evidence from Wichita, Kansas,” NYU Steinhardt Graduate Assistantship Award, Sean P. Corcoran, principal investigator (with Jeffrey Livingston), September 2008 – June 2009 (\$31,710).

“Fair Student Funding: The Effects of School-Based Budgeting on Equity and Achievement,” NYU University Research Challenge Fund award (with Amy Schwartz and Leanna Stiefel), June 2008 – May 2009 (\$14,752).

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Sean P. Corcoran, Howard Rosenthal, and Thomas Romer, “The Troubled Quest for Equality in School Finance,” in *What do we Owe Each Other? Rights and Obligations in Contemporary American Society*, ed. Howard Rosenthal and David J. Rothman, Piscataway, NJ: Transaction, 2008.

Sean P. Corcoran, “Long-run Trends in the Quality of Teachers: Evidence and Implications for Policy,” *Education Finance and Policy*, Fall 2007, 2(4), 395-407.

Christiana Stoddard and Sean P. Corcoran, “The Political Economy of School Choice: Support for Charter Schools across States and School Districts,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, July 2007, 62(1), 27-54.

Also available as *National Center for the Study of Privatization in Education Occasional Paper #113*

Sean P. Corcoran and William N. Evans, “Stalled Progress in Closing the Race Achievement Gap: The Role of Teacher Quality,” in *Steady Gains and Stalled Progress: Inequality and the Black-White Test Score Gap*, ed. Katherine Magnuson and Jane Waldfogel, Russell Sage Foundation Press, forthcoming 2008.

Sean P. Corcoran and William N. Evans, “Equity, Adequacy, and the Evolving State Role in Education Finance,” in *Handbook of Research in Education Finance and Policy*, ed. Helen F. Ladd and Edward B. Fiske, New York: Routledge, 2008.

Sean P. Corcoran, William N. Evans, and Robert M. Schwab, “Women, the Labor Market, and the Declining Relative Quality of Teachers,” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Summer 2004, 23(3), 449-470.

Also available as *National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper #9180*, September 2002.

Sean P. Corcoran, William N. Evans, and Robert M. Schwab, “Changing Labor Market Opportunities for Women and the Quality of Teachers, 1957 – 2000,” *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings of the American Economic Association*, May 2004, 94(2), 230-235.

Sean Corcoran, William Evans, Jennifer Godwin, Sheila Murray, and Robert Schwab, “The Changing Distribution of Education Finance, 1972 – 1997,” in *Social Inequality*, ed. Kathryn M. Neckerman, Russell Sage Foundation, 2004, 433-466.

WORKING PAPERS

Sean P. Corcoran and William N. Evans, "Income Inequality, the Median Voter, and the Support for Public Education," under revision.

Sean P. Corcoran and Sherry Okun, "School Finance Equalization and Enrollment in Private Schools, 1970 – 2000," under revision.

Sean P. Corcoran, John Ortiz (undergraduate Ronald McNair scholar) and Terri Sexton, "The Social and Economic Impact of Legalized Casino Gaming on California Communities," under revision.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Christiana Stoddard and Sean P. Corcoran, "Charter Politics," in *Education Next*, Vol. 8 No. 2, Spring 2008.

Sylvia Allegretto, Sean P. Corcoran, and Lawrence Mishel, *The Teaching Penalty: Teacher Pay Losing Ground*, Washington, D.C.: Economic Policy Institute, 2008.

Sylvia Allegretto, Sean P. Corcoran, and Lawrence Mishel, "Down and Out: Economists Assess the Teacher Pay Disadvantage," *California Public Employee Relations*, No. 188, February 2008.

Sean P. Corcoran and Jennifer Booher-Jennings, "When Race Matters," Commentary to the *Teachers College Record*, August 22, 2007.

Sylvia Allegretto, Sean Corcoran, and Lawrence Mishel, *How Does Teacher Pay Compare? Methodological Challenges and Answers*, Washington, D.C.: Economic Policy Institute, 2004.

Sean P. Corcoran and Lawrence Mishel, "Review of *How Much are Public School Teachers Paid* (Jay Greene and Marcus Winters, *Manhattan Institute*), for the Education Policy Research Unit's Think Tank Review Project, Arizona State University, February 19, 2007.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Sean P. Corcoran and Christiana Stoddard, "Voter Demand for School Choice: Evidence from the Washington Charter School Referenda."

Sean P. Corcoran and Lori Melichar, "Nursing Education, Quality, and Health Outcomes."

"Residential Segregation, Retail Patterns and the Black-White Birthweight Gap."

HONORS AND AWARDS

Project activity grant, California State University – Sacramento, in support of the CSUS Economics and Public Policy brownbag seminar
Research and creative activities summer research fellowship, California State University – Sacramento, Summer 2004 (\$9,250)

Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award, American Education Finance Association, 2004
Departmental Teaching Prize, University of Maryland Economics Department, Fall 2001
Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland, 1997 – 1999
William H. Swett Prize for Efficiency – highest academic award for graduating seniors, Wichita State University, 1997

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, American Education Finance Association (2008 – 2011)
Fellow, Education Policy Research Unit, Arizona State University (editorial review board and reviewer for the EPRU Think Tank Review Project)
Research Associate, Economic Policy Institute
Editorial Board, Lahore Journal of Economics (Pakistan)
Professional Associations: American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy and Management, American Education Finance Association, American Educational Research Association

Referee:

Reviewer for: *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Education Finance & Policy*, *Public Finance Review*, *Sociology of Education*, *Stanford University Press*, *Teachers College Record*

Other reviews for: *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* (2007, 2008), *Smith Richardson Foundation*, *American Educational Research Association meetings* (2005, 2007), *Education Next*, *School Finance Redesign Project at the University of Washington*, *Education Policy Research Unit – Think Tank Review Project*

Invited Seminars and Presentations:

2007-08: SERSA (State Educational Research Staff Association), Fordham University, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, University of Connecticut

2006-07: Lehigh University,

2004-05: NEA Joint Research and Collective Bargaining Conference, Princeton University (Industrial Relations Section), Columbia University (Teachers College), New York University (Steinhardt), Mathematica Policy Research, Public Policy Institute of California, Russell Sage Foundation (4th Annual Meeting of the University Working Groups on the Social Dimensions of Inequality, Princeton)

2003-04: NBER, RAND, College of the Holy Cross, Economic Policy Institute, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, University of the Pacific

Conference and Other Presentations:

American Economic Association (2004)

American Education Finance Association (2004 – 2008)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2001, 2006)

National Center for Education Statistics Summer Data Conference (2005)

Russell Sage Foundation, visiting scholar seminar, March 2006

Southern Economic Association (2004, 2005, 2007)

Western Economic Association (2004, 2005, 2008)

Discussant:

American Education Finance Association (2005, 2006, 2008)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2006)
Southern Economic Association (2004, 2007)
Western Economic Association (2004, 2005, 2008)

COURSES TAUGHT

New York University: Economic Analysis for Education Policy, Financing Schools: Equity and Adequacy in Public Education, Statistics for Behavioral and Social Sciences I-II, Basic Statistics

California State University – Sacramento: Applied Econometrics, Public Finance, Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis

Catholic University of America: Principles of Macroeconomic Analysis

University of Maryland: STATA for Economists, SAS for Economists, Intermediate Microeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

ADVISING

Erin F. Cocke, Ph.D candidate in Sociology of Education
Sarah Butler Jessen, Ph.D candidate in Education Leadership (sponsoring committee member)
Harshi Patel, M.A. in Sociology of Education (completed Fall 2007)
Jeff McEntire, M.A. in Economics, CSUS (completed August 2005)
Chris Kyriotis, M.A. in Economics, CSUS (completed July 2005)
Sherry Okun, M.A. in Economics, CSUS (completed August 2004)
John Ortiz, CSUS undergraduate Ronald F. McNair Scholar

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

New York University:

Editorial Board, NYU Institute for Education and Social Policy working paper series
Steinhardt Committee on New Courses and Programs, 2007 – present
Research consultant to Jeffrey Cohen (University of Hartford), scholar-in-residence under the NYU Faculty Research Network, Fall 2007
Member, panel on the use of reference database technology in research, Bobst Library Humanities and Social Sciences Working Group, March 2007
Participant, HMSS Education Workshop, 2006 – present
Ph.D dissertation reader:
2008: Russ Schulman, Meryle Weinstein (Wagner), Colin Chellman (Wagner)

California State University – Sacramento:

Organizer, Economics and Public Policy brownbag seminar, 2004 – 2005
Reviewer, summer research and creative activity grant program, 2005
Member, University Committee on Administrative Review

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Economics
Member, Assessment Committee, Department of Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. William N. Evans, University of Maryland, 2002 – 2003
Intern, Congressional Budget Office, Microeconomics and Financial Studies Division,
Washington, D.C., Summer – Fall 2000
Research Assistant, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C., Summer – Fall 1999
Financial Analyst, Koch Industries, Inc., Wichita, KS, 1996 – 1997