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Academic Appointments

Professor of Education, USC Rossier School of Education, Los Angeles, CA, 2024-present

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Education

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University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

B.S., Mathematics, summa cum laude, high distinction, University Honors, May 2006

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Publications

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Books

Polikoff, M. (2021). *Beyond standards: The fragmentation of education governance and the promise of curriculum reform*. Harvard Education Press.

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- Reviewed in *Journal of School Choice*, 15(4), 671-674.
- Reviewed in *Education Next*, 21(4), 76-77.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

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Grants

Research Grants

Overdeck Family Foundation, "Understanding America Study," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2025-2027, \$400,000.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "Expanding quality signals and R&D infrastructure," Principal Investigator, 2024-2027, \$4,500,000.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "LEA Use of the Education to Workforce Framework," co-Investigator (Principal Investigator Jon Fullerton), 2024-2026, \$1,000,000.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, "Opinion research in education for democracy," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2024-2025, \$200,000.

FEDCO, "Preparing for district readiness," co-Investigator (Principal Investigator Patricia Burch), 2023-2024, \$150,000.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, "Opinion research on teaching controversial topics," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2023-2024, \$200,000.

Cullen Foundation, "Proposal to evaluate the Buffalo Urban Teacher Fellows Program," Investigator (Principal Investigator Amie Rapaport), 2023-2024, \$80,000.

USC Schaeffer-Peterson Pandemic Policy Research Fund, "The long-term effects of COVID-19 and mitigation interventions on children's well-being: Implications for education policy and future economic productivity," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2023-2024, \$173,125, supplemental \$10,000 for "Education survey convening".

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "Research Partnership to Instrument OER Math," Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator Jennifer Hamilton), 2021-2024. \$123,297.

Smith Richardson Foundation, "Miseducated: How bad ideas are undermining education, and what parents can do about it," Principal Investigator, 2023-2025, \$139,872.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development R01, "Neighborhood characteristics and neurodevelopment: Risk and protective factors, and susceptibility to stressors and school disruption during the COVID-19 pandemic," co-Investigator (Principal Investigator Daniel Hackman), 2022-2027, \$3,980,895.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, "Understanding America Study 2022: civic education and NSF RAPID3 administration supplement," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2022-2023, \$200,000.

National Science Foundation, "RAPID: The Impact of COVID on Children's Well-being in 2022: Continued Evidence from the Understanding America Study," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2022-2023, \$200,000.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, "The educational impact of COVID-19 on children and families," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2021-2022, \$55,000.

National Science Foundation, "RAPID: The Impact of COVID on American Education in 2021: Continued Evidence from the Understanding America Study," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2021-2022, \$198,148.

National Science Foundation, "RAPID: Exploring COVID and the Effects on U.S. Education: Evidence from a National Survey of American Households," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2020-2021, \$199,620.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, supplement to "COVID-19: US Data Collection for Household Response and Impact Monitoring," Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2020, \$50,000.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "Characteristics of Coherent Instructional Systems and Their Relationship to Outcomes for Black, Latino, English Learner-designated, and Low-Income Students," co-Principal Investigator (co-Principal Investigators Julia Kaufman, V. Darleen Opfer, Elaine Wang), 2018-2022, \$2,300,000.

Ballmer Group, "AchievementNet Evaluation (subcontract from AchievementNet)," Principal Investigator (co-Principal Investigator Adam Kho), 2018-2022, \$259,215.

International Baccalaureate, "Student Pathways Through Middle School, High School and Into Postsecondary Education: MYP Student Outcomes in a Large US Public School District," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Anna Saavedra), 2018, \$65,000.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "Never Judge a Book by Its Cover, Use Student Achievement Instead," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Jon Fullerton), 2016-2018, \$762,059.

Institute of Education Sciences, "Center on Standards, Alignment, Instruction, and Learning (C-SAIL)," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Andrew C. Porter), 2015-2020, \$10,000,000.

William T. Grant Foundation, "Complex Equations: Algebra Instruction in the Common Core Era," Principal Investigator (co-Principal Investigator Thurston Domina), 2014-2017, \$447,503.

Smith Richardson Foundation, "Curriculum Adoptions and Effects on Student Achievement in California," co-Principal Investigator (co-Principal Investigator Cory Koedel), 2014-2016, \$159,992.

National Science Foundation, "An Online System for the Collection of Textbook Adoption Data," Principal Investigator, 2014-2016, \$299,942.

Mattel Children's Foundation, "USC-Mattel Speedometry Phase II District Wide Study and Direct Impact Partnership," co-Principal Investigator (co-Principal Investigators Gale Sinatra & Julie Marsh), 2014-2016, \$784,000.

Smith Richardson Foundation, "Making Standards-Based Reform Work: Textbook Alignment and the Common Core," Principal Investigator, 2013-2014, \$124,132.

Mattel Children's Foundation, "Innovative STEM Curriculum Using Hot Wheels," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigators Gale Sinatra & Julie Marsh), 2013-2014, \$230,000.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development R03, "Teacher Practice and Peer Conduct: Classroom Effects on Outcomes for Special Needs Students," co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator Michael Gottfried), 2012-2014, \$161,100.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, "Combining Multiple Measures of Teacher Effectiveness When Assessments Differ in Their Sensitivity to Instruction," Principal Investigator, 2012-2013, \$31,000.

USC Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, "Content and Instructional Strategies for Students with Special Needs," Principal Investigator, 2011-2012, \$20,000.

Other grants and contracts

Great Minds, "Evaluation of *Ph.D. Science*," 2024, \$35,000. (*contract*)

Great Minds, "Evaluation of *Eureka Math²*," 2024, \$35,000. (*contract*)

California Community Foundation, "Educational Equity in L.A.: A Research Agenda in Service to Practice," (with Julie Marsh & Patricia Burch), 2018-2020, \$100,000.

Scholars Strategy Network Engaged Scholars Grant, "California State Superintendent Policy Forum," (with Patricia Burch), 2018, \$1,000.

Awards and Special Training

Awards and Impact

USC General Education Teaching Award (2025)

Educational Researcher Outstanding Reviewer (2015, 2025)

AERA Outstanding Public Communication of Education Research Award (2020)

USC Mentoring Award for faculty mentoring graduate students (2019)

AERA Open Outstanding Reviewer (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020)

USC Rossier Faculty Mentoring Award (2018)

AERA Early Career Award (2017)

Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Research in Teacher Education award for article
"Formal and informal mentoring: Complementary, compensatory, or consistent?" (2015)

Most-read article in an AERA journal in 2014 for "Instructional alignment as a measure of teaching
quality" (2015)

Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis Outstanding Reviewer (2013, 2014)

AERA Division L Outstanding Dissertation Award (2011)

Training

Equality California Leadership Academy (2020)

AERA Institute on Statistical Analysis for Education Policy: Mathematics Education and Equity (2012)

IES Summer Training Institute on Cluster-Randomized Trials (2010)

AERA/Spencer Research Fellowship in Education and Adolescent Health (2008-2009)

University of Pennsylvania IES Pre-doctoral Fellow, Certificate of Advanced Studies in Education
Sciences (2007-2010)

Selected Presentations

Selected Conference Presentations

Ho, A., & Polikoff, M. (2025). *Test-based accountability in K-12 education*. Presentation at the annual
conference of the National Council on Measurement in Education, Denver, CO.

Duardo, D., Ekchian, V., Ott, M., & Polikoff, M. (2025). *Children's mental health and connections to
absenteeism: Bridging research and practice with school systems leaders*. Presentation at the
annual conference of the National School Boards Association, Atlanta, GA.

Polikoff, M., Scollan-Rowley, J., Silver, D., Saavedra, A., Rapaport, A., & Garland, M. (2025). *Exploring
support and opposition to race-related topics in the curriculum: Evidence from the
Understanding America Study*. Presentation at the annual conference of the Association for
Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC.

- Humphreys, M., Cude, B., Ranzetta, T., & Polikoff, M. (2024). *Financial literacy: Providing students with more life skills but at what cost?* Panel at the summer meeting of the National Council of Insurance Legislators, Costa Mesa, CA.
- Nguyen, T., Baker, D., Polikoff, M., & Turner, C. (2024). *The importance of research in media and journalism: How researchers and journalists can work in tandem.* Policy talk at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Baltimore, MD.
- Polikoff, M., Rapaport, A., Saavedra, A., & Silver, D. (2024). *Why are parents not as concerned about COVID recovery as experts think they should be?* Presentation at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Baltimore, MD.
- Polikoff, M., Rapaport, A., Saavedra, A., & Silver, D. (2024). *The kids are all right? What parents really think about how COVID affected children.* Presentation at the USC Rossier Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M., Zamarro, G., Kogan, V., Dee, T., & Morton, E. (2023). *Promises and pitfalls on the road to COVID recovery in 2023-24 and beyond.* Roundtable at the annual conference of the Association of Public Policy and Management, Atlanta, GA.
- Silver, D., Polikoff, M., Garland, M., Rapaport, A., Saavedra, A., & Fienberg, M. (2023). *COVID-19 three years on: The evolution of caregiver concerns, child wellbeing, and availability of school-based recovery interventions.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Polikoff, M. S., Fienberg, M., Silver, D., Garland, M., Saavedra, A., & Rapaport, A. (2023). *Who wants to say "gay?" Public opinion about LGBT issues in the curriculum.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Polikoff, M. (2021). *Academic achievement in 2021: Insights after more than a year of disrupted teaching and learning from research, practitioner, and policy perspectives.* Panelist at the annual conference of the California Educational Research Association.
- Saavedra, A., & Polikoff, M. (2021). *The educational experiences of American families during the COVID-19 pandemic: Nationally representative panel survey evidence.* Paper presented at National Science Foundation DRK-12 grantees meeting.
- Rabovsky, S. J., Kho, A., & Polikoff, M. (2021). *Higher education experiences in the time of COVID: Evidence from a nationally representative panel.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy.
- Silver, D., Haderlein, S., Polikoff, M., Saavedra, A., Rapaport, A., & Garland, M. (2021). *Educational experiences of American families in the time of COVID: Evidence from a nationally representative panel.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy.
- Haderlein, S. K., Silver, D., Saavedra, A. R., Polikoff, M. S., Rapaport, A., & Garland, M. (2021). *The impact of mainstream school accountability measures on alternative school enrollment.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy.

- Silver, D., & Polikoff, M. (2020). *Which teachers supplement their core curriculum and why?* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Fort Worth, TX.
- Kho, A., Polikoff, M., & Rabovsky, S. (2020). *Trends in alternative school enrollment during the era of consequential accountability: A descriptive analysis.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Fort Worth, TX.
- Polikoff, M. (2020). *Measurement study: Developing new measures of the content of instruction.* Symposium presented at the Institute of Education Sciences Annual Principal Investigators Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Polikoff, M. (2019). *Standards, accountability, and instruction: What do we know? What do we need to know?* Symposium presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Gamboa, M., Polikoff, M., & McFall, R. (2019). *Alignment in U.S. history standards.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, Toronto, ON.
- Polikoff, M. S., & Korn, S. (2019). *Who moves first? Using survival analysis to study the timing of Common Core curriculum adoption.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Education Finance and Policy, Kansas City, MO.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2018). *Reflections on a quarter century of standards-based reform.* Invited lecture at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- Blazar, D., Kane, T. J., Polikoff, M., Goldhaber, D., & Kurlaender, M. (2018). *Never judge a book by its cover: Evaluating mathematics textbooks against gains in student achievement.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Education Finance and Policy, Portland, OR.
- Campbell, S., & Polikoff, M. (2017). *Factors associated with the selection of curricular materials at the district level.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC.
- Dhaliwal, T. K., Marsh, J., Hall, M., & Polikoff, M. (2017). *Civic engagement in California: Trends and tensions.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC.
- Desimone, L., Flores, N., Fuchs, L., Pak, K., Polikoff, M., Porter, S., & Song, M. (2016). *Initial findings from the Center on Standards, Alignment, Instruction, and Learning.* Panel presented at the Institute of Education Sciences 2016 Principal Investigators' Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Mukhopadhyay, A., Young, T. K., Marsh, J., McKibben, S., Lê, Q. T., Sinatra, G., & Polikoff, M. (2016). *Grappling with tensions of implementing new curriculum.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, DC.
- Polikoff, M., Lê, Q. T., Danielson, R., Sinatra, G., & Marsh, J. (2016). *The impact of a NGSS-aligned curriculum on students' science knowledge.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, DC.

- Sinatra, G., Danielson, R., Marsh, J., & Polikoff, M. (2016). *Promoting STEM interest and positive emotions in fourth grade girls and boys*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, Washington, DC.
- Polikoff, M. (2016). *Assessing the assessments: Measuring the quality of new college and career-ready assessments*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council of Measurement in Education, Washington, DC.
- Gasparian, H., Polikoff, M., Campbell, S., Hardaway, T., Wrabel, S., & Lê, Q. T. (2016). *Elementary mathematics textbook adoptions in California*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Doorey, N., Polikoff, M., Klein, S., & Kirshner, D. (2016). *Assessing the assessments: Measuring quality for a new generation of state tests*. Panel presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Zhou, N., & Polikoff, M. (2016). *Instructional practices and students' motivation in reading: A quasi-experimental approach using PIRLS data*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Campbell, S., Polikoff, M., Gasparian, H., Hardaway, T., & Wrabel, S. (2016). *Using Texas textbook disbursement data to identify differences in district-level materials adoptions*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Denver, CO.
- Polikoff, M., Lê, Q. T., Danielson, R., Sinatra, G., & Marsh, J. (2016). *The impact of a NGSS-aligned curriculum on student content knowledge*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC.
- Campbell, S., & Polikoff, M. (2016). *District university partnerships to study Common Core*. Paper presented at the Southern California Professional Development Schools Fifth Annual Conference, Thousand Oaks, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S., Zhou, N., & Campbell, S. E. (2015). *Improving the feasibility of textbook content analyses without sacrificing data quality*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2015). *What is in store for the Common Core? The politics and policy of implementation*. Panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Washington, DC.
- Desimone, L. M., Hochberg, E., Porter, A. C., Polikoff, M. S., Schwartz, R., & Johnson, L. J. (2015). *Formal and informal mentoring: Complementary, compensatory, or consistent?* Paper presented at the Association for Teacher Educators annual conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2014). *The Common Core Standards and teacher quality reform*. Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2014). *The alignment of textbooks to the Common Core*. Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.

- Wrabel, S. L., Saultz, A., Polikoff, M., McEachin, A., & Duque, M. (2014). *The politics of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act waivers*. Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, San Antonio, TX.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2014). *How well aligned are textbooks to the Common Core Standards in mathematics?* Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, San Antonio, TX.
- Polikoff, M. S., McEachin, A., Wrabel, S. L., & Duque, M. (2013). *The waive of the future: Accountability in the waiver era*. Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, New Orleans, LA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2013). *What matters more, the content or quality of instruction?* Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, New Orleans, LA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2013). *The stability of observational and student survey measures of teaching effectiveness*. Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, New Orleans, LA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2012). *Teacher training and the practice of aligned instruction*. Paper presented at the 2012 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, Vancouver, BC.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2012). *Comparing the instructional sensitivity of state assessments and off-the-shelf measures of student learning: Evidence from the Measures of Effective Teaching project*. Paper presented at the 2012 Annual Conference of the National Council of Measurement in Education, Vancouver, BC.
- Polikoff, M. S., & Wrabel, S. L. (2012). *A safe harbor raises all boats: The use of alternative methods to make Adequate Yearly Progress*. Poster presented at the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Boston, MA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2011). *Instructional alignment under No Child Left Behind*. Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2011). *State policy effects on instructional alignment*. Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy, Seattle, WA.
- Polikoff, M. S., & Porter, A. C. (2010). *The role of state student achievement tests in standards-based reform*. Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO.
- Polikoff, M. S., Maynard, R., & Boruch, R. (2010). *Designing the impact evaluation component of a multi-arm trial of enhanced middle-school science curricula*. Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, Denver, CO.

Selected Invited Presentations

- Polikoff, M., & Pardo, N. (2025). *What predicts student absences?* Presentation at the American Enterprise Institute Chronic Absenteeism Research Symposium, Washington, DC.
- Alvord, J., & Polikoff, M. (2025). *Leveraging SIS/LMS data for research and policy insights*. Invited panel at the Brian Gong Colloquium, Charleston, SC.
- Polikoff, M. (2025). *The CLASS*. Invited panel for the Free Docuseries Screening and Discussion, USC School of Cinematic Arts, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M., & Lake, R. (2025). *Education research in the current policy climate*. Invited panel for the ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. (2025). *What do Americans want schools to be teaching about potentially contentious topics? Evidence from three national surveys*. Invited lecture at the Louisiana State University Curriculum Theory Project Lecture Series, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Polikoff, M. (2025). *Decoding NAEP: Behind & Beyond the Headlines*. Invited webinar panel for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. (2024). *State Secrets: State Report Card Transparency on COVID Recovery*. Invited webinar for the PIE Network, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. & Watson, D. (2024). *Public polling*. Invited panel at the Bellwether Education Partners Annual Retreat, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. (2024). *Anchoring accountability: Defending measurement and transparency for student success*. Invited panel at the PIE Network Summit, San Diego, CA.
- Polikoff, M. (2024). *What's driving opposition to race- and LGBTQ-related content in schools? Evidence from two national surveys*. Invited lecture at the EdPolicyForward Research Workshop, George Mason University, Virtual.
- Carrese, P., Polikoff, M., & Pondiscio, R. (2024). *What is the teacher's role in civics education?* Invited webinar for the Harvard Kennedy School Program on Education Policy and Governance, Virtual.
- Moses, M., Polikoff, M., & Lai, Y. (2024). *Raising the bar on mathematics education: Lessons from near and far*. Invited roundtable for the Forum for World Education, New York, NY.
- Polikoff, M. (2024). *Why haven't balanced assessment systems taken off? A diagnosis and some hopeful thoughts*. Presentation at the Technical Issues in Large-Scale Assessment Collaborative of the Council of Chief State School Officers, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. (2023). *Culture wars and the curriculum: Americans' views on controversial LGBT- and race-related topics in schools*. Invited lecture at the Princeton University Education Research Seminar, Princeton, NJ.
- Polikoff, M. (2023). *The state of the American student: Fall 2023*. Webinar by the Center on Reinventing Public Education, Virtual.

- Polikoff, M. (2023). *Case study: Curriculum controversies in U.S. schools*. Keynote at the USC Rossier Breakthrough Leadership Institute, Los Angeles CA.
- Polikoff, M. (2023). *Going beyond standards*. Keynote at the Teaching Lab Annual Retreat, Los Angeles CA.
- Polikoff, M. (2023). *A house divided? What Americans really think about controversial topics in schools*. Presentation at the Rossier Research Conference, Los Angeles CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2023). *COVID, CRT, and current controversies: The state and federal education policy agenda in a divided America*. Presentation at the AASA National Conference on Education, San Antonio TX.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2022). *Curriculum controversy: What do Americans really want children to learn in school?* Presentation at the Running the Store conference of AASA, The School Superintendent's Association, Napa, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2022). *A house divided?* Presentation to the Curriculum Matters Professional Learning Network, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2022). *The state role in supporting HQIM: Implications for standards implementation*. Presentation at the CCSSO Collaboratives Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2021). *College and career-ready standards: Are teachers implementing them in the classroom and are they improving student learning?* Invited webinar chair and panelist, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2021). *Understanding student learning in Fall 2021*. Invited webinar panelist, Los Angeles CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2021). *Who's in charge? What we know about teachers' curriculum control and why it matters*. Presentation at the California Legislative Staff Education Institute, Virtual.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2021). *From physical plant to mental health: What's the best use for American Rescue Plan education funds?* Invited webinar panelist, Los Angeles CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2021). *Why bother with research: What founders need to know*. Presentation at EdTechWeek, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2020). *Californians and public education: Views from the 2020 PACE/USC Rossier Poll*. Presentation at the PACE Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2019). *When voters are wrong, correct them: The powerful effect of refutation texts on people's policy beliefs*. Presentation to Education Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2019). *Reform by the book: Textbook effects in the Common Core era*. Presentation at the Harvard Strategic Data Project Convening, Boston, MA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2019). *Curricular concerns: How to cover what gets taught*. Presentation at the Education Writers Association National Seminar, Baltimore, MD.

- Polikoff, M. S. (2019). *Californians and public education: Views from the 2019 PACE/USC Rossier Poll*. Presentation at the PACE Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2018). *The challenges of curriculum materials as a reform lever*. Webinar presented to the Ohio Department of Education #MeetUpLearnMore series, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M., Korn, S., & McFall, R. (2018). *Data systems to support continuous improvement*. Presentation at Getting Down to Facts II: Evidence to improve education in California, Sacramento, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2018). *The challenges of curriculum materials as a reform lever*. Webinar presented on the Hunt Institute Intersection Webinar Series, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2018). *Studying the role of curriculum materials in American education*. Invited lecture at Sydney University, Sydney, NSW, Australia.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2018). *How to translate research to the public*. Presentation at the 71st Education Writers Association National Seminar, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2018). *Results from the January 2018 PACE/USC Rossier poll*. Presentation at the PACE Research and Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA.
- Picus, L., Polikoff, M., & Robles, D. (2018). *"Cast the net widely." How one school improved their faculty search process to be more inclusive*. Presentation at USC Diversity and Inclusion Week, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2017). *Using curriculum materials to improve teaching and learning: Promise and peril*. Invited seminar at the University of Tübingen LEAD Retreat, Herrenberg, Germany.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2017). *Textbook research: Qualitative and quantitative evidence on textbook adoption and effects*. Invited seminar at the University of Chicago Education Workshop, Chicago, IL.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2017). *Textbook research: Studies on the adoption and effects of curriculum materials*. Invited seminar at the Boston University Education Research Seminar, Boston, MA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2017). *Never judge a book by its cover: Building an evidence base on (open and closed) instructional materials*. Panel presented at the Harvard Strategic Data Project Annual Convening, Boston, MA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2016). *Textbook adoption in California: Issues and evidence*. Presented at the Policy Analysis for California Education Sacramento Seminar, Sacramento, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2016). *New opportunities for school accountability*. Panelist at the Manhattan Institute event America's education-accountability movement: Progress or retreat? New York, NY.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2016). *Accountability systems that drive statewide instructional improvement*. Presented at the Council of Chief State School Officers Implementing College and Career Standards Annual Summit and Workgroup Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

- Polikoff, M. S. (2016). *How do the Common Core exams stack up?* Presented at the Education Writers Association Seminar on Teaching and Testing in the Common Core Era, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. & Thacker, A. (2016). *Discussion of PARCC/SBAC/ACT/MCAS alignment and assessment quality studies.* Presented at the Council of Chief State School Officers Technical Issues in Large Scale Assessment meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2015). *Measuring and studying the alignment among instruction, curriculum, standards, and assessments.* Presentation at the ICFES VI International Seminar on Quality Education Research, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2015). *Up to standards? Studying the implementation of college and career-ready standards.* Presentation at the CEPA Lecture Series, Stanford Graduate School of Education, Palo Alto, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2015). *Lies, damn lies, and alignment: Studying instruction in the Common Core era.* Presentation at the Education Policy Colloquium Series, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Education, Chapel Hill, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2015). *Textbooks and Common Core: Out of sync?* Panelist at the Education Writers Association National Seminar, Chicago, IL.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2014). *Assessment and accountability in the Common Core Era.* Panelist at the Maryland State Education Association Education Policy Forum, Annapolis, MD.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2014). *Studying the alignment of textbooks to the Common Core math standards.* Presented at the Association for Academic Publishers PreK-12 Learning Group Fall Policy Exchange, Washington, DC.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2013). *Fixing the Academic Performance Index.* Presented at the Policy Analysis for California Education Sacramento Seminar, Sacramento, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2012). *No Child Left Behind: What now?* Presented at the Five-Star Coalition (Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena, South Pasadena, La Cañada) Community Forum for Public Education, Glendale, CA.
- Polikoff, M. S. (2012). *Teachers and leaders: Challenges and opportunities for standards implementation.* Presented at the USC Center for Enrollment Research, Policy, and Practice Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Selected Beyond Standards Events

Book Talks

- Nebraska Department of Education (2021)
- California Common Core Implementation Consortium (2021)
- Illustrative Mathematics (2021)
- American Institutes for Research (2021)
- White Board Advisors (2021)
- Association of State Supervisors of Mathematics (2021)

Podcasts

- Principal Center Radio (2021)
- The American Enterprise Institute Report Card (2021)
- The Thomas B. Fordham Institute Education Gadfly Show (2021)

Selected Guest Lectures

- University of Southern California, *Framing Educational Leadership in a Global Context*
- University of Memphis, *Policy-Oriented Research*
- Vanderbilt University, *Politics and Governance in Education*
- George Mason University, *Education Policy: Process, Context, and Politics*
- University of North Florida, *Foundations of Research in Education*
- University of Pennsylvania, *K-12 Standards and Accountability*
- University of South Florida, *Education Policy: Literacy and Teacher Education*
- New York University, *Education and Social Policy*
- University of California Los Angeles, *The Educational Enterprise*
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, *Issues in Education Policy and Research*

Teaching Experience

* indicates course development

EDPA 719	The Policies and Politics of Educational Governance	Ed.D.
EDPT 652*	Multiple Regression	Ph.D.
EDUC 522	Challenges in Urban Education: Accountability	Ed.D.
EDUC 658*	Fixed and Random Effects Modeling for Social Policy Research	Ph.D.
EDUC 682	Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods in Education	Ph.D.
EDUC 705*	Survey Design and Analysis	Ph.D.
EDUC 790	Directed Reading, <i>Survey Research Methods</i>	Ph.D.
EDUC 790	Directed Reading, <i>Methods Matter</i>	Ph.D.
EDUC 790	Directed Reading, <i>Schools as Organizations</i>	Ph.D.
EDUC 790*	Directed Reading, <i>The Theory and Practice of Item Response Theory</i>	Ph.D.
EDUC 790*	Directed Reading, <i>Principles and Practice of Structural Equation Modeling</i>	Ph.D.
EDUE 727	Research Methods 2	Ed.D.
GESM 131g*	Educational Access and Opportunity from Cradle to College	UG

Professional Service

Editorships

- Co-Editor, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (2018-2020)
- Associate Editor, *American Educational Research Journal* (2015-2018)
- Guest Editor, *AERA Open* special topic: Implementation and Preliminary Effects of the Common Core Standards (2015-2016)

Editorial Boards

- *AEFP Live Handbook of Education Finance and Policy Research* (2023-present)
- *Educational Researcher* (2015-present)
- *AERA Open* (2014-2022, 2025-present)
- *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (2012-2015)
- *Educational Administration Quarterly* (2011-2018)

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewing

2025

- *American Educational Research Journal; International Journal of Educational Research; Journal for Research on Mathematics Education; Journal of School Leadership; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; School Science and Mathematics*

Previous years

- *Action in Teacher Education; AERA Annual Conference; AERA Handbook of Education Policy Research; American Journal of Education; Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference; Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Conference; CPRE reports; David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Administration and Policy; Early Childhood Research Quarterly; Economics of Education Review; Education Finance and Policy; Education Next; Education Policy Analysis Archives; Education Sciences; Educational Assessment; Educational Assessment, Evaluation, & Accountability; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis; Educational Measurement: Issues and Practice; Educational Policy; Educational Psychology; Educational Researcher; Educational Studies; Elementary School Journal; Exceptionality; Foundation for Individual Rights in Education grants; Harvard Education Press; Harvard University Press; International Journal of Education Policy and Leadership; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Journal of STEM Education; Journal for Research on Educational Excellence; Journal of Curriculum Studies; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics; Journal of Educational Change; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Attitudes and Social Cognition; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Teacher Education; Leadership and Policy in Schools; Learning and Instruction; National Science Foundation EHR Core ad hoc review; National Science Foundation National Center for Science & Engineering Statistics; Oxford University Press; PLOS ONE; Politics of Education Association Annual Yearbook; Professional Development in Education; Publius; Race and Social Problems; RAND reports; Reading and Writing; Routledge books; School Effectiveness and School Improvement; Smith Richardson Foundation grants; Social Science Research; Social Sciences; Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Annual Conference; Spencer Foundation grants; Springer Education and Social Sciences books; Swiss National Science Foundation; Teachers College Record; Teaching and Teacher Education; William T. Grant Foundation grants; William T. Grant Scholars*

External Review Committees

- AERA Capstone Workshop faculty reviewer (2019)
- Association for Education Finance and Policy Program Committee (2017, 2018, 2022)
- AERA-Measures of Effective Teaching Dissertation Fellowship review committee (2014-2016)
- AERA Division L Curriculum and Instruction section chair (2014-15, 2015-16)
- National Science Foundation Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL) Review Committee (2012, 2015)
- AERA Division L Policy Report Award Committee (chair 2013, member 2012, 2014)
- Investing in Innovation (i3) Development Grants Tier II Reviewer (2010)

External Advisory Boards and Committees

- American Enterprise Institute Chronic Absenteeism Research Working Group (2024-2025)
- National Science Foundation grant "Exploring the Validity of Three-Dimensional Assessments," Cari Abell, Principal Investigator (2022-2026)
- Education Reform Now Task Force on the Future of Assessments (2020)

- Tennessee SCORE Accountability Working Group (2019-2020)
- Board of Directors, Data Quality Campaign (2019-present)
 - Chair (2024-present)
 - Vice Chair (2023-2024)
 - Chair, Board Development Committee (2021-2024)
- IES Technical Working Group, Implementation of Title I/II-A Program Initiatives (2019)
- Advisory Board, Evidence Based Education (2017-present)
- Vice President, Board of Directors, QEDU (2017-2020)
- AERA Research Advisory Committee (2017-2019)
- National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Developing Indicators of Educational Equity (2017-2019)
- Lead organizer (with Data Quality Campaign), *Day on the Hill* (2017)
- William L. Boyd National Education Politics Workshop mentor (2017)
- Alliance for Continuous Improvement for California Schools (2017)
- David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Administration and Policy Faculty Mentor (2017)
- Aspen Institute Program on Education & Society Senior Congressional Education Staff Retreat, "Early lessons from ESSA: State and district perspectives on progress and challenges" (2016)
- Texas Aspires (formerly Texas Institute for Education Reform) Policy Advisory Board (2015-2019)
- California State Superintendent's Advisory Task Force on Accountability and Continuous Improvement (2015-2016)
- College Board Advisory Committee on accountability policy (2014)
- Brookings Meeting on Algebra/Geometry Assessments (2013)
- Institute of Education Sciences grant "Alignment Across K-12 Writing Standards, Assessments, Achievement, and Postsecondary Expectations: A State-by-State Analysis," Gary Troia, Principal Investigator (2011-2014)

USC Committees

- Sigma Phi Epsilon Faculty Advisor (2025-present)
- Academic Senate Task Force to Review Safety Processes and Practices (2024)
- Academic Senate Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee (2023-present)
- Academic Senate Task Force on Faculty Councils co-chair (2022)
- USC Mentoring Award Selection Committee (2020, 2021)
- Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures (2019-present)
 - CAPP Petitions Panel (2020-present)
- USC Price Grade Dispute Committee (2017-2020)
- Academic Senate member (2017-2019)

Rossier School of Education Committees

- Rossier Research Conference Planning Committee (2024-2025)
- Quantitative Tenure Track Hiring Committee chair (2024-2025)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Searches and Hiring co-chair (2024)
- PhD governance committee (2023-present)
- Strategic Plan Task Force (2018-2022)
- Teaching Task Force (2018-2022)
- EdL application review (2018-present)
- Salary, Promotions, and Tenure Committee (2016-present)
- Tenure Track Faculty Annual Performance Reviews (2013-present)

- Faculty Council chair (2017-2019)
- Ad Hoc Awards Committee (2017-2019)
- Centennial Celebration Committee (2017-2019)
- Rossier magazine editorial board (2016-2019)
- EdL Governance Committee (2015-2019)
- Quantitative working group lead organizer (2013-2019)
- Assistant Dean for Research hiring committee (2018)
- Kickoff Planning Committee (2017)
- K-12 tenure-track hiring committee (2017)
- RTPC faculty review (2017)
- Diversity Task Force (2016-2017)
 - "Urban Education" definition planning committee (2017)
- Faculty Council co-chair (2016-2017)
- Rossier Research Lecture Series lead organizer (2014-2016)
- Faculty Council EDL Curriculum Review working group (2014-15)
- Ph.D. Dissertation of the Year review committee (2014)
- Ph.D. Alumni Survey subcommittee (2014)
- Mentoring committee (2012-2015)
- Hybrid High evaluation committee (2012-2013)
- Ph.D. Quantitative Methods subcommittee (2012-2013)
- Weintraub Faculty Prize selection committee (2011)

Expert Testimony

- Missouri Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2023)

Postdoctoral Scholars Advised

- Tiffany Wu (2025-present)
- Daniel Silver (2022-2023)
- Shira Haderlein (2020-2021)
- Michael Lawson (2019-2021)
- Rachel White (2017-2018)
- Jessica Rodrigues (2017-2019)

Ph.D. Students Advised

- Junmin Byon (2024-present)
- Nicolas Pardo (co-advised with Adam Kho, 2024-present)
- Glenda Palacios Quejada (co-advised with Pedro Noguera, 2024-present)
- Salomé Otero Gutierrez (co-advised with Julie Posselt, 2024-present)
- Jacob Scollan-Rowley (2023-present)
- Isabel Clay (2020-present)
- Michael Fienberg (co-advised with Adam Kho, 2024)
- Daniel Silver (2022)
- Sarah Rabovsky (2021-present)
- Martin Gamboa (2021)
- Paul Bruno (co-advised with Katharine Strunk, 2020)
- Shira Haderlein (2020)
- Tenice Hardaway (2018)
- Shauna Campbell (2018)
- Nan Zhou (2018)
- Tien Le (2017)

- Stephani Wrabel (2016)
- Matt Duque (co-advised with Dominic Brewer, 2014)

Ph.D. Dissertation and Qualifying Exam Committees

- Isabel Clay, QE & dissertation (chair, 2026)
- Sarah Rabovsky, QE & dissertation (chair, 2025)
- Glenda Palacios Quejada, QE & dissertation (2025)
- Tong Tong (2025)
- Weilin Wang [Hong Kong University], dissertation (2024)
- Laurel Kruke, QE (2023)
- Karen Romero, QE (2023)
- Michael Fienberg, QE & dissertation (chair, 2023-24)
- Anamely Salgado, QE (2022)
- Daniel Silver, QE & dissertation (chair, 2021-22)
- Joe Kazemi [CUNY], dissertation (2021)
- Martin Gamboa, QE & dissertation (chair, 2021)
- Tasmin Dhaliwal, QE (chair, 2018)
- Shira Haderlein, QE & dissertation (chair, 2018-20)
- Paul Bruno, QE & dissertation (2018-20)
- Eddy Chi, QE & dissertation (2017-18)
- Liz Park, QE & dissertation (2017-18)
- Edward Cremata, QE & dissertation (2017-18)
- Shauna Campbell, QE & dissertation (chair, 2016-20)
- Sarfaraz Serang, QE & dissertation (2016-18)
- Tenice Hardaway, QE & dissertation (chair, 2016-18)
- Tiên Lê, QE & dissertation (chair, 2016-17)
- Nan Zhou, QE & dissertation (chair, 2016-17)
- Robert Danielson, QE (2016)
- Wanchanit Vongkulluksn, QE (2015)
- Daniel Almeida, QE (2015)
- Andrew LaFave, QE & dissertation (2015-16)
- Stephani Wrabel, QE & dissertation (chair, 2015-16)
- Richard Welsh, QE (2014)
- Elena Son, QE (2014)
- Kristen Fong, QE (2014)
- Danielle Williams, QE (2014)
- Holly Kosciwicz, QE (2014)
- Jenna Sablan, QE (2014)
- Andrea Bingham, QE & dissertation (2014-15)
- Shirley Parry, QE & dissertation (2014-15)
- Matt Duque, QE & dissertation (2013-14)
- Benjamin Heddy, QE & dissertation (2013-14)
- Andrew McEachin, QE (2011)

Ed.D. Dissertations (* = committee member only)

- Elizabeth Henderson (2025)
- Robert Kaufman (2025)*
- Zaneta Encarnacion (2025)*
- Alicia Sage (2025)*
- Adrienne Thomas (2024)

- Renee Walter-Akpan (2023)
- Stacy Nichols (2023)
- Shehnaz Wadhwanian (2023)
- Pete Bland (2023)
- Erik Lien (2023)
- Ray Franz (2023)
- Heidi Mickelsen (2023)
- David Keys (2023)
- Arielle Miller (2023)
- Preeti Raheja (2023)
- Zaia Vera (2023)
- Damon Rutledge (2022)
- Reham Ahmed (2022)
- Brandi Fletcher (2022)
- Sasha Reisisieh (2022)
- Shemena Shivers (2022)
- Yoselin Ventura (2022)
- Chris Brown (2022)
- Steven Spencer (2022)
- Sheree Claudio (2022)
- Jessie Garlinghouse (2022)
- Julie Reyes (2022)
- Ashley Sparks (2020)
- Jeremy Gerson (2020)
- Aime Black (2012)*
- Aaron Peralta (2012)*
- Alissa Levy (2012)*

Other Advising

- AEPF Mentor Match Event (2025)
- AEPF LGBTQ+ Mentoring Program (2024)
- AP Research Capstone (2021, 2023)
- USC Research Gateway Scholars Program (2017)

Affiliations

Fellow, USC Center for Economic and Social Research (2022-present)

Founder, The Answer Lab at USC Rossier, <https://theanswerlab.uscrossier.org/> (2018-2020)

Member, Scholars Strategy Network (2018-present)

Co-Director, USC Rossier School of Education Center on Education Policy, Equity and Governance (2017-2020)

Senior Fellow, Georgetown University Center on the Future of American Education (2016-2020)

Contributor, Brookings Institution *Evidence Speaks* (2016-2018)

Social Innovation Faculty Fellow, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy (2015-2022)

Research Affiliate, USC Center on Educational Governance (2010-2017)

Selected Consulting

PowerSchool PEER Center, Technical Working Group, 2025-present

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/NWEA, Technical Advisory Committee, 2024-present

Curriculum Associates, Research Advisory Committee, 2023-present

ProLiteracy, Survey design and analysis, 2023

Smarter Balanced, Alignment study research design, 2023

Center on Reinventing Public Education, Evaluation of Oakland SEEDS program, 2023

The Learning Partnership, Effects of computer science courses in Chicago and Milwaukee, 2023-2024

Center on Reinventing Public Education, Evidence Project & State of the Student, 2022-present

AchievementNet, Core and systems model measurement design, 2021

Los Angeles Education Partnership, Evaluation plan development, 2020-2021

Educators for Excellence, Voices from the (Virtual) Classroom: Los Angeles, 2020

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Learning Sciences and Research Advisory Board, 2019-2020

Thomas B. Fordham Institute, Are high school English teachers choosing high-quality supplemental materials?, 2019-2020

CORE Districts, Technical Advisory Group, 2018-2020

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, policy brief on curriculum effectiveness and how curriculum materials are related to student achievement, 2018

American Institutes for Research, Study of the alignment of NAEP with current generation state assessments based on college and career ready standards, 2017

Achieve, State Assessment Review Initiative Technical Advisory Committee, 2016-2020

Thomas B. Fordham Institute, Next generation assessments: Are they aligned to the Common Core?, 2014-2016

Spencer Foundation, Evaluating the quality of universal algebra learning, (Thad Domina, principal investigator), 2014-2017

Selected Media & Blogging

Personal Blog

<http://www.morganpolikoff.com>

Selected Blogging and Podcasts

Polikoff, M. (2025, March 18). How have high schoolers fared in the aftermath of the pandemic? New evidence from CRPE Evidence Project grantees. *Center for Reinventing Public Education*. <https://crpe.org/how-have-high-schoolers-fared-in-the-aftermath-of-covid-new-evidence-from-crpe-evidence-project-grantees/>.

Polikoff, M. (2025, February 13). Education research is in the Trump administration's cross hairs. *Classroom Q&A with Larry Ferlazzo*. <https://www.edweek.org/resources/opinion-education-research-is-in-the-trump-administrations-cross-hairs/2025/02>.

Polikoff, M., Rapaport, A., & Fast, N. (2025, January 26). What do parents know about generative AI in schools? *Center for Reinventing Public Education*. <https://crpe.org/what-do-parents-know-about-generative-ai-in-schools/>.

Polikoff, M. (2024, May 24). Why aren't parents as worried as experts about COVID's effects on kids? (podcast). *NPR Academic Minute*. https://academicminute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/05-24-24-USC-Why-arent-parents-as-worried-as-experts-about-COVIDs-effects-on-kids.mp3?sc=siteplayer&aw_0_1st.playerid=siteplayer.

Covington, N., Saavedra, A., & Polikoff, M. (2024, April 20). How do Americans really feel about controversial topics in school? *Human Restoration Project* (podcast). <https://www.humanrestorationproject.org/podcasts/how-do-americans-really-feel-about-controversial-topics-in-school-w-anna-saavedra-and-morgan-polikoff>.

Saavedra, A., Polikoff, M., & Silver, D. (2024, March 26). Parents are not fully aware of, or concerned about, their children's school attendance. *Brown Center Chalkboard*. <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/parents-are-not-fully-aware-of-or-concerned-about-their-childrens-school-attendance/>.

Rapaport, A., & Polikoff, M. (2024, January 17). The 'Un-average': Not every child bounced back after COVID. *The Evidence Base*. <https://healthpolicy.usc.edu/evidence-base/every-child-bounced-back-covid/>.

Rotherham, A., & Polikoff, M. (2023, October 23). Morgan Polikoff is reading polls so you don't have to. *WonkyFolk* (podcast). <https://www.charterfolk.org/captivate-podcast/wonkyfolk-9/>.

Polikoff, M. (2023, April 6). Educators and research don't always speak the same language. Here's how to change that. *Classroom Q&A with Larry Ferlazzo*. <https://www.edweek.org/teaching-learning/opinion-educators-and-researchers-dont-always-speak-the-same-language-heres-how-to-change-that/2023/04>.

- Saavedra, A., Levinson, M., & Polikoff, M. (2022, October 20). Survey: Americans broadly support teaching about (most) controversial topics in the classroom. *Brown Center Chalkboard*. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2022/10/20/americans-broadly-support-teaching-about-most-controversial-topics-in-the-classroom/>.
- Polikoff, M., & Houston, D. M. (2022, September 6). Experts say kids are far behind after COVID; parents shrug. Why the disconnect? *The 74 Million*. <https://www.the74million.org/article/experts-say-kids-are-far-behind-after-covid-parents-shrug-why-the-disconnect/>.
- Silver, D., Saavedra, A., & Polikoff, M. (2022, August 16). Low parent interest in COVID-recovery interventions should worry educators and policymakers alike. *Brown Center Chalkboard*. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2022/08/16/low-parent-interest-in-covid-recovery-interventions-should-worry-educators-and-policymakers-alike/>.
- Polikoff, M. (2022, June 1). What the Florida CRT controversy means for the future of textbooks. *FutureEd*. <https://www.future-ed.org/what-the-florida-crt-controversy-means-for-the-future-of-textbooks/>.
- Saavedra, A., Rapaport, A., Polikoff, M., & Silver, D. (2021, December 16). Are fiery school-board meetings representative of all parents? *Brown Center Chalkboard*. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2021/12/16/are-fiery-school-board-meetings-representative-of-all-parents/>.
- Silver, D., & Polikoff, M. (2021, December 6). With students back in school, latest data finds parental support for state testing rebounding. *The 74 Million*. <https://www.the74million.org/article/silver-polikoff-with-students-back-in-school-latest-data-finds-parental-support-for-state-testing-rebounding/>.
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- Polikoff, M. (2021, July 28). Concerned about school inequality? Write more about local control. *Phi Delta Kappan The Grade*. <https://kappanonline.org/polikoff-concerned-about-equity-write-about-local-control-russo/>.
- Saavedra, A. & Polikoff, M. S. (2021, June 14). Tutoring, summer school, pods — survey finds parents aren't so thrilled about most K-12 COVID recovery solutions on the table. *The 74 Million*. <https://www.the74million.org/article/analysis-tutoring-summer-school-pods-survey-finds-parents-arent-so-thrilled-about-most-k-12-covid-recovery-solutions-on-the-table/>.
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