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- APPOINTMENTS Associate Professor of Economics and Education Policy, New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Professions (2011-present).
- Co-Interim Director, NYU Institute for Education and Social Policy (2016-present; Associate Director 2014-2016; affiliated faculty since 2005).
- Assistant Professor of Educational Economics, New York University (2005-2011).
- Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation (2005-2006).
- Assistant Professor of Economics, California State University, Sacramento (2003-2005).
- EDUCATION University of Maryland at College Park, Ph.D in Economics, 2003. (M.A., 1999)
Dissertation: “Four Decades of Change in U.S. Public Education: Essays on Teacher Quality and School Finance.” William N. Evans, chair.
Outstanding dissertation award, American Education Finance Association (now AEFPP), 2004.
- Wichita State University, BBA in Economics and Accounting, 1997 (*summa cum laude* and William H. Swett Prize for Efficiency, highest academic award for graduates).
- AFFILIATIONS Associated Faculty, NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service (2006-present).
- Affiliated Faculty, NYU Center for the Promotion of Research Involving Innovative Statistical Methodology (2011-present).
- Affiliated Faculty, NYU Population Center (2014-present).
- Visiting Scholar, Center for Education Policy Analysis, Stanford University (2012-13).
- JOURNAL ARTICLES **Corcoran, Sean P.** and Christine Baker-Smith(†). “Pathways to an Elite Education: Application, Admission, and Matriculation to New York City’s Specialized High Schools.” *Education Finance and Policy* (forthcoming).
(†) = graduate student
- Corcoran, Sean P.**, Brian Elbel, and Amy Ellen Schwartz. 2016. “The Effect of Breakfast in the Classroom on Obesity and Academic Performance: Evidence from New York City.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 35(3):509-532.
- Elbel, Brian, **Sean P. Corcoran**, and Amy Ellen Schwartz. 2016. “Neighborhoods, Schools and Obesity: The Potential for Place-Based Approaches to Reduce Childhood Obesity.” *PLoS ONE* 11(6). doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0157479

Corcoran, Sean P. and Jennifer L. Jennings. “The Gender Gap in Charter School Enrollment.” *Educational Policy* (forthcoming).

Corcoran, Sean P., Thomas Romer, and Howard Rosenthal. 2015. “Some Simple Tests of Rational Voting and Agenda Setting.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 3(2): 155-168.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Dan Goldhaber. 2013. “Value Added and its Uses: Where You Stand Depends on Where You Sit.” *Education Finance and Policy* 8(3): 418-434.

Leos-Urbel, Jacob(†), Amy Ellen Schwartz, Meryle Weinstein, and **Sean Corcoran**. 2013. “Not Just for Poor Kids: The Impact of Universal Free School Breakfast on Meal Participation and Student Outcomes.” *Economics of Education Review* 36: 88-107.

Corcoran, Sean P., Amy Ellen Schwartz, and Meryle Weinstein. 2012. “Training Your Own: The Impact of New York City’s Aspiring Principals Program on Achievement.” *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 34(2): 232-253.

Fairchild, Susan(†), Robert Tobias, **Sean Corcoran**, Christine Kovner, Maya Djukic(†), and Pedro Noguera. 2012. “White and Black Urban School Teachers’ Job Satisfaction: Does Relational Demography Matter?” *Urban Education* 47(1): 170-197.

Kovner, Christine, **Sean P. Corcoran**, and Carol Brewer. 2011. “Geographic Immobility of New Registered Nurses: Implications for Workforce Policy.” *Health Affairs* 30(12): 2293-2300.

Rosenberg, Marie-Claire, **Sean P. Corcoran**, Christine Kovner, and Carol Brewer. 2011. “Commuting to Work: RN Travel Time to Employment in Rural and Urban Areas.” *Policy, Politics, and Nursing Practice* 12(1): 46-54.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Christiana Stoddard. 2011. “Local Demand for School Choice: Evidence from the Washington Charter School Referenda.” *Education Finance and Policy* 6(3): 323-353.

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

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

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

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

UNDER
REVIEW

Corcoran, Sean P. and William N. Evans. “Income Inequality, the Median Voter, and the Support for Public Education.” Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Urban Economics*. NBER Working Paper #16097.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Jennifer L. Jennings. “Teacher Effectiveness on High- and Low-Stakes Tests.”

Romer, Thomas, **Sean P. Corcoran**, and Howard Rosenthal. “The Twilight of the Setter? Local School Finance in a Time of Institutional Change.” Revise and resubmit at *Economics and Politics*.

BOOK
CHAPTERS

Corcoran, Sean P. and Sarah A. Cordes(†). Forthcoming. “The Economics of School Choice.” In *Handbook of School Choice*, edited by Robert Fox and Nina Buchanan. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.

Corcoran, Sean P. 2016. “Section I Discussion: How do Educators Use Student Growth Measures in Practice?” In *Student Growth Measures in Policy and Practice: Intended and Unintended Consequences of High-Stakes Teacher Evaluations*, edited by Kimberly Kappler Hewitt and Audrey Amrein-Beardsley. Palgrave Macmillan.

Corcoran, Sean P. 2015. “Potential Pitfalls in the Use of Value-Added Data.” In *Making the Most of Multiple Measures: The Impacts and Challenges of Implementing Rigorous Teacher Evaluation Systems*, edited by Jason A. Grissom and Peter Youngs. New York: Teachers College Press.

Corcoran, Sean P., and William N. Evans. 2015. “Equity, Adequacy, and the Evolving State Role in Education Finance.” In *Handbook of Research in Education Finance and Policy*, 2nd edition, edited by Helen F. Ladd and Margaret E. Goertz. New York: Routledge.

Corcoran, Sean P., Sarah Cordes(†), and Amy Ellen Schwartz. 2014. “State Education Expenditures.” In *Sustaining the States: The Fiscal Viability of American State Governments*, edited by Katherine G. Willoughby and Marilyn Ruby. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Emilyn Ruble Whitesell(†). 2014. “Teacher Experience” and “Teacher Supply.” In *Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance*, edited by Dominic Brewer and Lawrence Picus. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Corcoran, Sean P. 2014. “Tiebout Sorting.” In *Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance*, edited by Dominic Brewer and Lawrence Picus. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Henry M. Levin. 2011. “School Choice and Competition in the New York City Schools.” In *Education Reform in New York City: Ambitious Change in the Nation’s Most Complex School System*, edited by Jennifer O’Day, Catherine Bitter, and Louis M. Gomez. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press.

Jennings, Jennifer L. and **Sean P. Corcoran**. 2011. “Beyond High Stakes: Teacher Effects on Multiple Educational Outcomes.” In *Understanding Teacher Effects*, edited by Sean Kelly. New York: Teachers College Press.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Jennifer L. Jennings. 2010. “Evaluation of Teachers Trained Through Different Routes to Certification.” In *Think Tank Research Quality: Lessons for Policy Makers, the Media, and the Public*, edited by K.G. Welner, P. Hinchey, A. Molnar, and D. Weitzman. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Lawrence Mishel. 2010. “How Much are Public School Teach-

ers Paid?” In *Think Tank Research Quality: Lessons for Policy Makers, the Media, and the Public*, edited by K.G. Welner, P. Hinchey, A. Molnar, and D. Weitzman. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

Corcoran, Sean P. 2009. “Human Capital Policy and the Quality of the Teacher Workforce.” In *Creating a New Teaching Profession*, edited by Jane Hannaway and Dan Goldhaber. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute Press.

Corcoran, Sean P. and William N. Evans. 2008. “The Role of Inequality in Teacher Quality.” In *Steady Gains and Stalled Progress: Inequality and the Black-White Test Score Gap*, edited by Katherine Magnuson and Jane Waldfogel. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

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

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

Corcoran, Sean P., William Evans, Jennifer Godwin, Sheila Murray, and Robert Schwab. 2004. “The Changing Distribution of Education Finance, 1972 - 1997.” In *Social Inequality*, edited by Kathryn M. Neckerman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

POLICY REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS **Corcoran, Sean P.** 2016. Review of *The School Choice Journey: School Vouchers and the Empowerment of Urban Families* by Patrick J. Wolf and Thomas Stewart. *Political Science Quarterly*, 131(1): 205-206.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Christine Baker-Smith(†). 2015. *Pathways to an Elite Education: Exploring Strategies to Diversify NYC’s Specialized High Schools*. New York: Institute for Education and Social Policy and Research Alliance for New York City Schools.

Corcoran, Sean P. 2014. “Review of *The Economic Benefits of New York City’s Public School Reforms, 2002-2013*.” Boulder, CO: National Education Policy Center.

Nathanson, Lori, **Sean P. Corcoran**, and Christine Baker-Smith(†). 2013. *High School Choice in New York City: A Report on the School Choices and Placements of Low-Achieving Students*. New York: Research Alliance for New York City Schools and Institute for Education and Social Policy.

Corcoran, Sean P. and Grace Pai(†). 2013. *Unlocking New York City’s High School Progress Reports*. New York: New Visions for Public Schools.

Baker, Bruce D. and **Sean P. Corcoran**. 2012. *The Stealth Inequities of School Funding: How State and Local School Finance Systems Perpetuate Inequitable Student Spending*. Washington, D.C.: Center for American Progress.

Institute for Education Sciences. 2012. *Learning from Recent Advances in Measuring Teacher Effectiveness*, contributing author.

New Jersey Department of Education. 2012. *Education Funding Report: February 23, 2012*. Submitted by Christopher D. Cerf, Acting Commissioner. Co-author and consultant.

Allegretto, Sylvia, **Sean P. Corcoran**, and Lawrence Mishel. 2011. "The Teaching Penalty: An Update Through 2010," Issue Brief #298. Washington D.C.: Economic Policy Institute.

Corcoran, Sean P. 2010. *Can Teachers be Evaluated by Their Students' Test Scores? Should They Be?* Education Policy for Action Series: Education Challenges Facing New York City. Annenberg Institute for School Reform, Brown University.

Jennings, Jennifer L. and **Sean P. Corcoran**. 2009. "Beware of Geeks Bearing Formulas: Reflections on Growth Models for Accountability." *Phi Delta Kappan* 90(9): 635-639.

Stoddard, Christiana and **Sean P. Corcoran**. 2008. "Charter Politics." *Education Next* 8(2): 72-78.

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

Allegretto, Sylvia, **Sean P. Corcoran**, and Lawrence Mishel. 2008. "Down and Out: Economists Assess the Teacher Pay Disadvantage." *California Public Employee Relations* 188: 13-21.

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

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

WORK IN
PROGRESS

Bitler, Marianne, **Sean P. Corcoran**, Thurston Domina, and Emily Penner(†). "Teacher Effects on Student Achievement and Height: A Cautionary Tale."

Corcoran, Sean P. "The Manhattan/Hunter Science High School: Impact of an Early College Science Program."

Corcoran, Sean P. and Sarah Cordes. "The Continuing Impact of Democracy Prep Public Schools."

Corcoran, Sean P., Lori Nathanson, and James Kemple. "The Impact of High School Choice on Mediators of Student Success."

Corcoran, Sean P., Amy Ellen Schwartz, and Leanna Stiefel. "Urban School Decentralization and Weighted Student Funding: Evidence from Houston."

RESEARCH
GRANTS

Smith Richardson Foundation, "Leveling the Playing Field for High School Choice Through Informational Tools: A Randomized Intervention Study," with Jennifer Jennings, Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj and Sarah Cohodes. July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018 (\$249,424).

Spencer Foundation, "Leveling the Playing Field for High School Choice through

Decision Supports: A Randomized Intervention Study,” with Jennifer Jennings, Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj and Sarah Cohodes. October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 (\$45,000).

William T. Grant Foundation, “Leveling the Playing Field for High School Choice through Decision Supports: A Randomized Intervention Study,” with Jennifer Jennings, Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj and Sarah Cohodes. June 15, 2015 - May 31, 2018 (\$447,671).

Spencer Foundation, “Informed Choice, Informing Choice: A Pilot Study of Randomized Decision Supports,” with Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj. July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 (\$48,520).

Heckscher Foundation for Children, “Leveling the Playing Field for High School Choice in NYC through Decision Supports,” with Jennifer Jennings, Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj and Sarah Cohodes. June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2015 (\$65,753).

Democracy Prep Public Schools, “The Impact of the Democracy Prep Charter School Model on Academic Achievement and Civic Engagement: Evidence from Start-Up and Takeover Schools,” June 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015 (\$100,000).

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, subcontract under “Human Capital Interventions across Childhood and Adolescence,” Greg Duncan, principal investigator. Summer 2014 and 2015 (\$25,496).

Hunter College Foundation, “Impact Analysis of Manhattan Hunter Science High School.” March - June, 2014 (\$15,000).

NYU Institute for Human Development and Social Change, “Decision Supports for High School Choice: Piloting a Set of Randomized Interventions,” with Jennifer Jennings. February 2014 - January 2015 (\$15,000).

NYU Steinhardt, “Pathways to an Elite Education: Application, Admission, and Matriculation to New York City’s Specialized High Schools.” September 2013 - August 2014 (\$5,000).

New York Community Trust, “High School Choice in New York City: A Report on the School Choices and Placements of Academically At-Risk Students,” with Lori Nathanson. January 2012 - December 2012 (\$56,343).

National Institutes of Health, “How Does School Food Policy Shape the Health, Fitness, and Academic Outcomes of School Children?” with Amy Ellen Schwartz, Leanna Stiefel, and Beth Dixon. April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2015 (\$1.3 million; impact/priority score 20, 7th percentile).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, “The Future of the Nursing Workforce: What Nursing Workforce Research Can Learn from Teaching and Other Professional Labor Markets.” November 2009 - November 2010 (\$19,877).

Economic Policy Institute, “The Impact of Performance Pay on the Long-Run Quality of Teachers,” February 1, 2009 - July 31, 2009 (\$8,230).

NYC Leadership Academy, “Assessing the Impact of the Aspiring Principals Program on Student Success” with Amy Ellen Schwartz and Meryle Weinstein. November 1, 2008 - November 30, 2009 and March 1, 2010 - August 31, 2010. (\$120,000)

NYU Steinhardt, “The Impact of Ending Mandatory Busing on Students, Schools, and Communities: Evidence from Wichita, Kansas,” with Jeffrey Livingston. September 2008 - June 2009 (\$31,710).

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

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

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

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

CSU–Sacramento, “Segregation and the Black-White Birth Weight Gap,” Summer 2004 (\$9,250).

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) (2008-2011).
Board of Directors, National Education Association Foundation (2013-present).
Editorial Board, *Education Finance and Policy* (2009-present).
Editorial Board, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (2011-present).
Editorial Board, *American Educational Research Journal* (2016-present).
Principal Member, Institute for Education Sciences (IES) Education Systems and
Broad Reform Education Research Scientific Review Panel (2016-2018).
National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Program
Selection Committee (2016-present).
Research Committee, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
(CAEP) (2013-2015).
NCES Schools and Staffing Survey Technical Review Panel (2013).
Fellow, National Education Policy Center, University of Colorado (2007-present).
Research Associate, Economic Policy Institute (2004-present).
Editorial Advisory Board, *Lahore Journal of Economics*, Pakistan.
High School Application Advisory Committee, Feerick Center for Social Justice,
Fordham University Law School (2013-present).
Member: American Economic Association (AEA), Association for Public Policy and
Management (APPAM), Association for Education Finance and Policy
(AEFP), American Educational Research Association (AERA), Society
for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE).

Reviewer:

American Economic Review	Contemporary Economic Policy
American Educational Research Journal	Economics of Education Review
AERA Open	Education Economics
American Journal of Education	Education Finance and Policy
American Journal of Evaluation	Education Next
B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy	Educational Administration Quarterly
	Educational Assessment

Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis	Sociological Inquiry
Educational Policy	Sociology of Education
Educational Researcher	Stanford University Press
Economic Development and Cultural Change	Statistics, Politics, and Policy
Frontiers of Education in China	Teachers College Press
Intl Perspectives on Education and Society	Teachers College Record
Journal of Education Policy	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
Journal of Human Resources	Economic and Social Research Council (UK)
Journal of Law and Economics	Educational Testing Service
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (Portugal)
Journal of Public Economics	Institute for Education Sciences
Journal of Rural Health	National Education Policy Center
Journal of School Choice	National Science Foundation
Journal of Urban Economics	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
Lahore Journal of Economics	Public Policy Institute of California
National Tax Journal	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Public Administration Review	Russell Sage Foundation
Public Budgeting & Finance	School Finance Redesign Project
Public Finance and Management	Smith Richardson Foundation
Public Finance Review	Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Outstanding Reviewer Award by the American Education Research Association for *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 2011.

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS
(SELECTED)

Classical Liberal Institute at NYU School of Law, “Improving Access to Quality Schools in New York City: The Promises and Challenges of Universal School Choice.” April 5, 2016.

Panelist, “Symposium on Postsecondary Institution Rating System,” Institute for Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, February 6, 2014.

Panelist, “Using Value-Added Modeling for Measuring Educator Effectiveness,” National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME), April 29, 2013.

Panelist, “Learning from Recent Advances in Measuring Teacher Effectiveness,” Institute for Education Sciences, August 9, 2012.

Featured speaker, “Getting Value out of Value-Added: Measuring Teacher Effectiveness for Policy and Practice,” New York State Council of State Superintendents Fall Leadership Summit, Saratoga Springs, NY, September 2011.

Featured speaker, “Getting Value out of Value-Added: Measuring Teacher Effectiveness for Policy and Practice,” New York State School Boards Association, Convention and Education Expo, Buffalo, NY, October 2011.

Featured speaker, “High Stakes Decisions: How NYC’s Students Have Fared Under High School Choice,” Center for New York City Affairs, The New School, April 2011.

Panelist, “Education and Merit Pay: Evaluating Teachers and Teaching Effectiveness,”

Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs, Princeton, NJ, March 2011.

Panelist, “Standardized Tests and Teacher Accountability: The Research,” Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ, January 2011.

Featured speaker, “Performance-Based Pay and Value-Added Assessment: What We Know...and Don’t,” NEA Alternative Compensation Summit, Washington, D.C., January 2010.

TEACHING

New York University: Economics of Education, Applied Statistics: Using Large Databases in Education Research, Financing Schools: Equity and Adequacy in Public Education, Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences (I-II).

CSU-Sacramento: Applied Econometrics (undergraduate and masters level), Public Finance, Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis.

Catholic University of America: Principles of Macroeconomics.

University of Maryland: Short courses on Stata and SAS (doctoral), Intermediate Microeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate). Departmental Teaching Prize, Fall 2001.

Other: Short course on causal inference and instrumental variables, Ford Foundation Summer Workshop on Quantitative Methodology for Higher Education, Columbia University.

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