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Curriculum Vitae

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Appointments

- 2013– **Assistant Professor of Applied Statistics**, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2015– **Faculty-at-Large**, Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY.

Education

- 2013 **PhD, Educational Psychology, Quantitative Methods**, Univ of Wisconsin–Madison.
Dissertation committee: Jee-Seon Kim (Sponsor), Peter M. Steiner, and David Kaplan
- 2010 **MS, Educational Psychology, Quantitative Methods**, Univ of Wisconsin–Madison.
- 2002 **MA, Mathematics**, Binghamton University, State University of NY.
- 2002 **MAT, Mathematics (grades 8 – 12)**, Binghamton University, State University of NY.
- 2000 **BS, Mathematics (cum laude)**, Binghamton University, State University of NY.

Publications (*student; †equal contribution)

In Preparation

- Keller, B. (In Preparation). The Six-Arm Within-Study Replication: Design, Results, and Implications.
- Liu, R. & Keller, B. (In Preparation). The Role of Factor Analytic Methods in Controlling for Confounding with Latent Predictors.
- Zhang, T. & Keller, B. (In Preparation). Estimation of Treatment Effect Heterogeneity in Educational Settings: Simulation Results and Implications.
- Tsai, L., Keller, B., *Liu, R., Seth, K., Tabassum, S., & Meenai, Z. (In Preparation). Assessing a workforce development program for women receiving human trafficking-specific services in India.

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

- Keller, B. (2020). Variable Selection for Causal Effect Estimation: Conditional Random Forest Variable Importance Under Permutation. *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, 45: 119–142. (link)
- Keller, B., Chen, J., & *Zhang, T. (2019) Heterogeneous Subgroup Identification with Observational Data: A Case Study Based on the National Study of Learning Mindsets. *Observational Studies*, 5: 93–104. (link)
- †Chen, J. & †Keller, B. (2019). Heterogeneous Subgroup Identification in Observational Studies. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 12: 578–596. (link)

Schwinn, T. M., Schinke, S. P., Hopkins, J. E., **Keller, B.** (2019). Two- and Three-Year Follow-Up from a Gender-Specific, Web-Based Drug Abuse Prevention Program for Adolescent Girls. *Addictive Behaviors*, 93: 86–92. (link)

*Jiang, Y., Clarke-Midura, J., **Keller, B.**, Baker, R. S., Paquette, L., & Ocumpaugh, J. (2018) Note-Taking and Science Inquiry in an Open-ended Learning Environment. *Journal of Contemporary Educational Psychology*, 55: 12–29. (link)

*McCullough, A. K., **Keller, B.**, Qiud, S., & Ewing Garber, C. (2018). Analysis of accelerometer-derived interpersonal spatial proximities: A calibration, simulation, and validation study. *Measurement in Physical Education and Exercise Science*, 22: 275–286. (link)

Schwinn, T. M., Schinke, S. P., Hopkins, J. E., **Keller, B.**, & *Liu, X. (2018). An online drug abuse prevention program for adolescent girls: Posttest and 1-year outcomes. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 47: 490–500. (link)

*Bazaldua, D. A. L., Lee, Y.-S., **Keller, B.**, & *Fellers, L. (2017). Assessing the Performance of Classical Test Theory Item Discrimination Estimators in Monte Carlo Simulations. *Asia Pacific Education Review*, 18: 585–598. (link)

Keller, B. & Tipton, E. (2016). Propensity score analysis in R: A software review. *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, 41: 326–348. (link)

*Weishaar, T., Rajan, S., **Keller, B.** (2016). Probability of vitamin D deficiency by body weight and race-ethnicity. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*, 29: 226–232. (link)

Rajan, S., *Weishaar, T., **Keller, B.** (2016). Weight and skin color as predictors of vitamin D status: Results of an epidemiological investigation using nationally representative data. *Public Health Nutrition*, 12: 1–8. (link)

Keller, B., Kim, J.-S., & Steiner, P. M. (2013). Data mining alternatives to logistic regression for propensity score estimation: Neural networks and support vector machines. *Multivariate Behavioral Research*, 48, 164–164 (Abstract). (link)

Keller, B. (2012). Detecting treatment effects with small samples: The power of some tests under the randomization model. *Psychometrika*, 77, 324–338. (link)

Kaplan, D. & **Keller, B.** (2011). A note on cluster effects in latent class analysis. *Structural Equation Modeling*, 18, 525–536. (link)

Book Chapters

*Jiang, Y., Clarke-Midura, J., Baker, R. S., Paquette, L. & **Keller, B.** (2018). How immersive virtual environments foster self-regulated learning. In Zheng, R. (Ed.), *Digital Technologies and Instructional Design for Personalized Learning*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Keller, B., Kim, J.-S., & Steiner, P. M. (2015). Neural networks for propensity score estimation: Simulation results and recommendations. In L. A. van der Ark, D. M. Bolt, S.-M. Chow, J. A. Douglas, & W.-C. Wang (Eds.), *Quantitative psychology research*. New York, NY: Springer. (link)

Kim, J.-S., Anderson, C. J., & **Keller, B.** (2014). Multilevel analysis of large-scale assessment data. In L. Rutkowski, M. von Davier, & D. Rutkowski (Eds.), *A handbook of international large-scale assessment: Background, technical issues, and methods of data analysis*. London: Chapman Hall/CRC Press. (link)

Anderson, C. J., Kim, J.-S., & **Keller, B.** (2014). Modeling multilevel categorical response

variables. In L. Rutkowski, M. von Davier, & D. Rutkowski (Eds.), *A handbook of international large-scale assessment: Background, technical issues, and methods of data analysis*. London: Chapman Hall/CRC Press. (link)

Grant Applications

Funded

Wong, V. C., **Keller, B.** & Steiner, P. M. (2020; Funded). Decomposing Preference, Selection, and Conditional Average Treatment Effects: The Six-Arm Within-Study Comparison. Total budget: \$30,000. The Bankard Fund for Political Economy at the University of Virginia. Role: Co-Investigator.

Meier, E. (2020; Awarded – To Be Funded). Systemic Transformation of Inquiry Learning Environments (STILE) for STEM 3.0. Total budget: \$3,000,000. National Science Foundation. Role: Co-Investigator.

Keller, B. (2020; Awarded – To Be Funded). Assessment and Demonstration of Methods for Estimating Heterogeneous Treatment Effects with Large-Scale Observational Data. Total budget: \$25,000. AERA/NSF Research Grant. Role: PI.

Keller, B. (2019; Funded). The Community College Compass: Mapping a Guided Pathway into Geosciences. Total budget: \$49,918. National Science Foundation – Undergraduate STEM Education: Pathways into Geoscience. Role: PI for External Evaluation (Subaward). Prime Contractor: Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University.

Keller, B. (2018; Funded). Evaluating Causal Effect Estimators: A New Within-Study Comparison. Total budget: \$9,083.33. 2017-2018 Teachers College Dean's Competitive Grant for Pre-Tenured Faculty. Role, PI.

Schwinn, T., Marshal, M, Schinke, S. (2018; Funded). Preventing Drug Abuse among Sexual-Minority Youth. Total budget: \$3,937,810. National Institute on Drug Abuse. Role: Statistician.

Tipton, B., Johnson, M. S. & **Keller, B.** (2016; Funded). Teaching Assistants and Multiple Lab Sections: A New Model for Improving Student Outcomes in Core Statistics Courses. Total budget: \$20,000. Teachers College Provost Investment Fund. Role: Co-Investigator.

Johnson, M. S., Tipton, B., & **Keller, B.** (2014; Funded). Exploring "Twinned" Certificate Programs between EPSA and MEAS. Total budget: \$20,000. Teachers College Provost Investment Fund. Role: Co-Investigator.

Under Review & Unfunded

Corter, J. & **Keller, B.** (2018; Not funded). IGE: Diagnostic Assessment and individualized instruction in graduate applied statistics courses for the social sciences. Total budget: \$459,594. Submitted September 2018 to NSF Innovations in Graduate Education Program. Role: Co-Investigator.

Keller, B. (2018; Not funded). Effect Heterogeneity in National Large-Scale Data Sets: Detection and Estimation. Total budget: \$25,000. Submitted October 2018 to AERA Grants Program. Role: Primary Investigator.

Lang, C. & **Keller, B.** (2018; Not Funded). A Scalable Course in the Python Programming Language for Teachers College. Total budget: \$20,000. Teachers College Provost Investment Fund. Role: Co-Investigator.

Geliebter, A. S. (2018; Not Funded) Predicting Bariatric Surgery Outcome from Neuroimaging, Eating Behavior, and Cognition. Total budget: \$474,676. Submitted to NIH. Role: Statistician.

Poghosyan, L., Westaby, J., and **Keller, B.** (2016; Not Funded). Configurations of Teams in Medical Homes and their Impacts on Outcomes. Total budget: \$1,638,647. Submitted June 2016 to the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality. Role: Co-Investigator.

Keller, B., Pacquette, L. and Baker, R. (2015; Not Funded). Unsupervised Learning for Cross-System Transfer of Digital Student Behavior Models. Submitted August 2015 to the National Science Foundation, Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics Program. Role: Primary Investigator.

Conference Presentations (*student)

*Lu, R. & **Keller, B.** (2020, April, canceled due to COVID19). *The Role of Factor Analytic Techniques in Controlling for Confounding*, in invited session "When Measurement Meets Causal Inference: Making Both Count" with discussion by Dan McCaffrey. To be presented at the 2020 Meeting of the National Council on Measurement in Education, San Francisco, CA.

*Zhang, T. & **Keller, B.** (2020, March, canceled due to COVID19). *Estimating Treatment Effect Variation with Multilevel Data: Learning from the ECLS*. Submitted for the 2020 Meeting of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC.

Keller, B. (2019, November). *The Six-Arm Design Replication Study*, in invited session "Issues and Evidence in within-Study Comparisons". Presented at the 2019 Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Denver, CO.

Keller, B. (2019, October). *Covariate Selection for Causal Inference based on Nonparametric Conditional Independence Testing with Random Forests*. Presented at the 2019 Fall Eastern Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Binghamton, NY.

Keller, B. (2019, July). *A Six-Arm Design Replication Study: Design, Results, and Implications*, in invited session "Developing the Methodological Foundations for Replication Sciences" with discussion by Larry Hedges and Jennifer Hill. Presented at the 2019 Joint Statistical Meeting, Denver, CO.

*Lu, R. & **Keller, B.** (2019, April), *Controlling for latent confounding by confirmatory factor analysis*. Presented at the American Educational Research Association, Toronto, Canada.

Keller, B. (2019, March). *Preliminary Results from A Six-Arm Design Replication Study*, in symposium "The Methodological Foundations of Replication Sciences" with discussion by Larry Hedges and Elizabeth Stuart. Presented at the 2019 Meeting of the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC.

*Lu, R. & **Keller, B.** (2018, July), *Covariate Selection for High Dimensional and Small Sample Size Causal Inference*. Presented at the International meeting of Psychometric Society, New York, NY.

Keller, B. (2018, May). *Permutation-Based Variable Selection with Random Forests*. Presented at the 2018 Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Keller, B., *Zhang, T., & Chen, J. (2018, May). *Heterogeneous Subgroup Identification with Observational Data*. Presented at the Workshop for Empirical Investigation of Methods for Heterogeneity, Pittsburgh, PA.

Keller, B. & *Hou, Z. (2018, April). *On the Standard Errors of Causal Effect Estimators After Variable Selection*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Division D, New York, NY.

Keller, B. & *Zhang, T. (2018, March). *A New Method for Variable Selection with Random Forests in a Conditional Independence Framework*. Presented at the 2018 Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Spring Conference, Washington, D. C.

Keller, B. & *Zhang, T. (2017, July). *CART-Based Methods for Variable Selection in a Conditional Independence Framework*. Presented at the 2017 International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Zurich, Switzerland.

Keller, B. & *Hou, Z. (2017, May). *Causal Inference After Model Selection: Simulation Results*. Presented at the Columbia University Causal Inference Conference, New York, NY.

Keller, B. (2017, May). *Causal Inference After Model Selection*. Presented at the 2017 Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, Chapel Hill, NC.

Keller, B. & *Hou, Z. (2017, March). *On the Standard Errors of Causal Effect Estimators After Variable Selection*. Presented at the 2017 Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Spring Conference, Washington, D. C.

Schwinn, T.M., Hopkins, J., Schinke, S., **Keller, B.**, *Liu, X. (2016, June) *A gender-specific, web-based intervention to prevent drug abuse among adolescent girls*. Presented at the 2016 Society for Prevention Research 24th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Keller, B. & Chen, J. (2016, May). *Covariate selection with observational data Simulation results and discussion*. Presented at the 2016 Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, New York, NY.

Chen, J. & **Keller, B.** (2016, April). *Investigating heterogeneous treatment effects in observational studies using propensity score matching and regression trees*. Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Division D, Washington, D. C.

Keller, B. & Chen, J. (2016, March). *Empirically driven variable selection for the estimation of causal effects with observational data*. Presented at the 2016 Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Spring Conference, Washington, D. C.

Keller, B., Swoboda, C. M., & *Liu, Xiang (2015, May). *On the predictive performance of data-mining methods with multi-level data*. Presented at the 2015 Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Keller, B. & *Han, Z. (2015, March). *A case study with *nn4pse*: An R package for propensity score estimation with neural networks*. Presented at the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Spring Conference, Washington, D. C.

Keller, B., Kim, J.-S., & Steiner, P. M. (2014, July). *Neural networks and random forests for propensity score estimation: A simulation study*. Presented at the 2014 International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Madison, WI.

Anderson, C. J., Kim, J.-S., & **Keller, B.** (2014, April). *Multilevel modeling of categorical variables from international large scale assessments*. Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the National Council for Measurement in Education, Philadelphia, PA.

Keller, B., Kim, J.-S., & Steiner, P. M. (2013, March). *Propensity score estimation with data mining techniques: Alternatives to logistic regression*. In P. M. Steiner (Chair), *Advances and Challenges in Propensity Score Matching*. Symposium at the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness Spring Conference, Washington, D. C.

Keller, B., Kim, J.-S., & Steiner, P. M. (2012, October). *Neural networks and support vector machines as alternatives to logistic regression for propensity score estimation: Why and when?*

Presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society for Multivariate Experimental Psychology, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Keller, B. (2012, July). *Randomization Tests: Why, When, and How?* Presented at the 75th International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Athens, GA.

Kaplan, D. & **Keller, B.** (2009, October). *Cluster effects in the latent class model.* Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for Multivariate Experimental Psychology, Salishan, Oregon.

Invited Presentations

Keller, B. (2019, October). Variable Selection for Causal Effect Estimation with Conditional Random Forest Variable Importance, Causal Inference Learning Group, Department of Biostatistics, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY

Keller, B. (2018, September). Detecting Heterogeneous Subgroup Effects with Observational Data: Results from a Monte Carlo Simulation and a Case Study with the ECLSK, Monday Seminar in Measurement and Statistics, Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Keller, B. (2015, October). Covariate Selection with Observational Data: Simulation Results and Discussion. PRIISM Seminar Series, New York University, New York, NY

Keller, B. (2015, March). Data-mining alternatives to (generalized) linear regression: Why and how? Department of Psychology Research Colloquium, Fordham University, New York, NY

Professional Service

Journal Reviewing

- Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science
- Evaluation Review
- Journal of Causal Inference
- Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics
- Journal of Educational Data Mining
- Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness
- Measurement in Physical Education and Exercise Science
- Multivariate Behavioral Research
- Pharmaceutical Statistics
- PLOS One
- Psychological Methods
- Research Synthesis Methods
- Statistics in Medicine
- Structural Equation Modeling: A Multidisciplinary Journal

Conference Reviewing

- AERA Division D, Atlantic Causal Inference, SREE Methods Section

Other

- Guest Co-Editor for a special topics issue of *Behaviormetrika*, 2020
- Member, IES Scientific Review Panel, FY 2020
- Member, NSF Review Panel, 2020

- Reviewer, Spencer Foundation, Lyle Spencer Research Awards program, 2019
- Reviewer, Flanders Research Foundation, Belgium, 2018
- Member, Organizing Committee, Atlantic Causal Inference Conference, 2016

University Service

2018–	Program Director, MS in Applied Statistics, Department of Human Development
2018–	Reviewer, Student Poster Session for Academic Festival
2015–2016	Member, Faculty Development Advisory Committee
2016–	Member, Dean's Grant Review Committee

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Service

Measurement, Evaluation, & Statistics

Year	Student	Program	Deg	Role
In progress	Nicholas Anderson	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Sponsor
	Rui Lu	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Sponsor
2019	Hedyeh Ahmadi	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Chair
	Yu Bai	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Second Reader
	Nayeon Yoo	Measurement & Evaluation	EdD	Second Reader
2018	Xinyu Ni	Measurement & Evaluation	EdD	Second Reader
2017	Bright Nsowaa	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Second Reader
2016	Lauren Fellers	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Third Reader
	Huacheng Li	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Second Reader
2015	Nicole DiCrecchio	Measurement & Evaluation	PhD	Second Reader

Other Programs

Year	Student	Program	Deg	Role	
In progress	Allison Faye	Interdisciplinary Studies	EdD	Third Reader/Chair	
	Kan Long	Clinical Psychology	PhD	Second Reader	
	Erin Reddick	Cognitive Science	PhD	Third Reader	
2020	Gregory Youdan	Movement Science	PhD	Second Reader/Chair	
	Lujain Al-Alamy	Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader	
	Josh Elmore	Organizational Psych	PhD	Third Reader	
	Jeremy Grant	School Psychology	PhD	Third Reader	
	Ceren Sönmez	Clinical Psychology	PhD	Third Reader	
	2019	Sun Young Ban	Mathematics Education	PhD	Fourth Reader
Heidi Banerjee		Applied Linguistics & TESOL	EdD	Fourth Reader	
Nirmaliz Colon-Acosta		Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader/Chair	
Amy Hachigan		Cognitive Science	PhD	Third Reader	
Kimberly Hinman		Counseling Psychology	PhD	Fourth Reader	
Marianna Lamnina		Cognitive Science	PhD	Third Reader	
David Lynch		Clinical Psychology	PhD	Third Reader	
Rina Seung Eun Park		Economics & Education	PhD	Fourth Reader	
Sinead Sant-Barket		Counseling Psychology	PhD	Second Reader/Chair	
Rebecca Semel		Counseling Psychology	PhD	Third Reader	
DaHee Shon		Social & Organizational Psych	PhD	Fourth Reader	
2018		Toi Sin Arvidsson	Developmental Psychology	PhD	Third Reader/Chair
		Melissa Cesarano	Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader
	Ahram Choi	Instructional Technology	EdD	Third Reader/Chair	
	Corinne Galgay	Counseling Psychology	PhD	Third Reader/Chair	
	Yang Jiang	Cognitive Science	PhD	Fourth Reader	
	Laura Malkiewich	Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader	
	Aston McCullough	Kinesiology	PhD	Second Reader	
Marissa Morin	Developmental Psychology	PhD	Second Reader		
Yuchen Shi	Cognitive Science	PhD	Third Reader/Chair		

	Melissa Zrada	Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader
2017	Leigh Boyd	Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader
	Vincent Bulone	Mathematics Education	EdD	Outside Reader
	Cheng-Ling Chen	Applied Linguistics & TESOL	EdD	Third Reader/Chair
	Chienwen Kao	Clinical Psychology	PhD	Second Reader
	Yang Liu	Cognitive Science	PhD	Second Reader
	Matteo Margaroli	Clinical Psychology	PhD	Second Reader
2016	Chun Hao Chang	Instructional Technology	EdD	Outside Reader
	Laura Guerra	Health Education	EdD	Third Reader/Chair
	Jacob Sawyer	Counseling Psychology	PhD	Outside Reader
2015	Jared Boyce	Educational Leadership	PhD	Outside Reader
	Adrienne Mercer	Health Education	EdD	Outside Reader
	Lia Papathomas	Developmental Psychology	PhD	Third Reader/Chair
2014	Jared Jax	Instructional Tech & Media	EdD	Outside Reader
	Nathaniel Olson	Music & Music Education	EdD	Outside Reader
	Julia Zavala	Developmental Psychology	PhD	Second Reader

Teaching

Teachers College, Columbia University

- 2014 – 2017 **HUDM 4125 - Statistical Inference**, Class sizes: 18, 57, 40, 18.
- 2014 – 2020 **HUDM 5026* - Intro to Data Analysis and Graphics in R**, Class sizes: 18, 19, 19, 24, 16, 67.
- 2014 – 2020 **HUDM 5123 - Linear Models and Experimental Design**, Class sizes: 32, 76, 77, 75, 43, 26, 45, 38.
- 2016 – 2019 **HUDM 5133 - Causal Inference and Program Evaluation**, Class sizes: 37, 20.
- 2018 – 2020 **HUDM 5150 - Capstone, Careers, and Communication**, Class sizes: 11, 15.
- 2014 – 2016 **HUDM 6026* - Computational Statistics**, Class sizes: 23, 40, 62.
- 2017 – 2017 **HUDM 6122 - Multivariate Analysis**, Class sizes: 36.

*Denotes a course I designed.

University of Wisconsin–Madison

- 2012 – 2013 **ED PSYCH 773 - Factor Analysis, Multidimensional Scaling and Cluster Analysis**.

Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin Independent School District, Austin, TX

- 2002 – 2007 **High School Math Teacher**.
- 2003 – 2007 **Founded and Directed AP Statistics Program**.
- 2005 – 2007 **Chair, Math Department**.

Binghamton University

- 2002 – 2002 **Calculus I**.
- 2001 – 2001 **Calculus II**.

Awards

- 2013 Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award in recognition of excellence in mentoring fellow students
- 2012 travel award recipient from the Society for Multivariate Experimental Psychology.
- 2012 recipient of the Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Honorable Mention Award for outstanding research in social studies.
- 2011-2012 recipient of the James B. and Susan Solie Patterson Graduate Student Scholarship.
- 2010 finalist (top four of more than thirty) for 2010 Best Poster Award, International Meeting of the Psychometric Society, Athens, GA.