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## EDUCATION

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- 2003 - present Ph.D Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University, Expected: August 2009  
*Dissertation Title: "The Distributional Consequences of Accountability Systems in Education and Medicine"*  
*Committee: Tom DiPrete (advisor), Sy Spilerman, Diane Vaughan, Aaron Pallas, Marta Tienda*
- 2003 Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in Education, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2000 B.A., Princeton University  
Major: Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, *cum laude*  
Certificate in Program in Teacher Preparation–NJ Social Studies Certification

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2009-11 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Postdoctoral Scholar, Harvard University
- 2011- Assistant Professor of Sociology, New York University

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Forthcoming Pallas, Aaron, & Jennifer L. Jennings. A Multiplex Theory of Urban Service Distribution: The Case of School Expenditures. *Urban Affairs Review*.
- Forthcoming Pallas, Aaron, & Jennifer L. Jennings. Cumulative Knowledge about Cumulative Advantage. *Swiss Journal of Sociology*.
- 2009 Jennings, Jennifer L., & Andrew A. Beveridge. How Does Test Exemption Affect Schools' and Students' Academic Performance? *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* 31: 153-175.
- 2008 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer. Learning to Label: Gender, Socialization, and High-Stakes Testing in Elementary School. *British Journal of Sociology of Education* 29: 149-160.
- 2007 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer & Andrew A. Beveridge. Who Counts for Accountability? High-Stakes Test Exemptions in a Large Urban School District. In A. Sadovnik, J. O'Day, G. Bohrnstedt, & K. Borman (Eds.), *No Child Left Behind and the Reduction of the Achievement Gap: Sociological Perspectives on Federal Education Policy*. Routledge.

- 2005 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer. Below the Bubble: “Educational Triage” and the Texas Accountability System. *American Educational Research Journal* 42: 231-268.

#### **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

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- Jennings, Jennifer L. School Choice or Schools’ Choice? Managing in an Era of Accountability. (Revise and resubmit at *Sociology of Education*)
- Jennings, Jennifer L., & Thomas A. DiPrete. Teacher Effects on Social/Behavioral Skills in Elementary School. (Revise and resubmit at *Sociology of Education*)
- Jennings, Jennifer L. The Social Structure of Competition in the Urban Educational Marketplace. (*Under review*)
- DiPrete, Thomas A., & Jennifer L. Jennings. Social/Behavioral Skills and the Gender Gap in Early Educational Achievement. (*Under review*)

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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- Jennings, Jennifer L., Andrew A. Beveridge, and Sean P. Corcoran. Teacher Effects on High and Low-Stakes Tests.
- Jennings, Jennifer L., and Aaron Pallas. Who Attends New York City’s New Small Schools?
- Corcoran, Sean. P., Jennifer L. Jennings, and Juli Simon Thomas. The Gender Gap in Charter School Enrollment.
- Jennings, Jennifer L., & Christopher C. Weiss. Gender, Friendship Networks, and Fighting in American High Schools.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2009 Jennings, Jennifer L. and Leonie Haimson. High School Discharges Revisited: Trends in New York City’s Discharge Rate, 2000-2007. Report released by the Public Advocate of the City of New York, April 30.
- 2009 Jennings, Jennifer L. and Sean P. Corcoran. Beware of Geeks Bearing Formulas: Reflections on Growth Models for School Accountability. *Phi Delta Kappan* 90: 635-639.
- 2009 Corcoran, Sean P. & Jennifer L. Jennings. Review of “An Evaluation of Teachers Trained Through Different Routes to Certification: Final Report.” Boulder and Tempe: Education and the Public Interest Center & Education Policy Research Unit.
- 2008 Pallas, Aaron M. & Jennifer L. Jennings. Educational Malpractice? Why School Progress Reports Deserve an “F,” *West Side Spirit*. October 23.

- 2008 Jennings, Jennifer L. & Sherman Dorn. The Proficiency Trap: New York City's Achievement Gap Revisited, *Teachers College Record*. October 8.
- 2007 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer. Closing the Measurement Gap: Why Risk Adjustment Could Work For Education, *Education Week*. October 29.
- 2007 Corcoran, Sean P., & Jennifer Booher-Jennings. When Race Matters, *Teachers College Record*. August 22.
- 2007 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer. Review of Michael Fullan, Turnaround Schools. *Journal of Educational Change*.
- 2006 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer. Rationing Education. *Washington Post*, October 5. (Reprinted in: *Akron Beacon Journal, Albany Times Union, Canton Repository, Capitol Times, Concord Monitor, Daily New Hampshire Gazette, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Honolulu Advertiser, North Carolina News and Observer, Salem Statesman Journal, Salt Lake Tribune*)
- 2006 Booher-Jennings, Jennifer. Rationing Education in an Era of Accountability. *Phi Delta Kappan* 87: 756-761.
- Reprinted in:
- 2006 Byrnes, M. *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Special Education*. McGraw Hill.
- 2007 *Current*. Journal of the Helen Dwight Reid Educational Foundation.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2009 American Education Research Association, "Charter Schools and the Gender Gap" (with S. Corcoran and J. Simon Thomas)
- 2009 American Education Research Association, "Who Attends New York City's New Small Schools?" (with A. Pallas)
- 2008 Notre Dame Center for Research on Educational Opportunity Fall Conference on Teacher Effects, "Beyond High-Stakes: Teacher Effects on Other Educational Outcomes"
- 2008 International Sociological Association, Research Committee on the Sociology of Education, "Teacher Effects on High and Low Stakes Tests" (with A. Beveridge & S. Corcoran)
- 2008 American Sociological Association, "The Social Structure of Competition in the Urban Educational Marketplace."
- 2008 American Sociological Association, "Social Development and the Gender Gap in Early Education." (with T. DiPrete)
- 2008 American Education Research Association, "Teacher Effects on High and Low Stakes Tests." (with A. Beveridge)
- 2008 American Education Research Association, "Individual and Organizational Responses to Accountability and Their Effects on Social Inequality."
- 2007 American Sociological Association, "A School's Choice? Managing in an Era of Accountability."
- 2007 American Sociological Association, "Teacher Effects on Academic and Social Outcomes in Elementary School." (with T. DiPrete)
- 2007 Invited presentation at Vassar College, "School Choice in New York City."

- 2007 American Education Research Association, "Does Gaming the System Affect Students' Academic Achievement?" (with A. Beveridge)
- 2007 Invited presentation at the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences Seminar, Columbia University, "Does Gaming the System Affect Students' Academic Achievement?" (with A. Beveridge)
- 2007 American Education Research Association, "Did Mayoral Control Affect the Distribution of School Expenditures in New York City?" (with A. Pallas)
- 2007 Sociology of Education Association, "Gender, Friendship Networks, and Fighting in American High Schools" (with C. Weiss)
- 2007 Eastern Sociological Society, "The Distribution of School Expenditures in New York City: Does Race Matter?" (with A. Pallas)
- 2006 American Sociological Association, "The Money Train: The Social Distribution of Expenditures in New York City Public Schools." (with A. Pallas)
- 2006 Invited presentation at the Institute for Education and Social Policy Seminar, New York University, "The Money Train: The Social Distribution of Expenditures in New York City Public Schools." (with A. Pallas)
- 2006 American Sociological Association, "Cumulative Knowledge About Cumulative Advantage." (with A. Pallas)
- 2006 American Education Research Association, "The Sociological Implications of Improbable Test Score Patterns in the Houston Independent School District" (with A. Beveridge)
- 2005 Invited Presentation at Yale University Seminar on Race and Education, "Below the Bubble: 'Educational Triage' and the Texas Accountability System."
- 2005 American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section conference on the No Child Left Behind Act, "The Strategic Use of Student Test Exemption in the Houston Independent School District." (with A. Beveridge)
- 2005 American Education Research Association, "High-Stakes Testing in Texas and the Student Social Order."
- 2004 American Sociological Association, "Responding to the Texas Accountability System: The Endangerment of Relational Trust."

## AWARDS

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- 2009 National Education Writers Association Awards for Education Reporting, 2nd place for *Education Week's* eduwonkette blog, Multimedia Category.
- 2008 Spencer Foundation Dissertation Grant
- 2008 Columbia University Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship
- 2007 American Educational Research Association/Institute of Education Sciences Dissertation Grant
- 2006 Inkeles Prize, Department of Sociology, Columbia University  
(annual award for excellence within the doctoral program)

- 2006, 2004 David Lee Stevenson Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association's Section on the Sociology of Education
- 2004 Below the Bubble: "Educational Triage" and the Texas Accountability System.
- 2006 A School's Choice? Managing in an Era of Accountability.
- 2003 Paul S. Lazarsfeld Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2002-03 Gates-Cambridge Scholarship  
*(fellowship for graduate study at the University of Cambridge, UK)*
- 2001 N.J. Education Commissioner's Distinguished Teacher-Candidate Award
- 1999 Harry S. Truman Scholarship

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### Teaching Assistant:

- 2005-06 Senior Research Seminar, Prof. Thomas DiPrete
- 2005 Sociology of Education, Prof. Vanessa Smith Morest
- 2004 Environmental Sociology, Prof. Dana Fisher

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2008 Conference Co-Organizer, "New Directions in Sociology in Honor of Herbert Gans"
- 2007-08 Coordinator, Department of Sociology First Year Graduate Student Proseminar
- 2006-07 Sociology Department Representative, Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Council
- 2004-05 Student Organizer, Institute for Social and Economic Policy Working Group on Non-Profit Organizations

### Reviewer:

*Advances in Life Course Research; American Sociological Review; Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis; Education Policy Analysis Archives; Educational Measurement: Issues and Practice; The Sociological Quarterly; Sociology of Education; Social Science Quarterly*

## REFERENCES

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