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Curriculum Vitae

The Pennsylvania State University
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Education

Ph D, University of Wisconsin, School of Education, Madison, WI, 2014.
Department: Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis
JD, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, 2012.
BA, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2006.
Concentration: Law, Letters, and Society

Professional Positions

Associate Professor, Education Policy Studies, The Pennsylvania State University.
State College, PA (August 2021-present).
Assistant Professor, Education Policy Studies, The Pennsylvania State University.
State College, PA (August 2015-August 2021).
Affiliate Faculty, Penn State Law, The Pennsylvania State University.
State College, PA (August 2015-present).
School Administration Consultant, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.
Madison, WI (December 2014 - June 2015).
Instructor of Public School Law, University of Wisconsin.
Madison, WI (September 2013 - May 2014).
Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin.
Madison, WI (May 2010 - August 2013).
Law Clerk, Disability Rights Wisconsin.
Madison, WI (June 2010 - May 2011).

Awards and Honors

Dissertation of the Year, Education Law Association. (November 2015).
Emerging Scholar, American Educational Research Association, Law and Education Special
Interest Group. (April 2014).

RESEARCH

Intellectual Contributions

Articles

Lewis, M.M. & Muñiz, R. (Under Review). A Call for Research on the Role of Legal Counsel in
Promoting (In)Equitable Educational Policies in a Hostile Sociopolitical Climate.

- Lewis, M.M, Modeste, M.E., & Johnson, R.M. (Revise & Resubmit). The Rise of the School District Chief Equity Officer: Moving beyond Mimetic Isomorphism and Promoting Anti-racist Systemic Change. *Educational Administration Quarterly*.
- McQuillan, M., Eckes, S.E., Lewis, M.M. (In Press). A Solution in Search of Problem: Justice Demands More for Trans Student-Athletes to Fulfill the Promise of Title IX. *Marquette Sports Law Review*.
- Lewis, M.M, Muñiz, R., & Miller, V. (In Press). The Politicization of Education Law and the Implications for Re-envisioning the Law School Curriculum for Racial Justice. *Rutgers Race and the Law Review*.
- Muñiz, R., Lewis M.M., Tumer, T., & Kane, E. (In Press). The Story of DACA as Told by “Friends of the Court”: A Critical Policy Analysis. *American Journal of Education*.
- Muñiz, R., Lewis M.M., Cavanaugh, G., & Woolsey, M. (In Press). The Social Context of the Law: A Critical Analysis of Reliance Interests in the Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California. *Southern California Law Review*.
- Gopalan, M. & Lewis, M.M. (2022, Online First). K-12 Civil Rights Complaints: A Nationwide Analysis. *Educational Researcher*. <https://doi.org/10.3102/0013189X221130056>.
- Lewis, M. M., Burke, M., & Decker, J. R. (2021). The Relation between the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Special Education Research. *American Journal of Education*, 127 (3), 345-368.
- Lewis, M.M. & Kern S. (2020). An Examination of the Bidirectional Relationship between Federal Civil Rights Guidance and Research. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 28(104), 1-40.
- Lewis, M. M., & Eckes, S. E. (2020). Storytelling, Leadership, and the Law: Using Amicus Briefs to Understand the Impact of School District Policies and Practices Related to Transgender Student Inclusion. *Educational Administration Quarterly*, 56(1), 46-88.
- Lewis, M.M. & Bray L. (2019). A Call for Amicus Briefs as a Means to Influence Special Education Policy: Lessons Learned from Andrew F. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 30(3), 131-137.
- Lewis, M. M., Garces, L. M., & Frankenberg, E. (2019). A Comprehensive and Practical Approach to Policy Guidance: The Office for Civil Rights’ Role in Education during the Obama Administration. *Educational Researcher*, 48(1), 51-60.
- Lewis, M. M., & Kern, S. (2018). Using Education Law as a Tool to Empower Social Justice Leaders to Promote LGBTQ Inclusion. *Educational Administration Quarterly*, 54(5), 723-746.
- Lewis, M. M. (2018). Navigating the Grey Area: A School District’s Documentation of the Relationship between Disability and Misconduct. *Teachers College Record*, 20(10), 1-30.
- Lewis, M. M. (2017). Were the Student’s Actions a Manifestation of the Student’s Disability? The Need for Policy Change and Guidance. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 25(50), 1-24.

Lewis, M. M., Fetter-Harrott, A., Sun, J. C., & Eckes, S. E. (2017). Legal Issues Related to Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Public Schools. *Social Education*, 81(5), 316-322.

Lewis, M. M., Mead, J. F., & Hall, D. (2017). ALEC as a "Friend of the Court" in Education Cases. *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change*, 20(4), 305-339.

Mead, J. F., & Lewis, M. M. (2016). The Implications of the Use of Parental Choice as a Legal "Circuit Breaker." *American Educational Research Journal*, 53(1), 100-131.

Lewis, M. M. (2015). Student Rights, Dignity and Marriage Equality: How LGBTQ Case Law Can Inform Our Understanding of First Amendment Jurisprudence. *West's Education Law Reporter*, 323(1), 1-18.

Lewis, M. M. (2015). The Fourth Amendment in Schools: An Ambiguous Precedent and the Role that Gender Plays in Determining Reasonableness. *Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law and Social Policy*, 23, 1-19.

Lewis, M. M. (2014). School Discipline and the Fundamental Right to Education: The Constitutional Inadequacies of Wisconsin's Expulsion Laws. *Brigham Young Journal of Law and Education*, 2014(1), 41-69.

Books

Decker, J. R., Lewis, M. M., Shaver, E. A., Blankenship-Knox, A. E., & Paige, M. A. (Eds.) (2017). *The Principal's Legal Handbook*. Cleveland, OH: Education Law Association.

Book Chapters

Lewis, M. M., Muñiz, R., Garces, L. M. & Green, P. Educational Policy, Racial Equity, and the Courts (Forthcoming). The Courts. In Cohen-Vogel, L., Scott, J., & Youngs, P. (Eds). *Handbook of Education Policy Research*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Eckes, S.E., & Lewis, M.M. (2018). Legal Issues Related to Access and Inclusion for Transgender Students. In K.L. Bowman (Ed.) *Oxford Handbook of Education Law* (pp. 1-21). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Sughrue, J., Lewis, M. M., & Alexander, M. D. (2017). Abating Discriminatory and Exclusionary Discipline Practices. In Decker, J. R., Lewis, M. M., Shaver, E. A., Blankenship-Knox, A. E., & Paige, M. A. (Eds.) *The Principal's Legal Handbook* (pp. A15-A42). Cleveland, OH: Education Law Association.

Other Works

Lewis, M.M. & Cattell, M.J., Jr. (2023, January). " Religion, Education, and the Supreme Court." *Principal Leadership*. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Lewis, M.M. & Johnson, A.R. (2022, November). "LGBTQ+ Students and the Curriculum." *Principal Leadership*. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Lewis, M.M. & Achampong, G. (2022, September). " 'Anti-CRT' and 'Divisive Concepts' Legislation: A Primer for Educators." *Principal Leadership*. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Eckes, S.E. & Lewis, M.M. (2020). "The Complex and Dynamic Legal Landscape of LGBTQ Student Rights." The Brookings Institution Brown Center Chalkboard.
<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2020/10/19/the-complex-and-dynamic-legal-landscape-of-lgbtq-student-rights/>

Eckes, S. E. & Lewis, M. M. (2019, April). "Rights to Privacy and Inclusive Restroom Policies for Transgender Students." *Principal Leadership*, 58-59. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Lewis, M. M., Walsh, M., & Eckes, S. E. (2016, April). "The Impact of the Marriage Equality Decision on Schools." *Principal Leadership*, 56-59. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Presentations

Muñiz, R., Lewis M.M., Hutcher, N. (April 2023). "Critical Use of Research: A Network Analysis Of Knowledge Brokers in DACA Policy Discourse," American Educational Research Association.

Lewis, M.M. & Achampong, G. (November 2022). "An Examination of Legislation, Litigation, and Policies that Implicate Racial Equity in Schools," Education Law Association, Hybrid Conference.

Muñiz, R. & Lewis M.M. (April 2021). "The Story of DACA as Told by "Friends of the Court": A Critical Policy Analysis," American Educational Research Association, Virtual Conference.

Muñiz, R., Nelson, S.L., Shaw, M.P., Wright, D., Lewis, M.M. (November 2020). "Social Justice and the Law," Education Law Association Annual Conference, Virtual Conference.

Lewis, M.M. & Eckes, S.E. (November 2020). "LGBTQ Issues in the Law and the Implications for Education Policy and Practice," Pennsylvania School Study Council Education Law Day, Virtual Conference.

Lewis, M. M. (April 2020). "School District Policies and Practices Related to Transgender Student Inclusion," American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA. (conference canceled).

Decker, J. & Lewis, M.M. (November 2019). "Ripe for Reauthorization: Implications for IDEA from Special Education Research," Education Law Association Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA.

Lewis, M.M. & Kern, S. (October 2019). "State-wide Policies and Practices related to Transgender Students," Pennsylvania Principals Conference, State College, PA.

Lewis M.M., & Kern S. (April 2019). "The Role of Research in Office for Civil Rights Guidance and Policy Documents," American Educational Research Association, Toronto, CA.

Lewis, M. M., & Kern, S. (November 2018). "An Examination of the Bidirectional Relationship between Federal Civil Rights Guidance and Research," Education Law Association Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH.

- Burke, M., Lewis, M. M., & Decker, J. R. (April 2018). "Research-to- Policy Gap: A Systemic Review of the Special Education Research," American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- Lewis, M.M. & Eckes, S. E. (November 2017) "Enacting Social Justice as a Friend of the Court: An Examination of G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board," University Council for Educational Administration Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Decker, J., Lewis, M.M, Shaver, E., Paige, M., Thompson Dorsey, D., McNeal, L., & Bathon, J. (November 2017). "Principal's Legal Handbook Panel: How Professors, Attorneys, and Practitioners Can Use New Edition to Increase Legal Literacy," Education Law Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Lewis, M.M., Kern, S. (April 2017). "Using Education Law as a Tool to Empower Social Justice Leaders to Promote LGBTQ Inclusion," American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Decker, J. R., Lewis, M. M., Burke, M., (November 2016). "Reauthorization of IDEA: Using Special Education Research to Inform Policy," Education Law Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Lewis, M. M., (November 2016). "Were the Student's Actions a Manifestation of His or Her Disability? Examples from Practice," University Council of Educational Administration, Detroit, MI.
- Lewis, M. M., Eckes, S. E., (November 2015). "LGBTQ Students and Teachers: Law, Policy and Ethics in P-16 Schools," Education Law Association Annual Conference, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Alter, G., Cruz, B., Bailey, R., Johns, D., Mayo, J.B., Meyer, E., Fowler, D., Morgenstern, M., Lewis, M. M., (November 2015). "LGBTQ Rights are Human Rights: Socially Responsible Approaches for Teachers," National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference.

Peer Reviewer of Grant Proposals, Manuscripts, Etc.

Manuscript Reviewer

- Journal of Higher Education*. Ad-hoc Reviewer. (November 2018 – Present).
- Educational Administration Quarterly*, Ad-hoc Reviewer. (May 2018 - Present).
- Educational Researcher*, Ad-hoc Reviewer. (July 2018 – Present).
- Educational Policy*, Ad-hoc Reviewer. (April 2017 – October 2017).
- American Journal of Education*, Ad-hoc Reviewer. (September 2015 - Present).
- Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, Ad-hoc Reviewer. (September 2015 - October 2015).
- Review of Educational Research*, Ad-hoc Reviewer. (July 2020 - Present).

Conference Proposal Reviewer

University Council for Educational Administration Annual Conference. (2017, 2018).

Education Law Association Annual Conference. (2017, 2021).

American Educational Research Association Annual Conference. (2017, 2020, 2022).

Projects, Grants, Commissions, and Contracts

Lewis, M. M., "Acting in the Absence of Federal Clarity: School District Policies and Practices Related to Transgender Student Inclusion," The National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship. (semifinalist, 2019).

Lewis, M., Research Initiation Grant, "The Impact of Civil Rights Complaints on Civil Rights Data," Pennsylvania State University College of Education. Total awarded: \$9,000.00. (funded: 2018 - 2019).

Lewis, M., Sponsored Research, Paul and Marjorie Price Family Endowment for Faculty Enhancement, Pennsylvania State University College of Education. Total awarded: \$3,454.78. (funded: 2017 - 2018).

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses

EDLDR 476 TEACHER AND THE LAW

EDLDR 530 LEADERSHIP FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY (FORMERLY LEADERSHIP FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION)

EDLDR 531 RESEARCH FOR EQUITY AND DIVERSITY

EDLDR 576 LAW AND EDUCATION

EDLDR 577 LAW AND ETHICS

EDLDR 565 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Advising

Dissertation Committees

Peppetti, M., "A policy analysis of State ESSA Plans and the Rural Implications." (completed November 2022, chair).

Muniz, R., "Promoting Socio-emotional Learning Opportunities in Upward Bound." (April 2017 - April 2018, completed, committee member).

Bennett, H., "A Tale of Three School Districts: Addressing De Facto Segregation in Montgomery County, PA." (July 2016 - August 2017, completed, committee member).

Barros, M. J., "The relationship between Principals' Distributed Leadership and Teacher Turnover in North Carolina School." (September 2016 - June 2017, completed, committee member).

Clemson, C., "A Comparison Study of Policies and Procedures Between Juvenile Justice Facilities and Public Schools." (May 2016, completed, committee member).

Cosner, S., "Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools: A Cross-Sector Collaboration Case Study." (May 2016, completed, committee member).

Master's Thesis Committees

Smith, M., "Andrew F. v. Douglas County School District Clarifies How Schools Provide Free Appropriate Public Education." (April 2017 – April 2018, completed, co-chair).

Worthington, S., "Gaps in the Armor: Predictors of Civil Rights Complaints in Pennsylvania's Elementary & Secondary Schools." (September 2015 - November 2016, completed, co-chair).

SERVICE AND THE SCHOLARSHIP OF SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, SOCIETY, AND THE PROFESSION

Service to the University

College

Committee Work

Field Experience Taskforce (February 2021-May 2021).

Human Subjects Advisory Meeting. (July 2020).

Graduate Studies and Research Policy Committee. (August 2018- August 2020).

Academic Integrity Committee. (January 2020).

Faculty Hiring Committee. (October 2017 - May 2018).
Educational Leadership Education Finance Search Committee.

Faculty Hiring Committee. (October 2016 - April 2017, August 2019 – May 2020).
Wayne K. and Anita Woolfolk Hoy Endowed Professorship of Education Search Committee.

Guest Lecture

(November 2019).

Guest lecture for pre-service teachers' social studies methods course.

Department

Administrative Support Work

Faculty Advisor for Joint Degree Programs with Penn State Law, Faculty Advisor. (January 2016 - Present).

Committee Work

Department Promotion and Tenure Committee. (August 2021- Present).

D.Ed. Committee. (April 2019 – Present).

Donald J. Willower Dissertation Award Committee. (January 2016 - Present).

Robert F. Nicely, Jr. and Donna C. Nicely Doctoral Student Research Fund in Education Award Committee. (January 2016- Present).

D.Ed. Restructuring Committee. (August 2016 - May 2017).

Guest Lecture

(June 2020).

Guest lecture for introductory pro-seminar course in the Educational Leadership program.

(February 2020).

Guest lecture for Higher Education Law course.

(September 2019).

Guest lecture for introductory pro-seminar course in the Educational Leadership program.

(October 2018).

Guest lecture for introductory pro-seminar course in the Educational Leadership program.

(October 2017).

Guest lecture for introductory pro-seminar course in the Educational Leadership program.

(October 2016).

Guest lecture for introductory pro-seminar course in the Educational Leadership program.

(February 2016).

Guest speaker for an undergraduate education policy course.

University

Committee Work

President's Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Queer Equity, Committee Member. (August 2016 - June 2018).

Penn State University Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity LGBTQA Scholarship Reviewer. (February 2019).

Service to the Disciplines and to the Profession

Professional Development for Graduate Students

Wisconsin Ideas In Education Series, University of Wisconsin, Panelist. (November 2016).

Guest Speaker in Doctoral Course, Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, University of Wisconsin. (April 2020).

Service to Public and Private Organizations

Board Member, Education Law Association. (November 2020- Present).

George Jay Joseph Writing Award Committee, Education Law Association. (Committee Member, 2017 – Present; Co-chair, 2020 – Present).

Webmaster, American Educational Research Association, Law and Education Special Interest Group. (August 2015 - April 2016).

Professional Memberships

American Educational Research Association. (2013 - Present).

Education Law Association. (2012 - Present).

University Council for Educational Administration. (2016 – Present).