



International School Choice and Reform Conference

2025 PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

5:00 PM | Registration Opens
Impressions Foyer

6:00 PM | Welcome Reception
Impressions Foyer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Breakfast
Infinity Ballroom

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Concurrent Session 1 Choices

Horizon I: The History of the School Choice Movement (Part 1)

Chair: James V. Shuls (University of Missouri–St. Louis)

Presenters: Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute) – Where Did Choice Go? 1880s to 1950s

Ron Matus (Step Up for Students) – The Progressive Push for School Choice

Matthew H. Lee (Kennesaw State University) – What Brought Choice Back?

Discussant: David T. Marshall (Auburn University)

Horizon II: Critical Conversation – Breaking Through Lines: The Impact of School Choice Assignment and Zoning on Education Opportunity

Organizer and Moderator: Lynn Swanson (yes. every kid. foundation.)

Participants: Jon England (Libertas Institute), Halli Faulkner (yes. every kid. foundation.)

Horizon III: Critical Conversation – School System Reform: Cross-Country Insights on Drivers of Student Achievement

Organizer and Moderator: Carlos X. Lastra-Anadón (IE University), John Merrifield (Institute for Objective Policy Assessment)

Participants: David Hunt (Aristotle Foundation), Sebastián Carpentier (Universidad de Chile), Katharina Werner (CESifo University of Munich)

Silver: Identities, Ethics, and Rights

Chair: Marianna Davidovich (Foundation for Economic Education)

Presenters: John M. Kristof (EdChoice) – The Secret Identities of Choice Students: Uncovering Demographic Data of Private School Choice Program Participants

Alexandre Moreira (KU Leuven; European Law Association) – How to Defend School Choice in Education Using the Human Rights Framework

Connor K. Kianpour (Rhodes College) – Reconceiving Education: Applied Ethics and Educating Children

Royal: Rural and High School Charters

Chair: Christy Wolfe (National Alliance of Public Charter Schools)

Presenters: Abigail Burrola (St. Louis University), Lori L. Taylor (Texas A&M University), Timothy Gronberg (Texas A&M University) – Exploring Rural Voter Preferences for Charter Schools: Evidence From Missouri)

Dennis W. Jansen (Texas A&M University), Heidi H. Erickson (Brigham Young University) – Small Schools: Rural versus Charters)

Nathan Marshall (Brigham Young University) – Selective Factors Impacting Charter High School Enrollment

Justin Luu (American Institutes for Research), Sherrie Reed (University of California, Davis), Heather Rose (University of California, Davis) – Charter School Attendance and College Going Rates in California

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Concurrent Session 2 Choices

Horizon I: Critical Conversation – Education Freedom Tax Credits

Organizer and Moderator: William Mattox (James Madison Institute)

Participants: Matthew Ladner (Heritage Foundation), Craig DiSesa (Virginia Education Opportunity Alliance), Joel Grewe (Home School Legal Defense Association)

Horizon II: Critical Conversation – Imagining a Free Market in Education: Concepts, Accountability, and Barriers

Organizer and Moderator: Lynn Swanson (yes. every kid. foundation.)

Participants: Benjamin Scafidi (Kennesaw State University), Michael Q. McShane (EdChoice), Corey A. DeAngelis (American Culture Project), Michael P. Donnelly (Club for Growth)

Horizon III: Teachers and School Choice

Chair: Eric Wearne (Kennesaw State University)

Presenters: Sharon Masinelli (Valdosta State University) – Student Academic Outcomes in Accredited Georgia Hybrid Schools with a Focus on Hybrid School Characteristics

David T. Marshall (Auburn University), Matthew H. Lee (Kennesaw State University), John Thompson (Kennesaw State University), Eric Wearne (Kennesaw State University) – Understanding the Experiences of Former Traditional Public School Teachers Who Work in Micro and Hybrid Schools

Wajiha Saqib (University of Texas at Austin), Ashli Duncan (University of Texas at Austin) – Charter Schools and Teacher Retention: A Case Study

Silver: Success and Quality in Virtual Schools

Chair: Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas)

Presenters: Ian Kingsbury (Education Freedom Institute), David T. Marshall (Auburn University) – Virtual School Parents' Perceptions of Public School Accountability

Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas), Dennis Beck (University of Arkansas), Martha Bradley-Dorsey (Center for K12 Captivity Studies), Nathaniel Bork (University of Arkansas) – Do Cisgender Boys Still Fall Behind in Cyber Schools? Evidence from a Large CMO

Gaetano Francesco Coppeta (Politecnico di Milano), Tommaso Agasisti (Politecnico di Milano) – Productivity vs Quality: A Comparative Analysis of Public, Private, and Online Learning Universities in Italy

Angelica Pineda Franky (Emotional Education for All) – Emotional Education in a Virtual Learning Environment for Families in Latin America: Benefits and Experiences of The Emotions Club for Children Between 6 and 13 Years Old and Their Parents

Royal: Charter School Authorizations and Access

Chair: Timothy Weekes (San Francisco State University)

Presenters: Matthew Missias (Grand Valley State University), Courtney Stahl (Grand Valley State University), Jeff Maxwell (Grand Valley State University) – Authorizing with Whole System Regulatory Supports: Identifying and Supporting Charter Schools' Unique Needs in Meeting Contract Goals

Timothy Weekes (San Francisco State University) – A Legislative View of California Charter School History and Growth

Jamison White (National Alliance of Public Charter Schools), Sean Woytek (Basis Schools), Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas) – Academically Intensive Charter Schools: What We Know and What We Need to Know

12:15 – 1:45 | Lunch

Infinity Ballroom

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Concurrent Session 3 Choices

Horizon I: What Does It Mean to "Homeschool"? A Policy and Practice Discussion

Chair: Carlos Valiente (Oklahoma State University)

Presenters: Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas) – The Year-by-Year Primary and Secondary Education Histories of Homeschooled Individuals and the Implications for Empirical Homeschooling Research

Angela R. Watson (Johns Hopkins University) – The Spectrum of "Homeschool" Choice: Policy Convergence or Divergence?

Brian Ray (National Home Education Research Institute) – Defining Homeschooling and Why It Matters

Christy Batts (North Carolina State University), John M. Kristof (EdChoice), Kelsie Yohe (North Carolina State University) – That Percentage Safer: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Homeschool Parents' Perspectives of School Safety

Horizon II: The Fiscal Effects of School Choice

Chair: Lindsey M. Burke (Heritage Foundation)

Presenters: Martin F. Lueken (EdChoice) – The Fiscal Effects of School Choice

Benjamin Scafidi (Kennesaw State University) – The Fiscal Effects of Public School Enrollment Declines

Jonathan Butcher (Heritage Foundation), Benjamin Scafidi (Kennesaw State University) – The Fiscal Effects of Expanding Mississippi's Education Savings Accounts

Horizon III: COVID and the Evolving School Choice Landscape

Chair: David T. Marshall (Auburn University)

Presenters: Colyn Ritter (EdChoice), Alli Aldis (EdChoice), John M. Kristof (EdChoice) – A Deep Dive into *The ABC's of School Choice*

Eric Wearne (Kennesaw State University) – 2024 National Hybrid Schools Survey

Anna J. Egalite (North Carolina State University), Daniel H. Bowen (Texas A&M University), Brian Kisida (University of Missouri) – The Changing Faces of the School Choice Movement: How Applicants to North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship Program Changed During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic

Daion Daniels (University of Arkansas), Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas) – Education Freedom and COVID Learning Loss: Evidence from the NAEP

Silver: School Safety and School Ethics

Chair: Colleen Hroncich (Cato Institute)

Presenters: Joseph Bouchard (Carleton University), Garion Frankel (Texas A&M University) – Education Insecurity and School Choice in Bahia, Brazil

Martha Bradley-Dorsey (Center for K12 Captivity Studies) – Do We Need Policing in Schools, or Do We Need to Rethink School Captivity?

Joanna DeJong VanHof (Cardus) – Can We Call Them Credit Mills? Assessing the Legitimacy of Some Independent Schools in Ontario

Royal: Critical Conversation – Small is Scalable: How Small Schools & Spaces Are Making a Big Impact

Organizer and Moderator: Kerry McDonald (Foundation for Economic Freedom)

Participants: Shiren Rattigan (Colossal Academy), Toni Frallicciardi (Surf Skate Science), Iman Alleyne (Kind Academy), Tobin Slaven (Acton Academy, Fort Lauderdale)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Concurrent Session 4 Choices

Infinity Ballroom: Critical Conversation – Regulating Private Educational Choice

Organizer and Moderator: Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas)

Participants: Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas), Corey A. DeAngelis (American Culture Project), Nicole Stelle Garnett (University of Notre Dame), Harry A. Patrinos (University of Arkansas), Michael J. Petrilli (Thomas B. Fordham Institute), Robert Enlow (EdChoice)

Horizon I: Critical Conversation – Will Ending 'Education Redlining' Help Revitalize 'Fragile Neighborhoods'?

Organizer: William Mattox (James Madison Institute)

Participants: W. Bradford Wilcox (Institute for Family Studies; University of Virginia), Bartley R. Daniels (North Carolina State University), Tim DeRoche (No More Lines Coalition)

Horizon II: Critical Conversation – Freedom of Education Index 2023: A Quantitative Analysis of Educational Pluralism Worldwide

Organizer and Moderator: TJ D'Agostino (Notre Dame University)

Presenters: Josyane Zingg (OIDE), Christy Wolfe (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools), Leslie Hiner (EdChoice)

Horizon III: Critical Conversation – The Importance of Empowering Our Children from a Homeschool Perspective

Organizers and Moderators: Christal Gamble Banks (@mamasweetbaby), De-Shaun Silas (@littlelearnerandmom)

Participants: Shawn Jordan (@littlelearnerandmom), Vincent Banks (@mamasweetbaby), Jaidyn Jordan (@littlelearnerandmom), Cash Banks (@mamasweetbaby)

Silver: Critical Conversation – School Choice Victories: Woohoos and Whoopsies

Organizer and Moderator: Colleen Hroncich (Cato Institute)

Participants: Matthew Ladner (Heritage Foundation), Michael Bindas (Institute for Justice), Katherine Bathgate (SchoolForward)

Royal: Critical Conversation – A Taste of A La Carte Learning: Perspectives from Parents and Providers on Unbundled Education

Organizer and Moderator: Ron Matus (Step Up for Students)

Participants: Joelle Smith (The Living School), Nyemi Lane Mignocchi (Eye of a Scientist), Stephanie Busin (Hendry County School Board)

5:00 – 6:00 PM | Break

6:00 – 6:30 PM | Reception

Impressions Foyer

6:30 PM | Dinner

Infinity Ballroom

Keynote Presenter: Ian Rowe (American Enterprise Institute)

Moderator: Michael Q. McShane (EdChoice)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Breakfast

Infinity Ballroom

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Concurrent Session 5 Choices

Infinity Ballroom: Market Research on School Choice

Chair: Paul DiPerna (EdChoice)

Presenters: Keisha Jordan (Children’s Scholarship Fund of Philadelphia) – Demonstrating Program Outcomes to Influence the Movement

Christian Lehr (Tyton Partners), Adam Newman (Tyton Partners) – Choose to Learn 2024: K–12 Parents Poised to Explore New Educational Options

Alli Aldis (EdChoice), Colyn Ritter (EdChoice), John M. Kristof (EdChoice) – Public Favorability and Awareness of Educational Choice Programs in the U.S.

Horizon I: The Parent Revolution

Chair: Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas)

Presenter: Corey A. DeAngelis (American Culture Project)

Horizon II: Critical Conversation – Charter Schools & The Culture War

Chair: Matthew Nielsen (CharterOne)

Participants: Christy Wolfe (National Alliance for Public Charter Schools), Ian Kingsbury (Education Freedom Institute), Jay P. Greene (Heritage Foundation)

Horizon III: The History of the School Choice Movement (Part 2)

Chair: Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute)

Presenters: James V. Shuls (University of Missouri–St. Louis) – Virgil Blum and the Rise of Citizens for Educational Freedom

Nicole Stelle Garnett (University of Notre Dame) – The Legal Arc to School Choice

Jason Bedrick (Heritage Foundation) – The 2023 Universal Choice Explosion

Discussant: Aaron Saiger (Fordham Law)

Silver: Individual Needs and Identities

Chair: Jenny Clark (Love Your School)

Presenters: Amber Bryant (The Forest School), Caleb Collier (Institute for Self-Directed Learning), Tyler Thigpen (Institute for Self-Directed Learning), Brittney Toles (The Forest School) – The Playbook for Self-Directed Learning

Jenny Clark (Love Your School), Michael Clark (First Day) – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Education Savings Account Programs Working Together: An Arizona Case Study

Jonathan Plucker (Johns Hopkins University), Jennifer Madsen (New Jersey Association for Gifted Children), Alli Aldis (EdChoice), Paul DiPerna (EdChoice) – School Choice and Advanced Education

Miguel Sancho (European Foundation Society and Education), David Reyero (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) – The Treatment of Difference and Educational Needs

Royal: Multiple Contexts for Homeschooling

Chair: Michael P. Donnelly (Club for Growth)

Presenters: Caitlin Albrechtsen (Arizona State University) – Public-Private Partnership in Homeschooling: A Case Study of a Public School Program for Homeschooling Families

Rosenrot Mireille Schülpe (Clonlara School) – “Worldschool-Hub Andalusia” Preliminary Findings From the First Phase of a Qualitative Research Project into the Worldschooling-Hotspot, La Herradura/Spain (2022-2024)

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Concurrent Session 6 Choices

Horizon I: Critical Conversation – Thinking Small: How Public Charter Schools Operate in the Microschool Space.

Organizer and Moderator: Michael Chartier (ExcelinEd)

Participants: Christy Wolfe (National Alliance of Public Charter Schools), Paula Jackson (Charter Schools USA), Nasiyah Isra-UI (Homeschool Empower ED)

Horizon II: Critical Conversation – Collaboration Throughout Implementation

Organizer and Moderator: Lauren May (Step Up for Students)

Participants: Bruce Hermie (American Federation for Children), Jenny Clark (Love Your School), Nasiyah Isra-UI (Homeschool Empower ED)

Horizon III: Critical Conversation – School Choice & The Culture War: What Comes Next?

Organizer and Moderator: Jason Bedrick (Heritage Foundation)

Participants: Rachel Alexander Cambre (Heritage Foundation), Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute), Derrell Bradford (50CAN), Matthew Ladner (Heritage Foundation)

Silver: Admissions, Instruction, and Funding in International Schools of Choice

Chair: Tommaso Agasisti (Politecnico di Milano)

Presenters: Marya Bekova (Nazarbayev University) – A Mixed-Methods Study on the Rationales Behind Parents' Language of Instruction Choices in Kazakhstan's State Schools

Kaire Põder (Estonian Business School), Triin Lauri (Tallinn University), Andre Veski (Estonian Business School) – School (Head) Preferences in a Decentralised Admissions Process: Willingness to Pay for a Good Student

Kevin Jan Zuchanek (Wuppertal Research Institute for the Economics of Education) – Multilingual Information Intervention in School Choice - Evidence from Immediate Acceptance in Bremen

Carlos X. Lastra-Anadón (IE University) – Education Investments, Achievement, and Political Attitudes: The Case of the European Union's Regional Funds

Royal: Legal and Regulatory Developments in Homeschooling

Chair: Michael P. Donnelly (Club for Growth)

Presenters: Caitlin Albrechtsen (Arizona State University) – Homeschooling Population Trends: Looking Back, Looking Ahead

Enya Costa (University of São Paulo) – Homeschooling in Brazil: Legal Analysis and Regulatory Perspectives

Sílvia Cópico (Aberta University, Global Center Research Studies), Brian Ray (National Home Education Research Institute), Jacinto Jardim (Aberta University) – Home Education in Europe – The Case of Portugal in Comparison with the Political Tendencies in the European Situation. Family Motivations and Methods in a History of Freedom and Restrictions

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM | Lunch

Infinity Ballroom

Keynote Panel – Questioning Authority: School Choice and the Decline of Institutional Legitimacy

Keynote Panelists: Denisha Allen (American Federation for Children), Robert Enlow (EdChoice), Andrew Campanella (National School Choice Awareness Foundation)

Moderator: Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas)

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM | Concurrent Session 7 Choices

Infinity Ballroom: Implementing and Measuring Private School Choice

Chair: Lisa Snell (Stand Together Trust)

Presenters: John Merrifield (Institute for Objective Policy Assessment) – A Price Theory Analysis of the First Wave of Universal School Choice Expansions

Michael Q. McShane (EdChoice), John M. Kristof (EdChoice) – Implementing Education Savings Account Programs

Misty Gallo (University of Arkansas), Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas), Colyn Ritter (EdChoice) – If You Build It Like This, Will They Come? Design Features of Private School Choice Programs That Encourage Student Participation

Benjamin Scafidi (Kennesaw State University) – A New Index to Measure How Much Private Choice Families Really Have in Each State

Horizon I: Critical Conversation – ESAs: Strengthening This Ever-Growing Option

Organizer and Moderator: Laura Mazyck (ExcelinEd)

Participants: Doug Tuthill (Step Up for Students), Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas), Senator Patricia Rucker (West Virginia Senate), Jenny Clark (Love Your School)

Horizon II: New Frontiers in School Choice Research: Novel Methods and Data for Emerging Models

Chair: Angela R. Watson (Johns Hopkins University)

Presenters: Daniel Hamlin (University of Oklahoma) – Contemporary Homeschooling, Persistent Debates, and the Pressing Need for a New Generation of Research

John Thompson (Kennesaw State University) – Experimental Survey Methods in a Choice Context

Carlos Valiente (Oklahoma State University), Tracy Spinrad (Arizona State University), Nancy Eisenberg (Arizona State University), Brian Ray (National Home Education Research Institute) – A Heuristic Model to Guide the Study of Homeschool Children's Academic Functioning

Alanna Bjorklund-Young (Johns Hopkins University), Angela R. Watson (Johns Hopkins University), Genevieve Smith (Johns Hopkins University) – The Promise of Pulse and PEP: New Data for School Choice Research

Discussant: Harry A. Patrinos (University of Arkansas)

Horizon III: Critical Conversation – Empowering Student Wellness Through Policy and Practice: Navigating School Choice, Mental Health, and Education Reform

Organizer and Moderator: Kirianne Suriano (Charter Schools USA)

Participants: Meredith Ross (Charter Schools USA), Renee Jefferson (The Citadel), Paula Jackson (Charter Schools USA)

Silver: Critical Conversation – Data and Beyond: Exploring Florida’s Choice Program Participants and the Unseen Struggles of Families

Organizer and Moderator: Martin F. Lueken (EdChoice)

Participant: Travis Pillow (Step Up for Students)

Royal: Charter School Accountability and ROI

Chair: Matthew Nielsen (CharterOne)

Presenters: Christopher White (Central Michigan University), Gregg Dionne (Central Michigan University), William Sullivan (Solomon Research & Analytics), Joe Marr (Solomon Research & Analytics) – Quality Instruction Matters: The Connection Between Student Engagement Antecedents and Assessment Outcomes

Martha Bradley-Dorsey (Center for K12 Captivity Studies), David Dorsey (Bradley-Dorsey & Associates) – Welcome to the Machine: North Carolina Charter Schools Help Reveal the Missing Accountability in School District Facilities Funding Policies

Andrew Pendola (Auburn University), David T. Marshall (Auburn University) – The Return on Investment for Charter Schools in Alabama

Matthew Missias (Grand Valley State University), Kiel McQueen (Basis Policy Research), Jeff Maxwell (Grand Valley State University) – Charter School Targeted Support Initiatives: A Case Study in Authorizer Practices to Improve Pedagogy and Outcomes in Charter Schools

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Concurrent Session 8 Choices

Horizon I: School Choice Programs, Achievement Inequalities, and Learning Outcomes

Chair and Discussant: Tommaso Agasisti (SoM Politecnico di Milano School of Management)

Presenters: M. Danish Shakeel (University of Buckingham), Misty Gallo (University of Arkansas), Patrick J. Wolf (University of Arkansas), – The Nation’s Achievement Inequality Report Card: An Assessment of Traditional Public, Charter, Department of Defense, and Catholic Schools

Harry A. Patrinos (University of Arkansas), Diego Angel-Urdinola (World Bank), Maurice Kugler (George Mason University), Narae Lee (World Bank), Angelo Santos (World Bank), Olzhas Zhorayev (World Bank) – Systematic Review of School Choice Programs: Cost-Effectiveness and Political Economy

Andreea Dogar (University of Buckingham), M. Danish Shakeel (University of Buckingham), James Tooley (University of Buckingham) – School Choice and Learning Outcomes in Two States in North Nigeria

Matthew H. Lee (Kennesaw State University), M. Danish Shakeel (University of Buckingham), Andreea Dogar (University of Buckingham), James Tooley (University of Buckingham) – Low-Cost Private Schools in the United States

Horizon II: Perspectives on Race and Choice: Myths, Identity, and School Community

Chair: Angela Dills (Western Carolina University)

Presenters: Gary W. Ritter (St. Louis University), Brian Kisida (University of Missouri), Heidi H. Erickson (Brigham Young University), Matthew H. Lee (Kennesaw State University), Jennifer Gontram (Saint Louis University), J. Cameron Anglum (Lehigh University), Darnell Leatherwood (Saint Louis University) – Critically Examining Claims of Critical Race Theory

Michael Bindas (Institute for Justice) – School Choice is Racist (& Other Myths)

Angela Dills (Western Carolina University) – Private Schools and Cross-Class Friendships

Daniel Hamlin (University of Oklahoma) – Individual Identities or Common Purpose? Perceived School Climate in Catholic Schools by Racial Background

Horizon III: Navigating Educational Markets: Family Decisions, Satisfaction, and Self-Determination

Chair: Colyn Ritter (EdChoice)

Presenters: Abby Menter (South Dakota Education Equity Coalition) – Epistemologies and Enactments of Self-Determination in South Dakota

Dillon McGill (Vanderbilt University) – How Family Preferences Structure Educational (Sub)Markets: A Network Approach

Natalie Neugebauer Schoettler (Auburn University), David T. Marshall (Auburn University) – Parent Enrollment Decision-Making, Satisfaction, and Special Education in Alabama Charter Schools

Colyn Ritter (EdChoice), Alli Aldis (EdChoice), John M. Kristof (EdChoice) – How Do Parents Feel? Examining Polling Data to Better Understand the Attitudes and Experiences of School Parents

Silver: Classical Schools, Testing, and Opting Out

Chair: David Hunt (Aristotle Foundation)

Presenters: Noah Tyler (Classic Learning Test), Eren Asena (Classic Learning Test) -- The Relationship Between Demographic Background, School Choice, and Standardized Test Performance: Results from the Classic Learning Test (CLT)

Michael Ford (University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh), Douglas Ihrke (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee) – Who Optes Out of Standardized Testing in Mature School Choice Programs?

Eric Wearne (Kennesaw State University) – A Survey of Classical Hybrid Schools

Royal: Panel – Growing an Infrastructure for Schools of Choice: New Accreditors, Educators of Educators and Content Developers

Organizer: Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas)

Participants: Erin Valdez (University of Austin), Eric Cook (Society for Classical Learning), David Randall (National Association of Scholars), Robert Manzer (American Academy of Liberal Accreditation), Michael Q. McShane (EdChoice), Cassidy Klutts (Hillsdale College)

5:00 PM | Conclusion of Regular Programming for the Day
Dinner on your own

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Breakfast

Infinity Ballroom

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Concurrent Session 9 Choices

Infinity Ballroom: Control, Voice, and Exit

Chair: Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute)

Presenters: Neal McCluskey (Cato Institute) – The Conservative Response to Transformative Disruption: Voice or Exit 100 Years after Meyer and Pierce?

Leslie Hiner (EdChoice) – UN Sustainable Goal 4: Hijacked by Abidjan Principles

Robert Maranto (University of Arkansas), Martha Bradley-Dorsey (Center for K12 Captivity Studies), Andrea Honeycutt (University of Arkansas), Nathaniel Bork (University of Arkansas) – Can Markets Limit Free Speech? Comparing Catholic, Other Private, and Public College Campuses

Horizon I: The 2023 Cardus Education Survey: Diverse School Sectors, Holistic Graduate Outcomes

Chair: Lynn Swaner (Cardus)

Presenters: Lynn Swaner (Cardus), Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas), Jonathan Eckert (Baylor University) – The 2023 Cardus Education Survey: Findings from the Protestant and Catholic School Sectors

Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas), Angela R. Watson (Johns Hopkins University) – The 2023 Cardus Education Survey: Findings from the Homeschooling Sector

Joanna DeJong VanHof (Cardus), Lynn Swaner (Cardus), Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas) – The 2023 Cardus Education Survey: Findings from the Independent School Sector

Horizon II: School Choice Models and Machine Learning

Chair and Discussant: Harry A. Patrinos (University of Arkansas)

Presenters: M. Danish Shakeel (University of Buckingham), Paul E. Peterson (Harvard University), Analyzing School Choice Models Through AI and Machine Learning

Horizon III: Giving, Spending, and School Efficiency

Chair: John Thompson (Kennesaw State University)

Presenters: Garion Frankel (Texas A&M University) – Does Private Funding Harm Public Schooling?: A Historical Note From 19th Century Texas

Giovanni Antonini (Politecnico di Milano), Tommaso Agasisti (Politecnico di Milano) – The Challenge of School Efficiency: A Comparative Analysis of Public and Private schools in Italy

Fredrik O. Andersson (Indiana University–Indianapolis), Ebba Henrekson (Stockholm School of Economics; Marie Cederschiöld University) – Philanthropic Giving to K-12 Education in The United States: An Exploration of Large Gifts from 2000 to 2016

Patrick Graff (American Federation for Children) – Scale or Spend? Estimating the Benefits of Private School Choice vs. General Education Spending for Public School Students

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM | Concurrent Session 10 Choices

Infinity Ballroom: Academic Research of Homeschooling: A Special Issue of the Journal of School Choice

Chair: Christy Batts (North Carolina State University)

Presenters: Alanna Bjorklund Young (Johns Hopkins University), Angela R. Watson (John Hopkins University) – The Changing Face of the American Homeschooler

Albert Cheng (University of Arkansas), Angela R. Watson (John Hopkins University) – How do Demographic Characteristics of Homeschooling Households Influence the Way Homeschooling is Practiced

Jonathan Plucker (Johns Hopkins University), Annie Connolly-Spring (The Grayson School), Rachael A. Cody (United States Cost Guard Academy) – Gifted Students Learning in Homeschool Settings

Michael P. Donnelly (Club For Growth) – Data or Ideology: What is Driving Homeschooling Policy Around the World and Why?

Discussant: To Be Determined

Horizon I: Critical Conversation – Equity Effects of School Choice Expansion: Evidence from Canada

Organizer: David Hunt (Aristotle Foundation)

Participants: John Merrifield (Institute for Objective Policy Assessment), John Jagersma (Association of Independent Schools and Colleges of Alberta), Joanna Van Hof (Cardus)

Horizon II: Learning Anywhere

Organizer/Chair: Shiren Rattigan (Innovative Educators Network)

Participants: Priscilla Yull (Casa Ranch), Candice Lehenbauer (Tapestry Academy), Kristen Hoss (YEA Frog), Toni Frallicciardi (Surf Skate Science)

Horizon III: Panel – Learning Full Circle to Serve Full Circle + Bringing Flexible Education Models to Your Community

Organizers and Participants: Emily Harber Williams (Micah's Mission School), Jessica Slayback (REALM)

12:15 PM | Lunch (Grab and Go)

Impressions Foyer

12:15 PM | Conclusion of Conference