

2010 IHEP EXPERT MATRIX

NAME	TITLE	AREAS OF EXPERTISE IN HIGHER EDUCATION
Michelle Asha Cooper, Ph.D.	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education access and success • Federal and state higher education trends and policies • Tuition and financial aid • Higher education financing options • Global higher education trends and policy strategies • College readiness and preparation • Diversity issues
RESEARCH		
Clifford Adelman, Ph.D.	Senior Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access and success • Degree completion rates • Standardized testing and assessment • Student mobility and transfer patterns • The role of community colleges • Secondary/postsecondary transitions and curricular alignment • International issues on participation, attainment, and degree qualifications • Course-taking, curriculum, and majors
Ann Coles, Ed.D.	Senior Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in college access and success • Underserved populations and higher education opportunity • School-to-college transition • Access and persistence policies, programs, and practices • Financial aid policy Using social marketing to increase college-going
Alisa F. Cunningham	Vice President of Research and Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of higher education • Private financing, including loans and scholarships • Trends in higher education • Tuition, financial aid issues • Financing higher education, especially relating to disadvantaged groups • Tribal colleges and universities, including investing in Native Americans • Using higher education data (national databases) in policymaking • Prices and net prices and trends
Gregory Kienzl, Ph.D.	Director of Research and Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics of higher education • Community colleges • Access and completion • Financial aid • STEM • Educational pathways
Patti McGill Peterson	Senior Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International higher education • Internationalization of U.S. higher education • College and university administration • Governance • Academic program development

Thomas D. Parker, Ed.D.	Senior Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education finance • Higher education access • Domestic and international • History of higher education • Trends in international higher education
Ronald Phipps, Ed.D.	Senior Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financing higher education • Statewide governance • Distance learning and technology
Brian Sponsler	Research Analyst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics of higher education policymaking • State-policy adoption and outcomes • Inter-state spread of policy ideas
Thomas R. Wolanin, Ph.D.	Senior Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal higher education policy, with a focus on student financial aid programs and accountability systems • Higher education equity issues, such as low-income, disabilities, and foster youth • Higher education in post-Soviet countries including Kyrgyzstan, Georgia and Poland • Higher education policies in South Africa, Tanzania and Mozambique
PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES		
Lorelle L. Espinosa, Ph.D.	Director of Policy & Strategic Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education access and success • Undergraduate and graduate student diversity • Underrepresented minorities, women, and women of color in STEM fields • College admissions • Federal education policy • Alignment between secondary and postsecondary education
Lacey Leegwater	Director of Programs and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student engagement in learning • Campus practices and procedures • Data-informed decision-making and institutional change • Intra- and inter-campus collaboration and solution management

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