

A. Alfred Taubman Center for Public Policy and American Institutions

Honors Theses in Public Policy

2012-2013

Bradley Silverman, *Voting Rights, Politics & Racial Prejudice - Implementing Section Five of the Voting Rights Act in a Complex Enforcement*

Ian Eppler, *Social and Health Effects of Prisons on Prison Host Communities*

2011-2012

Julia Kantor, *The Power of Information Disclosure: The Lasting Effects of the Toxics Release Inventory*

Irene Nemesio, *Towards Just Transportation System in the San Francisco Bay Area*

2010-2011

Courtney Hall, *Teacher Selection at the Boston Teacher Residency Program*

Jamal Hill, *Jailed for Bail: The Effect of Monetary Bail Decisions on Indigent Defendants in Rhode Island*

Perie Reiko Koyama, *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: The Status of Education Within Pretrial Juvenile Detention Centers*

Andrea Matthews, *Education as Rehabilitation? Empirical Analysis of the Impact of Corrections Education on Juvenile Recidivism Rates*

Alyssa Ratledge, *Online Voter Registration: A Diffusion of Innovation*

2009-2010

Melea Atkins, *Growing the Knowledge Workforce: A Study of Brown University Graduates and the State of Rhode Island*

Olivia Chi, *Consequences of Closing Large High Schools: Examining the Effects on Remaining Large High Schools in New York City*

Rachel Goldstein, *The Role of the Media in Agenda Setting: The Case of Long-Term Care Rebalancing*

Alex Mazerov, *The Impact of Consolidation in Health Insurance Markets on Consumers: Evidence from Local U.S. Markets*

Sumbul Siddiqui, *Immigration Policy Issues in Rhode Island: The 287(g) Program and the Impact of Enforcing Immigration at the State Level*

2008-2009

Matthew Corritore, *Highly-integrative Nonprofit Restructuring in Rhode Island and Massachusetts*

Sara Gentile, *Sex, Superdelegates, and Regression Analysis: The Role of Gender in 2008 Superdelegate Endorsements*

Jessica Gillooly, *Looking to Faith in Times of Crisis: The Capacity of Faith-Based Organizations in Rhode Island to Respond to Changes in Welfare*

Christina Ma, *Reading First: Institutional and Policy Challenges*

2007-2008

Fiona Heckscher, *Managing Risk or Creating Knowledge: The effects of the Institutional Review Board process on social science researchers*

Kevin McDonald, *Fiscal Management and Legislative "Reform": Are Professionalized Legislatures Better at Managing Public Finances than Citizen Legislatures?*

Hannah Miller, *Toward Critical Multiculturalism: An Analysis of Race and Ethnicity at Two Rhode Island High Schools*

Yael Shavit, *Promoting Equal Access to Higher Education: A Cost Analysis of Income Contingent Lending in the United States*

2006-2007

Tamiz Ahmed, *Art Therapy for Incarcerated Youth: The Effect of the AS220 Arts Program on Recidivism in RI's Juvenile Justice System*

Matthew Dong, *Culturally Competent Health Care in a Community Health Care Setting: A Qualitative Study of South Cove Community Health Center*

Richard Kwong, *The Documentation of Citizenship and Identity Requirement--An Implementation Analysis of Massachusetts*

Michael O'Mara, *On the Tax Incidence of the Rhode Island Lottery*

David Pan, *How Can We Use Inclusionary Zoning to Deepen Housing Affordability for Low-Income Residents in Providence?*

2005-2006

Ruth Brown, *Meeting Medicare Part D: Dual Eligibles' Transition Prescription Drug Plans*

Miranda Galindo, *Child Sexual Abuse in India*

Debra Greenspan, *It's Hard Work to get Work: An Evaluation of the Providence One Stop Careers Center's Service of Clients with Barriers to Employment*

Kate Newby, *Dedicated to a Dream: Making School Choice Work in Milwaukee*

2003-2004

Genevieve Herrera, *Amending a Culture of Corruption: RI Political Culture and the Separation of Powers Movement*

Adam Reich, *Experiencing Juvenile Justice: A New Juvenile Justice Policy Informed by the Narratives of Young People*

Rebecca Santoro, *Out of the Mouths of Babes: A Study of Hearsay in Child Sexual Abuse Cases*

Daniel Schneider, *Going to Scale with Individual Development Accounts: The Group Affiliations of the Program Eligible Population and the Potential for Outreach Channels*

William Tucker, *The Effect of Victim Age and Gender on Prosecutors' Willingness to Prosecute Cases of Child Sexual Abuse*

Prashant Yerramalli, *Respecting Preferences: The Role of Non-Majoritarian Institutions in Democracies*

2002-2003

Kolajo Afolabi, *College Persistence among Urban Students: A look at the Graduates of Fenway High School*

Marshall Clement, *Climbing Invisible Walls: Assessing the Impact of Reentry Planning at the Rhode Island Prison*

Joseph C. Davis, *An Evaluation of the Impact of Block Scheduling on the Academic Achievement of Virgin Islands Public High School Students*

Julie Falender, *Compensating Occupational Diseases: A Study of Workers' Compensation Policies for Asbestos-Related Disease in South Africa and the United States*

Sarah Staley, *Breaking the Glass Ceiling and Controlling the Floor: The Role of Women Representatives in the United States Senate*

2001-2002

Liza Khan, *Assessing the Impact of Access: Coverage of Family Court Issues in Closed, Open, and Hybrid States*

Jeanette E. Markle, *Work Sanctions in TANF Cash Assistance Programs: A Comparative Study of Caseworker Perspectives*

Eric Tucker, *Strategic Partnerships for Teacher Support: A Qualitative Inquiry into Urban Debate Leagues, Community-Based Organizations, and School Improvement Efforts*

2000-2001

Lila E. Slovak, *Attending to the Uninsured: An Analysis of State Commitment to People Lacking Healthcare Insurance*

Rachel A. Flood, *Government Provided Child Care Assistance: An Analysis of Program Participation in Rhode Island*

Sheryl L. Frost, *Promises of Stability for Foster Children in Rhode Island: Expediting Permanency Through Concurrent Planning, A Study in Policy Implementation at the Department of Children Youth and Families*

Vera Brunner-Sung, *Interpreting Justice: Non-English Speaking Latinos and the Criminal Justice System*

Monica Karuturi, *Assessing the Implementation of Mandatory Arrest Policy for Intimate Partner Violence in the State of Rhode Island*

Jennifer M. Swedish, *The Role of the Abortion Issue in Campaigns and Elections: A Case Study Analysis*

Sarah Cook, *Money and Student Performance in Rhode Island Elementary Schools*

1999-2000

Stephanie Kissam, *Charity as Policy: Implications of Private Food Assistance*

Jillian Berk, *Hot Town, Summer in the City: An Examination of the Factors That Influence the Adoption of Summer School Programs Education Policy*

Dulari Tahbildar, *Three Students, Two Open Seats, One Policy: Is the Providence Student Assignment Plan Fair and Equitable?*

Alexandra Greif, *Preventing Child Fatalities: An Analysis of Child Fatality Review in Rhode Island*

Katherine Weisburd, *Growing Pains Inside the Fence: The Impact of Judicial Intervention on Conditions of Confinement in The Rhode Island Training School for Youth*

Patrick Sharkey, *From Welfare to What? An Exploration of Outcomes from Training and Education Programs Serving the Welfare Caseload, and Implications for Welfare Reform in Rhode Island*

Sarah Coburn, *Intimate Partner Violence: Analysis of Police and Restraining Order Utilization in Rhode Island*

Tanya Rakpraja, *Participation Puzzle: Asian Pacific American Political Engagement, Registration and Voting*

1998-1999

Abigail White, *Whom Does City Year Serve? The Impact of a National Service Program on Participants*

Kristina Daugirdas, *From Brown to Green? Public Funding, Institutional Factors, and the Economic and Environmental Success of Brownfields Programs*

Jeffrey A. Berger, *Global Changes in the Banking Industry and Their Impact Upon the Relationship Between Banks and Communities*

Sarah Remes, *Implementing Welfare Reform in Rhode Island: The Child Care Issue*

Robert Taylor, *There Ought to be a Law! The Initiative Process as an Institution for Pressing Controversial Policies: A Study of Three States' Experiences with Physician-Assisted Suicide Initiatives*

Thaddeus Heuer, *Holton's Gamble: A Nation at Risk and the Symbolic Politics of American Education Reform Policy*

1997-1998

Laura Marti Dokson, *Drugs, Disease, and Debate: The Issue of Syringe Access for Injection Drug Users in Rhode Island*

Alexander Harris, *Hoo-Rah! A Comprehensive Analysis of a New York City Prison Boot Camp Program*

Jeremy Schenof, *The Skills to Pay the Bills: The Characteristics, Quality and Requirements of Entry-Level Jobs in the Providence Metropolitan Area*

1996-1997

Justin Driver, *More than Picking Cotton: Afrocentricity and Public Schools*

Farrell Allen, *Parents Aren't Sold: A Case Study of Parent Involvement and its Implications for School Choice*

Elizabeth Anker, *Systemic Reform and Goals 2000: An Examination of National Policy Through District, School, and Classroom Implementation*

Joshua Richman, *Billion Dollar Baseball: Determining the Future Home of the New York Yankees*

Julie Bauman, *The Policy Impact of Section 112r of the Clean Air Act Amendments: A Comparative Case Study of Rhode Island*

Andrea Battacchi, *Confronting Teen Dating Violence: An Analysis of the Juvenile Justice Response in Rhode Island*

Shirley Woodward, *Promotoras de la Salud: Sustaining a Program that Sustains Lives*

1995-1996

Eric Wolff, *Holding Schools Responsible: State Accountability and the Digital School Portfolio*

Rebecca Saxon, *The Role of the State in Early Childhood Education*

Shannon Quill, *School-to-Work and Systemic Reform: Understanding What it Will Take*

Josh Rabina, *Regulatory Rule Making and the FDIC Improvement Act: An Analysis of Administrative Behavior*

Lisa Dunham, *For-Profit Hospitals: The Anticipated Impact on Uncompensated Care in Rhode Island*

Masina Malapeai, *U.S. Dual-Use Export Control Policy in the Post-Cold War Era: Commercial vs. National Security Interests*

Natasha Flora, *Institutional Responses to the Changing Social Contract: A Look at Immigrant-Serving Nonprofit Agencies in Rhode Island*

Hollie Arnold, *An Evaluation of the Child Protection Team*

Karen Tumlin, *Children in the System: Discretion, Disorganization, and Disparity*

Jacob Gersen, *Disparity and Difference: Determining Criminal Sanctions*

Eileen Shy, *Planning for a Political World: A Case Study of the Development of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan, 1990-1994*

Lawrence Liu, *Light Rail in South Oak Cliff: Where Is It Headed?*

Nicole Hanrahan, *Community Development in Providence Non-Profits*

Matthew Holzer, *The United Federation of Teachers and School Reform: A Case Study 1967-1996*

Joanna Leeds, *Implementing Controlled Choice: Boston and Seattle Compared*

Jon Ehrhardt, *The Barriers to Collaboration of Service Providers in Two Rhode Island Child Opportunity Zones*

1994-1995

Michelle Ahnn, *The Rules of the Game: Three Case Studies of Rhode Island High School Athletic Programs for Title IX Compliance*

Jon Matthew Aldrich, *The Streetworker Program: A Case Study of a Youth Gang Intervention Approach*

Oliver Chase, *Separate and Unequal: The Employment Training System and Discrimination Against the Welfare Poor*

Mandy Lee, *Rhode Island Batterer Programs: Intervention, Rehabilitation, or Prison Amnesty*

Jeffrey Metzler, *Local Governance in Providence, Rhode Island: A Look at School Board Politics*

Sara Nathanson, *New York State's School Quality Review Initiative: A Model for School Assessment and Improvement in the Context of Systemic School Reform*

Milda Saunders, *The Issues and Actors in the Making of the Crime Bill: An Examination of the Role of the Congressional Black Caucus in the Formulation of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994*

Amy Sohn, *Discrimination in Brown University Admission: A Trans-Historical, Cross-Cultural Comparative Study*

Ebonya Washington, *Have Fair Housing Laws Made Any Difference? An Investigation of Mortgage Lending Discrimination in Providence*

1993-1994

Deborah Ahrens, *The Politics of School Desegregation in Pawtucket, Rhode Island*

Rima Alaily, *Shifting Liabilities: A Solution to the Medical Malpractice Problem*

Michelle Cherande, *Court Ordered Prison Reform: A Case Study of Palmigiano v. Garrahy and the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institution*

Shannon Flattery, *Rehabilitation: A Solution to Providence's Affordable Rental Housing Crisis*

Sharon Hurwitz, *What Works? Lessons Learned From Two Programs Designed to Keep Pregnant and parenting Teens Receiving AFDC in School*

Antonia Juhasz, *Patriarchy By Any Means Necessary: The Effects of Secondary Socioeconomic Status of Women on Battered Women*

Peter Kahn, *Education, Taxes, and Politics: 1993 Comprehensive School Finance Reform in Michigan*

Erik Pitchal, *The Coalition of Essential Schools and the Politics of Bottom-Up School Reform*

Jon Richter, *A Discussion of Three Municipal Revitalization Techniques*

Ilene Strauss, *The Prosecution of Domestic Violence Cases in Rhode Island: An Issue of Discretion*

1992-1993

Jeffrey Francer, *Congressional Oversight of the Food and Drug Administration*

Jeffrey Grybowski, *Policy and the Politicians: The Rhode Island Ethics Commission*

1991-1992

Troy Centazzo, *Hatching Fledgling Firms: The Business Incubator*

Matthew Dunne, *The Arts and the State: The Effects of Controversy and Fiscal Constraint on Government Funding of the Arts and Artistic Stagnation*

Bobby Jindal, *“The Physician Model” and State Health Care Expenditures: The Relative Effects of Malpractice Liability, Cigarette and Alcohol Consumption, and Physician Income*

Matthew Kelemen, *Policy Implementation and School Based Management: A Comparative Case Study of Educational Restructuring*

Miriam Laufer, *Choice and Voice in Cambridge Public Schools*

Jack Resneck, *Medicare Physician Payment Reform: A Comparative Study Illustrating the Effects of Congressional Budget Rules on Congressional Oversight of Regulatory Agencies*

Clifford Robinson, *Alternatives to Federal Government Housing Policy: A Comparative Case Study of Local Housing Initiatives and Public/Private partnerships Operating in New York City*

1990-1991

Kristine Abbot, *Federal Home Care Policy for the Elderly: A Need for new Direction*

Jennifer Fries, *The Prosecution of Domestic Violence: Toward a Uniform Policy of Response*

Mark Morelli, *The Earned Income Tax Credit as an Antipoverty Program*

Michael Peterson, *Short-term National Security Objectives and American Semiconductor Policy*

William Rivera, *Saving the Child, Saving Rhode Island: The Role of Child Support Enforcement in Anti-poverty and Welfare Policy*

Wendy Shimelman, *Grants-Based Nonprofit Politics: Nonprofit Organizations and Human Service Delivery in Rhode Island*

1989-1990

Eric Golden, *Justice for the Poor: A Study of Indigent Defense Policy*

Marilyn Hines, *Governmental Ethics in the Policy Stream: A Case Study*

Elise Hood, *Social Welfare Policy: An Analysis of Employment Programs for Welfare Recipients and A Case Study of the Westchester County Health Care Training Program*

Charles Lubinsky, *Building Bridges: A Study of the Implementation of U.S. Refugee Resettlement Policy*

Aaron Ostrom, *Uranium Mining and Milling in the Navajo Nation: Confronting the Past and Transforming the Future*

Adam Spector, *The Politics of Corporate Takeover Regulation*

Jonathan Youngwood, *Allocating the Costs of Accidents: A Study of Equity and Efficiency in Private Passenger Automobile Insurance Classification*

Bennet Zelner, *The Thrift Industry Crisis and the Insolvency of FSLIC: Perverse Incentives Created by the Structure of Federal Deposit Insurance*

1988-1989

Susan Gander and Christopher Jernigan, *Ability Grouping in America's Public School System: The Persistence of a Questionable Practice*

Jennifer Sweet, *Police Attitudes Toward Domestic Violence: The Chief's Effect on Officer Attitudes*

1987-1988

no honors theses

1986-1987

Judith Altenberg, *Women as Candidates: Why Do They Run?*

James Bernard, *Housing for New Yorkers in the 1990s: Construction of Low and Moderate Income Rental Housing Units in New York City*

Michael Bopp, *Enterprise Zone Performance and Perspectives*

Sarah Eaton, *Overcoming the Rule of Thumb: Political Agenda Setting and the Social Problems of Battered Women*

Diana Edensword, *The Abortion Debate in Rhode Island: The Life and Death of Question 14*

Michael Miller, *The Negative Mandate of the FDA: Political Pressure and the Regulation of Prescription Drugs*

Matthew Riven, *Strategic Defense Initiative Contracts: Who Gets Them and Why*

Marcie Rosenthal, *Nuclear Power at the Expense of Public Protection: A Critical Examination of the Price-Anderson Act*

1985-1986

David J. Horowitz, *Congressional Budgeting as Symbolic Action: The Symbol of the Budget Process as a Conflict Management Tool*

1984-1985

Jonathan M. Rozoff, *The United States Small Business Administration: Reaction and Redundancy*