

**Public School Choice in a Post-Desegregation World:  
What have we learned and where are we going?**

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**November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
University of Connecticut Neag School of Education  
Gentry Building 144  
Storrs, CT**

***CONFERENCE SCHEDULE***

**Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 10:00 AM      Registration, coffee

10:00 – 10:15 AM      Welcome

10:15 – 11:45 AM      Session I: Legal Context and Constraints

*The Real Scoop on the Supreme Court's Seattle/Louisville Decision*  
Maree Sneed, Hogan & Hartson, LLC.

Discussant: John Brittain, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights

12:00 – 1:30 PM      Lunch    Student Union Room 304B  
Speaker: MaryEllen Elia, Superintendent, Hillsborough County FL

1:30 – 3:00 PM      Session II: Effects of Choice on Student Segregation I

*Private Choices, Public Consequences: School Choice and Segregation  
by Race and Poverty*  
Salvatore Saporito, College of William and Mary

*School Choice Beyond District Borders: Lessons Learned from Inter-  
district Desegregation and Open Enrollment Plans*  
Jennifer Jellison Holme, University of Texas, Austin  
Amy Stuart Wells, Teachers College, Columbia University

Discussant: Jack Dougherty, Trinity College

3:00 – 3:15 PM      Break, refreshments

3:15 – 4:45 PM            Session III: Effects of Choice on Student Segregation II

*Public School Choice and Integration: Evidence from Durham, North Carolina*  
Robert Bifulco, University of Connecticut

*Toward an Understanding of Parents' Preferences for Schools*  
Courtney Bell, University of Connecticut

Discussant: Chris Lubienski, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

6:30 – 9:30 PM            Dinner & Reception at the Altnaveigh Restaurant, Storrs, CT

**Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 AM                    Shuttle leaves Nathan Hale Hotel

8:00 – 8:30 AM           Continental breakfast at conference site

8:30 – 10:00 AM        Session IV: Effects of School Choice on Achievement I

*Does School Choice Boost the Achievement of those Who Win the Lotteries?*

Julian Betts, UC San Diego

*Magnet Schools and Peers: Effects on Student Achievement*

Dale Ballou, Vanderbilt University

Discussant: Rajashri Chakrabarti, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

10:00 – 10:15 AM        Break

10:15 – 11:45 AM       Session V: Effects of School Choice on Achievement II

*Information, School Choice, and Academic Achievement: Evidence from Two Experiments*

Justine Hastings, Yale University

*Charter Schools, Racial Segregation, and Student Outcomes*

Janelle Scott, New York University

Discussant: Eric Brunner, Quinnipiac University

11:45 – 1:00 PM        Lunch   Student Union Room 304B

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Session VI: School Choice in the Schools

*Institutional vs. Technical Environments: A Framework for Analysis of  
Evolving Charter School Organizations*

Luis Huerta, Columbia University

*The Shifting Policy Landscape Impacting Parent Choice  
Issues of Racial Diversity after Unitary Status in Nashville*

Claire Smrekar, Vanderbilt University

Discussant: George Coleman, Connecticut State Department of  
Education

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Closing Remarks