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

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Gentry Building 144
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 28th

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 29th

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