

# Evidence and Education

Linking Research, Policy, and Practice to Enhance K-12 Education

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Understanding challenges facing our nation's schools, and the effects of policies designed to address them

A conference sponsored by the MSU Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis

**April 12, 2019 | Montana State University, Bozeman, MT**

**Procrastinator Theater, Room 237 Strand Union Building**

**Conference Sessions**, each followed by moderated Q&A

**8-8:30 a.m.** Coffee and check-in

**8:30-8:45 a.m.** Welcome: Wendy Stock, Co-Director, Initiative for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis

○ **Session 1: Challenges in Teacher Recruitment and Retention**

**8:45-10 a.m.**

- Stephanie Aragon, Educational Commission of the States
- Helen Ladd, Duke University
- Jayne Downey, Montana State University
- Tracy Zuhoski, Montana State University student

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○ **Session 2: Understanding School Funding & Disparities in Student Success**

**10:15-Noon**

- Luis Huerta, Columbia University
- Helen Ladd, Duke University
- Diane Schanzenbach, Northwestern University
- Roberta Evans, University of Montana
- Jason Cummins, Crow Agency Elementary School and Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education

- **Lunch and informal discussion, Ballroom A**  
*Noon to 1 p.m.*
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- **Session 3: Accountability in Education**  
*1-2 p.m.*

- Michael Podgursky, University of Missouri
  - Audrey Amrein-Beardsley, Arizona State University
  - Amy Watson, Montana Department of Labor
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- **Session 4: Advancing School Safety**  
*2-3 p.m.*

- Sharon Hoover, University of Maryland
  - Scott Adams, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
  - Laura St. John, Bozeman School District
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- **Session 5: Technology in Education**  
*3:15-4:15 p.m.*

- Robert Fairlie, University of California-Santa Cruz
  - Marijke Visser, American Library Association
  - Jessica Anderson, 2016 Montana Teacher of the Year
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- **Conference Wrap Up and Reflections (Panel Discussion)**  
*4:15-4:45 p.m.*

- Robert Watson, Bozeman Public Schools
- Siri Smilie, Montana Governor's Office
- Tricia Seifert, Montana State University