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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder

Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Learning Sciences

2015

Dissertation: The Social Organization of Learning Opportunities in Creative Civic Practices

Chair: Dr. Ben Kirshner -- Committee: Dr. William Penuel, Dr. Kris Gutierrez,

Dr. Margaret Eisenhart, Dr. David Boromisa-Habashi

Lewis and Clark College

M.A. in Community Counseling: Psychological and Cultural Studies

2008

Colorado College

B.A. in Psychology

2005

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate – National Education Policy Center

2017 - Current

University of Colorado Boulder

(Director: Dr. Kevin Welner, Associate Director: Dr. Michelle Renee Valladares)

Contribute to multiple scholarly projects of the NEPC and for the Research Hub for Youth Organizing and Education Policy.

- *2019 – Current - Principal Investigator* - Research Hub for Youth Organizing, (Funder: Willam and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Ford Foundation)
 - *2021 - Research Partner*- Youth First Initiative: Evaluating youth leadership networks. (Research Hub for Youth Organizing)
 - *2020 - Research Partner*- RISE Colorado, Aurora, CO: Community survey design partner. (Research Hub for Youth Organizing, Funder: William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)
 - *2018-2019 Principal Investigator* - Towards Democratizing Evidence: Assessing Engagement of Community-Based Groups in Research/Practice Partnerships Working paper on Community Research Collaboratives (Funder: WT Grant & Spencer Foundation)
 - *2018 - Research Partner*- Puente Movement, Phoenix, AZ: Exploring and Defining Recommendations on Wellness and Mental Health in Phoenix High Schools (Research Hub for Youth Organizing, Funder: William and Flora Hewlett Foundation)

- *2017- 2020 Project Manager* - Schools of Opportunity and Schools of Opportunity Network Editor of forthcoming book under contract with Teachers College Press. (Funder: NEA Foundation & Voqal Foundation)
- *2017 – Current - Organizer* – NEPC Annual Fellows Meeting

Research Assistant - Connected Learning Research Network **2011 - 2014**

University of Colorado Boulder

(PIs: Dr. William Penuel, Dr. Ben Kirshner | Funder: MacArthur Foundation)

Designed and facilitated youth ethnography program for high school students in collaboration with five youth media programs located across the United States. Aided in survey development and qualitative data analysis.

Research Assistant - Synergies **2011 - 2012**

University of Colorado Boulder and Oregon State University

(PIs: Dr. William Penuel, Dr. John Falk, Dr. Lynn Dierking | Funder: Noyce Foundation)

Designed program for high school students to become co-researchers and create digital stories highlighting their interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Aided in survey development and qualitative data analysis.

Research Assistant - Critical Civic Inquiry **2010 - 2012**

University of Colorado Boulder and University of Colorado Denver

(PIs: Dr. Ben Kirshner, Dr. Shelley Zion, Dr. Carlos Hipolito-Delgado | Funder: Spencer Foundation)

Collaborated with teachers on student-driven classroom based participatory action research projects for school reform. Collected qualitative data and assisted in data analysis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer – EDUC 6368: Adolescent Psychology and Development for Teachers **2021**

University of Colorado Boulder School of Education

Lecturer – LEAD 1000: Becoming a Leader **2021**

University of Colorado Boulder School of Education: CU Engage

Lecturer – EDUC 3013: School and Society **2016 - 2017**

University of Colorado Boulder School of Education

Lecturer – EDUC 5240/FNDS 5660: History of Schooling in the United States and Culture of Education Policy- Combined Course **2016**

University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development

Lecturer – CPCE 5010: Social Foundations and Cultural Diversity in Urban Education **2015 - 2016**

University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development

Instructor – UEDU 5850: Capstone in Critical Pedagogy University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development	2015- 2016
Lecturer – CPCE 6320: Participatory Research Methods in Context University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development	2015 - 2016
Lecturer – CPCE 6310: Facilitating Sociopolitical Development: Theory and Action University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development	2014 - 2015
Instructor - UEDU 5810: Critical Civic Inquiry: Learning Environments and Curriculum for Student-Driven Action Research University of Colorado Denver School of Education and Human Development	2012 - 2013
Teaching Assistant – EDUC 8250: Qualitative Research Methods Lead instructor: Dr. Margaret Eisenhart University of Colorado Boulder School of Education	2011

PROGRAMS EXPERIENCE

Grants Manager – Downtown Aurora Visual Arts Aurora, CO Grant writing and reporting for nonprofit specializing in youth programs in arts and technology.	2016
Youth Design Team Associate - Institute of Play Aurora, CO Facilitated the inclusion of student perspectives into the design of a public innovator middle school.	2015
Program Director - PlatteForum Denver, CO Directed youth programs at arts nonprofit. Wrote grants and evaluation plans.	2014 - 2015
Program Director - Connected Learning Summer Institute Lafayette/Boulder, CO Designed and facilitated summer internship program for high school students, including opportunities for interns to build digital literacies and research skills. Piloted participatory research methods for the Longitudinal Study of Connected Learning.	2012
Program Director - Critical Civic Inquiry Summer Institute Denver, CO Designed and facilitated summer internship program for CCI high school participants, including opportunities for interns to build digital literacies and	2011

research skills.

Program Coordinator - REACH Peer Mentoring **2009 - 2011**

University of Colorado Boulder

Designed and facilitated peer mentoring program for first-generation college students.

Co-Researcher - Thru the Lenz **2007 - 2008**

Lewis and Clark College and Roosevelt High School - Portland, OR

Developed programming and facilitated student-led collaborative Photovoice research project.

Residential Counselor - Griffith Centers for Children **2005 - 2006**

Colorado Springs, CO

PUBLICATIONS

York, A., Valladares, S., Valladares, M.R., Snyder, J., & Garcia, M. (2020). Community Research Collaboratives. Boulder, CO: National Education Policy Center.

Kirshner, B. & York A. (2019) Guiding Young Creatives in the Last Mile. In Sefton-Green, J, Watkins, S. & Kirshner, B. (Eds.), *Young People's Journeys into Creative Work*.

Basile, V., York, A., & Black, R. (2019). Who Is the One Being Disrespectful? Understanding and Deconstructing the Criminalization of Elementary School Boys of Color. *Urban Education*, 1–29.

LaCour, S. E., York, A., Welner, K., Valladares, M. R., & Kelley, L. M. (2017). Learning from schools that close opportunity gaps. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(1), 8-14.

Zion, S., York, A., & Stickney, D. (2017). Bound Together: White Teachers/Latinx Students Revising Resistance. In Elmeksy, R., Yeakey, C., & Marcucci, O. (Eds.), *The Power of Resistance: Culture, Ideology and Social Reproduction in Global Contexts*.

York, A. & Kirshner, B. (2015). How positioning shapes opportunities for student agency in schools. *Teachers College Record*, 117 (13), 103-118.

PUBLISHED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Cartun, A., Kirshner, B., Price, E. York, A. (2014, July) *Friendship, Participation, and Site Design in Interest-Driven Learning Among Adolescents*. Paper presented at the International Conference of the Learning Sciences, Boulder, CO.

Penuel, W., Falk, J., Dierking, L., Kirshner, B., Haun-Frank, J., York, A. (2012, April). *Locating the development of interest: tools for studying the mutual constitution of persons and cultural practices in places*. International Conference of the Learning Sciences, Sydney, AU.

REFERREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PAPERS

York, A. (2015, November) *Guiding Young People through the Process of Becoming Creative Civic Producers: Lessons from an Arts Internship Program*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.

Peppler, K., Hoadley, C., Ahn, J., Birmingham, D., Cartun, A., Penuel, W., Chang-Order, J., Harris, M., Kirshner, B., Ching, D., Santo, R., Dadey, N., Gray, T., Honwad, S., Koper, M., Abrams, E. D., Middleton, M., Madison-Boyd, S., Steele, J., Podkul, T., Sauerteig, D., York, A. (2015, April) *New Tools, New Voices: Innovations in Understanding and Analyzing Life-Wide Ecologies for Youth Interest-Driven Learning*. Structured poster session at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, Chicago, IL.

York, A., Cartun, A., Price, E. (2014, April) *The Development of Cultural and Social Capital in Connected Learning Settings*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.

York, A. (2014, April) *How Positioning Shapes Student Engagement in Action Civics*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Gutiérrez, K., Schwartz, L., DiGiacomo, D., Vossoughi, S., Maul, A., Penuel, W., Dadey, N., Gallagher, L., Podkul, P., York, A., Cartun, A., Price, E., King, W., Fields, D., Vasudevan, V., Kafai, Y. (2014, March) *Pathways into Connected Learning for Non-Dominant Youth: Opportunities and Challenges*. Structured poster session presented at the annual conference of Digital Media and Learning, Boston, MA.

Carfagna, L., Rafalow, M., Korobkova, K., Lombana Bermudez, L., York, A. (2014, March) *This* is Learning: How Perceptions of Learning Relevance Matter for Student Success*. Panel presented at the annual conference of Digital Media and Learning, Boston, MA.

York, A. (2013, April). *Positioning and organizing for action civics*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, San Francisco, CA.

Gutierrez, K., Schwartz, L., Gray, T., Penuel, B. York, A. (2013, March). *Syncretic Approaches to Learning: Leveraging New Media and Youths' Repertoires of Practice*. Paper presented at the annual conference of Digital Media and Learning, Chicago, IL.

Penuel, W., Kirshner, B., York, A., Falk, J., Dierking, L. (2012, April). *Place-Based partnerships for learning as models for improving opportunities to learn in communities*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, Vancouver, BC.

York, A. (2012, April). *Student perspectives on the efficacy of YPAR as a tool for institutional change*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, Vancouver, BC.

Zion, S., Allaman, E., & York, A. (2011, April). *Creating a space for student voice in school reform: conceptualizing Critical Civic Inquiry*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Doyle, C., Goessling, K., & York, A. (2009, March). *Thru the Lenz: participatory action research in theory and practice*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Counseling Association, Charlotte, NC.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

York, A. (2018, September). *Schools of Opportunity framework as a tool for organizers*. Presentation at the Opportunity Coalition event: Building Opportunity: Hope, Courage and Justice in Education. Chicago, IL.

York, A. (2017, April). *Schools of Opportunity as an alternative framework for understanding school level assessment*. Guest lecture in CU Boulder EDUC 7446 Policy Issues in Education.

York, A., LaCour, S. (2017, April). *Access to opportunity: High quality curriculum and educational equity*. Presentation at the Tracking/Detracking SIG Business Meeting, annual conference of the American Education Research Association, San Antonio, TX.

Cho, A., Bermudez, A., York, A. (2013, March). *Mapping Tech and Learning: Visualizing Young Peoples' Learning Ecologies*. Workshop presented at Digital Media and Learning, Chicago, IL.

York, A., Allaman, E. (2013, February). *How to use youth participatory action research as a critical pedagogy and practice*. Workshop presented at the annual Racial Initiatives for Students and Educators Spring Symposium, Boulder, CO.

York, A. (2011, November). *Youths' interest based development of digital skills: examples from an arts-based non-profit*. Guest lecture in 4112: Educational Psychology and Adolescent Development, Boulder, CO.

Kirshner, B., York, A., Hernandez, A., & Moss, D. (2011, October). *What schools can do to promote young people's civic learning and development*. Presentation at The Youth-Nex Inaugural Conference, Charlottesville, VA.

Kirshner, B., & York, A. (2010, November). *Youth-participatory action research as a vehicle for equitable school reform*. Workshop presented at the Teachers of Color and Allies Summit, Boulder, CO.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Co-Chair – Colorado Alliance for Creative Youth Development **2016**
Denver, CO

Steering Committee Member - Distributed Open Collaborative Course for DML Scholars **2014 - 2015**
MacArthur Foundation's Digital Media and Learning Hub

Selection Committee Member – Non-Profit Internship Program The Denver Foundation	2014 - 2015
Committee Member - College Access Mentoring Program (CAMP) PlatteForum - Denver, CO	2011 - 2014
Board Member - Racial Initiatives for Students and Educators (R.I.S.E) University of Colorado Boulder	2011 - 2012
Student Editorial Committee - American Education Research Journal: SIA University of Colorado Boulder	2011 - 2012

AWARDS

University of Colorado Boulder, Dissertation Fellowship, Summer 2014
ACC Research Award 2009, Association for Creativity in Counseling, ACA Division 19