

KATHRYN ROONEY

EDUCATION

M.P.A.	University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill	2005
B.A.	Pomona College Public Policy/Psychology	1997

EXPERIENCE

- 10/2008 – present **Augenblick, Palaich and Associates (APA)**
Senior Associate
- Coordinating and analyzing the parent and preschool surveys for the Denver Preschool Program evaluation.
 - Managing the school-level performance and demographic data for the Louisiana school resource project.
- 7/2005 – 9/2008 **Educational Policy Improvement Center**
Lead Researcher
- Led a process to collect and analyze data from 38 exemplary high schools nationwide, for the purpose of learning how these schools prepare their students to be ready for college upon graduation. Conducted interviews, focus groups, and classroom observations as part of these site visits.
 - Managed multiple data collection processes to determine adequate school funding in the state of Washington.
- 5/2004 – 8/2004 **Government Accountability Office**
Graduate Intern
- Conducted an in-depth case study of an Arkansas Head Start grantee to determine gaps in the Head Start oversight process. This involved interviews with the grantee and analysis of grantee files.
 - Constructed and field-tested a nationwide survey to be administered to Head Start grantees.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND REPORTS

“Rhode Island Cost Calculator,” with Robert Palaich. Prepared for the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance. December 2008.

“Improving Adequacy Funding Methodology through a Mixed-Method Approach,” with David Conley. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. March 2008.

“Washington Adequacy Funding Study,” with David Conley. Prepared for the Washington Education Association. January 2007.

“Survey of Teacher Evaluation Models.” Prepared for the Chalkboard Project. October 2006.

“Survey of Pay-for-Performance Teacher Evaluation Systems.” Prepared for the Chalkboard Project. October 2006.