

Sociology 875 – Fall 2006
Interdisciplinary Training Seminar in Education Sciences
From Disciplinary Knowledge to Applied Research in Education: Producing Evidence that Matters
Fridays, 12:00-1:30, Education Sciences 13th floor unless otherwise indicated

Schedule of Meetings

- Sept 8: Steven Cantrell, Executive Director, Midwestern Educational Research Laboratory, “The Value of Applied Research in Education.”
- Sept 15: Symposium: *Social Science Research, Past and Future*
1:30-5:00pm, 8417 William H. Sewell Social Sciences Building
- Sept 22: Adam Gamoran, Geoffrey Borman, Jeffrey Grigg, Sheree Schrager, and Meghan Condon, WCER, “Experimental Design and Observations of an Intervention for System-Wide Change in Elementary School Science in Los Angeles.”
- Sept 29: Katherine Magnuson, School of Social Work, “The Persistence of Preschool Effects: Do Subsequent Classroom Experiences Matter?”
- Oct 6: Carolina Milesi, Department of Sociology, “Effects of Class Size and Instruction on Kindergarten Achievement.”
- Oct 13: Kurt Kiefer, Director of Planning/Research and Evaluation, Madison Metropolitan School District, “Producing Evidence that Matters: The View from Inside the School District.”
- Oct 20: Steven Alvarado, Department of Sociology, “Latino Immigrants, Language Assistance Classes, and Dropping Out.”
- Oct 27: Brad Carl, Wisconsin DPI, A State Education Agency Perspective on Educational Research Needs in the Era of Assessment and Accountability (co-sponsored by the WCER/DPI Seminar Series) **Room 253 Ed Sciences**
- Nov 3: Mark Dynarski, Mathematica Policy Research, “Using Experiments to Answer Policy Questions: The National Study of Educational Technology.” **Room 259 Ed Sciences**
- Nov 10: Symposium: *The Value of Research for Decisions about Programs and Instruction in School Districts*
Participants: Norma Baker, WCER Visiting Minority Scholar and Director of Elementary Education, Los Angeles Unified School District; Lisa Wachtel, Director of Teaching and Learning, Madison Metropolitan School District; Steve Kailin, WCER Researcher and Outreach Specialist. **Room 259 Ed Sciences**
- Nov 15: **[Note Wednesday meeting and location]** WISCAPE Symposium: *State and Local Policies Affecting Racial Dynamics in Higher Education* ,
1:45-3:15pm, The Pyle Center
- Nov 24: THANKSGIVING
- Dec 1: Megan Andrew, Department of Sociology, “Causal Effects of Primary Grade Retention on Educational Transitions.”

Dec 8: Jane Cooley, Department of Economics, “Determining ‘Optimal’ Student Groupings: Harnessing the Power of Peers.”

Dec 15: Summing up