

# JENNIFER A. RIPPNER

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## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, Athens, Georgia  
**Ph.D. in Higher Education** December 2013  
2012-13 Zell and Shirley Miller Fellow (awarded annually to an outstanding graduate student)

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW, Gainesville, Florida  
**Juris Doctorate** May 2000  
Chester Ferguson Scholarship recipient  
Who's Who of American Law School Students

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, Florida  
**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science** June 1997  
Honors Program

INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY, Washington, D.C.  
**Global Policy Fellows Program** 2006-2008  
One of three Americans selected to participate in the Global Policy Fellows Program, a forum of scholars from six countries selected to study higher education issues that included fieldwork in South Africa and a residency at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center in Italy.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS

- The intersection between academic freedom and college completion initiatives: a legal research project examining faculty rights regarding curriculum selection and grading.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Gandara, D., Rippner, J., & Ness, E. (2017). Exploring the "How" in Policy Diffusion: National Intermediary Organizations' Roles in Facilitating the Spread of Performance-Based Funding Policies in the States. *Journal of Higher Education*, 88(5), 701-725.
- Rippner, J. (2017). State P-20 Councils and Collaboration Between K-12 and Higher Education. *Educational Policy*, 31(1), 3-38.
- Rippner, J. (2015). *The American Education Policy Landscape*. New York: Routledge.
- Rippner, J. & Toutkoushian, R. (2015). The Big Bang in Public and Private Faculty Salaries. *Journal of Education Finance*, 41(2), 103-123.
- Rippner, J. (2015). Barriers to Success? The Role of Statewide Education Governance Structures in P-20 Council Collaboration. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 23(74).  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.14507/epaa.v23.1909>
- Rippner, J. (2013). *The Role of State P-20 Councils in Promoting Collaboration Between K-12 and Higher Education* (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

- Rippner, J. (2013). Book Review “Searching for Utopia by Hanna Holborn Gray”, *Teachers College Record*, Columbia University.
- Coleman, A. & Rippner, J. (2010). “Higher Education Access & Diversity Toolkit”, The College Board.
- Burgoyne, Robert, Theodore M. Shaw, Ralph C. Dawson, Rena Scheinkman, Arthur L. Coleman, Steven Y. Winnick, Jennifer Rippner, & Scott Palmer. (2010). “Navigating a Complex Landscape to Foster Greater Faculty and Student Diversity in Higher Education”, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Association of American Universities.
- Coleman, A., Palmer, S., Rippner, J., & Riley, R. (2009). “A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Imperative: Promoting Access and Diversity in Higher Education”, College Board: New York.
- Belyakov, A., L. Cremonini, M.Mfusi, J.Rippner. (2009). “The Effect of Transitions on Access to Higher Education”, Institute of Higher Education Policy: Washington, D.C.
- Solmon, L.; Wiederhorn, J., & Rippner, J. (2005). “Satisfaction Survey of Georgia Charter School Parents”, Georgia Department of Education.
- Marshall, J. S. & Rippner, J. (2004). “Current State of Charter Schools in Florida”, *James Madison Institute Public Policy Journal*.
- Solmon, L., Wiederhorn, J., Rippner, J. (2003). “Satisfaction Survey of Florida Charter School Parents”, Florida Department of Education and Florida State University.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS**

- Invited to submit proposal to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to explore how state P-20 councils use statewide longitudinal data in educational planning
- Research proposal for a qualitative analysis on how campus leaders make free speech-related decisions

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- University System of Georgia** Atlanta, Georgia  
*Kennesaw State University, Graduate School (consulting)* 2017 - 2018  
*University System of Georgia Chancellor’s Office (consulting)* 2017 – current  
*Georgia’s P-20 Council (consulting)* 2015 - current  
*Executive Director, Policy & Partnerships* 2015 - 2016
- University of Georgia’s Institute of Higher Education** Athens, Georgia  
*Postdoctoral Research & Teaching Associate* 2014 – 2015
  - Develop and conduct original and collaborative research agenda regarding education governance structures, education law, organizational theory
  - Collaborate on large grant-funded project related to the role of intermediary organizations in developing state education policy
  - Teaching responsibilities: P-20 education policy lectures (Ed.D. and Ph.D. programs)
- University of Georgia** Athens, Georgia  
*Graduate Research Assistant* 2011- 2013  
*for Dr. Libby Morris, Interim Provost*

- Represented Provost's office in the College Board's Affinity Network which brings together higher education and K-12 to implement common core standards
- Tracked Georgia's higher education funding commission and conducted related research on higher education performance funding to share with institutional leaders
- Conducted research and drafted institutional policy on faculty workloads and academic dual career couple hires
- Coordinated the College Completion Incubator Grant program for the University System of Georgia

**National Association of Charter School Authorizers**

Chicago, Illinois

*Evaluation Consultant*

2011- 2015

- Conducted evaluations of organization's charter school authorizing practices including for the Texas Education Agency, Ohio Department of Education, Hillsborough County Schools (FL), Louisiana Department of Education
- Provided feedback on NACSA's federal charter school grant application
- Led charter school application review teams including for Orleans Parish School Board, New Jersey Department of Education, and the Louisiana Department of Education
- Led year-long effort for the Florida Department of Education to establish charter school authorizer best practices which included facilitating a working group of school district and charter school leaders to develop the Florida Charter School Authorizing Principles & Standards. Also assisted the Department with revisions to the state model charter school application.
- Assisted Ohio Department of Education officials, over the course of 18 months, in creating an evaluation of charter school authorizers

**EducationCounsel, LLC**

Atlanta, Georgia & Washington, D.C.

*Senior Policy & Legal Advisor*

2008-2011

- Led work with major national accreditor to align state accreditation and accountability efforts
- Led drafting of a new framework for K-12 state accountability systems for the Council of Chief State School Officers
- Worked with higher education clients/projects related to access & diversity, increasing STEM majors, and increasing higher education/K-12 collaboration
- Developed a dashboard for individual state higher education reports produced by the College Board and the National Governors Association

**Office of the Governor of Georgia**

Atlanta, Georgia

*Education Advisor to Hon. Sonny Perdue, Governor*

2005-2007

*Executive Director, Office of Student Achievement*

2007-2008

- Advised Governor on PreK, K-12, and higher education policies including development of policy priorities/initiatives and development of state budget
- Acted as primary liaison with education agencies including the Georgia Department of Education, Professional Standards Commission, University System of Georgia, and Technical College System of Georgia
- Developed and served on the Alliance of Education Agency Heads, Georgia's P-20 council
- Reorganized the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (P-20 agency) to focus on education data and research
- Established contract with the National Student Clearinghouse to track Georgia high school student success in college

**Georgia Department of Education**

Atlanta, Georgia

*Education Program Manager*

2003-2005

*Charter Schools and Alternative Education*

- Developed and implemented revised state policies regarding all aspects of chartering
- Represented the Department at the state legislature regarding charter school issues

- **Florida State University, College of Education** Tallahassee, Florida  
*Director, Charter School Accountability Center* 2002 – 2003

  - Worked closely with the Dean and Associate Dean to develop and promote the Center statewide
  - Assisted the College’s Lab School with governing board training and its transition to charter school status
  - Conducted lectures on teacher liability in advanced undergraduate and graduate courses
  
- **Micanopy Area School (K-5 public charter school)** Micanopy, Florida  
*School Director* 2000 - 2002

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- **Southern Methodist University**
  - Law & Higher Education – Executive Ed.D. program – Summer 2018 (virtual)
- **University of Georgia Institute Of Higher Education**
  - Law and Higher Education – Executive Ed.D. Program – Summer 2017, 2018 (campus)
  - Law and Higher Education – EDHI 8300 – Spring 2017 (campus)
- **George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Dev.**
  - School Law – EDUC 6236 – Summer 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018 (virtual)
- **University of Georgia College of Education**
  - Politics of Education – EDAP 8290 – Fall 2016 (hybrid)
- **University of Florida College of Education**
  - Law and Higher Education – EDH 7405 – Fall 2016 (virtual)
- **Georgia State University College of Education**
  - Legal Issues in Education – Summer 2004 (campus)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Higher Education Editor, *The Education Law & Policy Review* (2012 – present)
  - Co-Editor-in-Chief for issue on Public Education Reform and the Law (forthcoming in 2018)
  
- Editorial Board Member, *Innovative Higher Education* (2016 – present)
  
- Manuscript Reviewer, *Educational Policy* (2016)
  
- Manuscript Reviewer, *Education Policy Analysis Archives* (2017)
  
- Member, State Bar of Georgia (2010 – present)
  - Member, School & College Law Section
  
- Member, Education Law Association (2000 - present)
  
- Member, Association for the Study of Higher Education (2011 – present)
  - Conference Proposal Reviewer (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
  - Session Chair, Annual Conference (2013, 2015, 2016)
  
- Member, American Education Research Association (2013 – present)
  - Conference Proposal Reviewer (2000, 2013, 2014, 2016)
  - Session Chair, Annual Conference (2015)

- Member, State (Georgia) Charter Schools Commission (appointed by Hon. Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia) (2013 – 2017)
  - Chairman (January 2015 – July 2017)
- Member, Georgia’s Every Student Succeeds Act Assessment Committee (2016-present)
  - Representing higher education community on federal K-12 plan preparation
- Member, Get Georgia Reading! Cabinet (2015 – present)
  - State reading campaign involving education, public health, and community services
- Chair, Race to the Top Innovation Fund Advisory Commission (appointed by Hon. Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia) (2011-2013)
- Member, Southern Regional Education Board (2007-2012)
- Member, Georgia Charter Schools Commission (successively appointed by Hon. Sonny Perdue and Hon. Nathan Deal) (2010-2011)
  - Chair, Georgia Charter Schools Commission (2011)
- Board Member, National Association of Charter School Authorizers (2004-2005)
  - Executive Committee (2005)

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Invited panel member for the University of Georgia Center for Teaching and Learning’s movie screening of “Most Likely To Succeed”, October 2015.
- Selected as the 2012-13 Zell and Shirley Miller Graduate Fellow by the faculty of the UGA Institute of Higher Education – awarded annually to a doctoral student of high promise as defined by scholarly potential, academic record, and professional achievement
- Selected to participate in the 2013 William L. Boyd National Educational Politics Workshop for emerging scholars at the AERA Annual Conference
- Conceived of and lead the redevelopment of Georgia’s P-20 council into the Alliance of Education Agency Heads in 2005 (currently continues in same form)
- Selected as one of Georgia Trend Magazine’s “40 under 40” (2006)
- Directed Charter School Accountability Center at Florida State University, almost doubling its grant funding after its first year (from \$366,000 in 2002 to \$715,000 in 2003)

### **SELECTED ACADEMIC AND POLICY PRESENTATIONS**

- Dayton, John & Jennifer Rippner. (2017). Culture Wars and the Constitution: Church-State Conflicts in Public Educational Institutions. San Diego, CA: Education Law Association Annual Conference.

- Rippner, Jennifer. (2016). The Science of Collaboration in Education: A Call for a Research Agenda. Accepted for presentation at the Association of Public Policy and Management annual conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2015). Barriers to Success? P-20 Councils and State Education Governance Structures. Chicago, IL: AERA Annual Conference.
- Gandara, Denisa, Rippner, Jennifer & Ness, Erik. (2015). Exploring the “How” in Policy Diffusion: A National Intermediary Organization’s Role in Facilitating the Spread of College Completion Policies in the States. Chicago, IL: AERA Annual Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2013). A Literature Review of P-20 Councils: Historical and Legal Antecedents of K-12/Higher Education Separation and One Method of Connection. St. Louis, MO: Association for the Study of Higher Education.
- Lashley, Laura, & Jennifer Rippner. (2013). The Georgia Charter Schools Commission: A Case Study of the Controversial Past, Present, and Future of Georgia’s State Charter Authorizer. Westminster, CO: Education Law Association Annual Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2012). Sweezy v. New Hampshire and the Legal Recognition of Academic Freedom. Las Vegas, NV: Association for the Study of Higher Education.
- Rippner, Jennifer and Robert Toutkoushian. (2012). Why Do Some Institutions Pay Faculty More Than Others? Las Vegas, NV: Association for the Study of Higher Education.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2012). Bridging the Sectors – Understanding the Impact of New Federal K-12 Law and Policy on Higher Education. Hilton Head Island, SC: Education Law Association Annual Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2011). Legal Considerations for Designing School Choice Programs. San Antonio, TX: National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer & Dane Linn. (2010). Orientation for New Governors’ Education Policy Advisors. Santa Fe, NM: National Governors Association Education Policy Advisors Meeting.
- Rippner, Jennifer & Bradley Quinn. (2010). Legal and Policy Issues Related to College Access and Diversity (keynote). Dana Point, CA: The College Board Access and Diversity Workshop.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2010). Making the Right Connections – Access & Diversity [in higher education] Seminar. Atlanta, GA: The College Board Access and Diversity Workshop.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2010). Accountability 2.0. Macon, GA: Georgia Chamber of Commerce Education Reform Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer & Alissa Peltzman. (2009). Tennessee’s College and Career-Ready Agenda. Nashville, TN: for Hon. Governor of Tennessee Phil Bredesen and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2009). Louisiana’s College and Career-Ready Agenda. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting.

- Rippner, Jennifer. (2008). Providing Local School Districts Flexibility for Accountability. Washington, D.C.: Achieve and EducationCounsel, College and Career Ready Policy Institute.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2008). The Future of Teaching in Georgia. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Public Broadcasting.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2006). Truth in Class Size Act. Atlanta, GA: Lawmakers Television Show, Georgia Public Broadcasting.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2006). A Strong Start for Georgia’s Teachers. Atlanta, GA: The National Commission on Teaching and America’s Future.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2004). Charter School Governance. Miami, FL. National Charter Schools Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2004). How States Can Support Quality Charter Schools. Philadelphia, PA. National Charter School Authorizers Conference.
- Rippner, Jennifer. (2003). Florida Charter School Sponsor Best Practices. San Diego, CA: National Charter School Authorizers Association Conference.
- Rollin, Stephen, Richard Kunkel, Jennifer Rippner, Charlotte Minnick, Jennifer Holland, Steven Solomon. (2003). Charter Schools as Professional Development Schools: A New Frontier. New Orleans, FL: American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.
- Rollin, Stephen, Richard Kunkel, Jennifer Rippner, Jennifer Holland, Steven Solomon. (2003). Teacher Education Colleges as the Creator of Partnerships. Jacksonville, FL: Association of Teacher Educators.
- Rollin, Stephen, Jennifer Rippner, Lauren Giovingo. (2003). Utilizing Counselors in Charter School Board Development. Toronto, Canada: America Psychological Association.
- Rollin, Stephen, Jennifer Rippner, Cathy Wooley-Brown, Sandra Oldham, Steven Solomon. (2002). Defining, Structuring, and Achieving Accountability. Scottsdale, AZ: National Charter Clearinghouse Conference.
- Various guest lectures on teachers’ negligence liability and charter schools to undergraduate and graduate level courses at Florida State University (2002-2003).

### **SELECTED LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY**

- Florida House of Representatives Sub-Committee on Education Innovation, 2003 session, *Charter School Accountability*
- Florida Senate Education Committee, 2003, *Charter School Accountability*
- Georgia House of Representatives Education Committee, 2004 session, *Charter Schools in Georgia*
- Georgia House of Representatives Education Committee, 2006 session, *Governor’s Education Package: Class Size, Budget, Instructional Expenditure Rules*

- Georgia Senate Education and Youth Committee, 2006 session, Governor's Education Package: *Class Size, Budget, Instructional Expenditure Rules*
- Georgia House of Representatives Education Committee, 2007 session, *Governor's Education Package: Recruitment of High Quality Principals, Budget, Local School District Flexibility*
- Georgia Senate Education and Youth Committee, 2007 session, *Governor's Education Package: Recruitment of High Quality Principals, Budget, Local School District Flexibility*
- Georgia House of Representatives Education Committee, 2008 session, *Georgia Charter Schools Commission legislation*
- Georgia Senate Education and Youth Committee, 2008 session, *Georgia Charter Schools Commission legislation*