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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics	University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1972 Fields in Public Finance and Labor
M.A. Economics	University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1970
B.A. High Honors Junior year	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1967 University of Aix-en-Provence, France, 1965-66
Advanced Certificate	New York University, Stern School of Business, 1984 Concentration in Finance

## AWARDS

Association for Policy Analysis and Management, Policy Field Distinguished Contribution Award, 2024.
Wilder Award for Scholarship in Social Equity, 2008 Policy Council, Association for Policy Analysis and Management, 2003-07
Outstanding Service Award, American Education Finance Association, 2005
President, American Education Finance Association, 2001-02
Who's Who in America, Fall 2001
Joseph S. Wholey Distinguished Scholarship Award, Spring 2000
Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1972
National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1967-1971
Phi Beta Kappa, 1967

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2009 - present	Professor of Economics and Education Policy, Steinhardt, New York University
1991- present	Professor of Economics, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University
1976- 1990	Assistant and Associate Professor of Economics, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University
1975- 1976	Visiting Professor, Sarah Lawrence College
1972- 1975	Assistant Professor of Economics and Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University
Courses Taught:	Economics of Education, Multiple Regression, Econometrics, Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Finance, Public Economics, Financial Accounting, Financial Decision Making, Urban Economics, Public Budgeting, Budgeting for Local Government

**ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AT WAGNER AND STEINHARDT SCHOOLS**

2009-present	Director or Co-Director, Masters in Education and Social Policy
2007-2017	Associate Director, Institute for Education and Social Policy
1991- 2001	Director, Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy Program
1991- 2001	Director, Public Finance and Financial Management Concentration
1992- 93	Acting Associate Dean
1981-82	Director, Doctoral Program

**PUBLICATIONS****A. Books**

**Leanna Stiefel**, Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ross Rubenstein, Jeffrey Zabel (2005). *Measuring School Performance and Efficiency: Implications for Practice and Research*, 2005 Yearbook of American Education Finance Association, Eye on Education, New York, New York.

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Spenser Gwozdzik, **Leanna Stiefel** (2023). “Do Perceptions of School Climate Improve in High School for Students with Disabilities?” *American Educational Research Journal*, 60 (4): 667-695.

Amy Ellen Schwartz, Bryant Patrick Hopkins, **Leanna Stiefel** (2021). “The Effects of Special Education on the Academic Performance of Students with Learning Disabilities,” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 40 (2): 480-520

**Leanna Stiefel**, Michael Gottfried, Menbere Shiferaw, Amy Ellen Schwartz (2021). “Is Special Education Improving? Case Evidence from New York City,” *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 32 (2): 95–107.

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Thomas Downes and **Leanna Stiefel** (2015). "Measuring Equity and Adequacy in School Finance" in Helen F. Ladd and Margaret Goertz, editors, *Handbook of Research in Education Finance and Policy, 2nd edition*, Laurence Erlbaum Associates, New York: 222-237.

**Leanna Stiefel**, editor five chapters in Equity section of Helen F. Ladd and Margaret Goertz, editors, *Handbook of Research in Education Finance and Policy, 2nd edition*, Laurence Erlbaum Associates, New York: 222-237.

**Leanna Stiefel** and Sarah Cordes (2015), "School Finance Equity Statistics," in D. Brewer and L. Picus, editors, *Encyclopedia of Education Economics and Finance*, Sage Publishers, Ca.

Amy Ellen Schwartz and **Leanna Stiefel** (2014). "Linking Housing Policy and School Reform" in K. Goyette and A. Lareau, editors, *Choosing Homes, Choosing Schools*. Russell Sage, New York, NY: 295-314.

Amy Ellen Schwartz and **Leanna Stiefel** (2011). "Immigrants and Inequality in Public Schools," Richard Murnane and Greg Duncan, eds., *Whither Opportunity*, Brookings Institution Press, Washington DC.

**Leanna Stiefel** and Amy Schwartz (2011), "Financing K-12 Education in the Bloomberg Years, 2002-2008," in Jennifer O'Day, Catherine Bitter and Louis Gomez, eds., *Education Reform in New York City: Ambitious Change in the Nation's Most Complex School System*, Harvard Education Press, Cambridge MA.

**Leanna Stiefel**, Amy Ellen Schwartz and Ingrid Gould Ellen (2011). "Racial Test Score Gaps," *Justice for All: Promoting Social Equity in Public Administration*, eds. N. Johnson and J. Svara, M. E. Sharpe Publisher, New York: 187-191.

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#### **D. Selected Commentaries and Media Pieces**

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Robert Berne and **Leanna Stiefel** (1991). "Fifteen years Older and Deeper in Debt: Effects of the Mid-1970s Fiscal Crisis on Public Elementary and Secondary Education in New York City."

Robert Berne and **Leanna Stiefel** (1990). "Measuring School Finance Equity in the 1990s: Old Dogs or New Tricks?"

**Leanna Stiefel** (1990). "Government's Role in Child Care Financing," Urban Research Center, New York University.

Robert Berne and **Leanna Stiefel** (1983). "Alternative Measures of Disparities in California School Finance", Prepared for Remcho and Johansen, attorneys in California Serrano school finance court case.

Robert Berne and **Leanna Stiefel** (1981). "Assessing School Finance Equity in the States: A Literature Review," Prepared for the School Finance Project, U.S. Department of Education.

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**Leanna Stiefel** (1976). "Cost Effectiveness Analysis of Existing Economic Data Sources on the Arts", and selected other parts of Dick Netzer, "Final Report on Data Recommendations on the Arts", Report to the National Endowment for the Arts, Research Division.

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**Leanna Stiefel** (1973). "Per Pupil Expenditures and Tax Incidence Under Michigan's Modified Power Equalization School Finance Plan", Center for Rural Manpower and Public Affairs, Michigan State University.

**Leanna Stiefel** (1973). "The Value-Added Tax (V.A.T.): A Primer for Cooperative Extension Specialists in Public Affairs", Center for Rural Manpower and Public Affairs, Michigan State.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Spencer Foundation, 2015-2019, Special Education Policy Reforms: Equal Opportunity at Last? PI.

MacArthur Foundation, 2011-2014, The Effects of Housing Instability on Children's Education Outcomes, co-PI.

National Institutes for Health, 2011-2014, "Can Schools Reduce Childhood Obesity? Evidence on School Effects and Obesity in New York City Public Schools," faculty I.

Spencer Foundation," 2010-2013, "Migration, Immigration and Public Schools: The Consequences of Mobility for Students and their Classmates," co-PI.

US Department of Education, 2008 –2010, "Do Small Schools Improve Student Performance in Large, Urban Districts? Evidence from New York City?" PI.

Spencer Foundation 2006-2009, "Trajectories of Immigrant Performance Over Time," PI.

US Department of Education, 2004 – 2007, "How Should We Organize Primary Schooling? Grade Span, School Size and Student Academic Performance," PI.

Carnegie Corporation, 2004 –2006, "The Cost of Small Schools," faculty I.

New York State Education Department, through Education Finance Research Consortium, 2003-04, "Racial Test Score Gaps in New York State Schools in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades," PI.

Spencer Foundation, 2002-2004, "Public Education and New York City's Immigrant Children,"co-PI.

US Department of Education, 2001 – 2005, "Good Schools, Good Students? Measuring School Performance with Diverse Students," PI.

Rockefeller Foundation, 2000-2001, "Public Education and New York City's Immigrant Children," co-PI.

Russell Sage Foundation, 2000-2001, "Immigrants and School Segregation in New York City," faculty I.

Robin Hood Foundation, 1998, "Use of School Level Expenditure Data," faculty I.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 1992-97, "School-Level Resource Allocation," co-PI.

American Civil Liberties Union, 1995-96, "The Condition of Education in New York State," co-PI.

Brunner Foundation, Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, New York Community Trust, 1995-97, "Measuring the Effects of Size on School Costs in New York City," co-PI.

Ford Foundation, 1977-1981, "Measuring Equity in School Finance," co-PI.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer, IES research grants, Washington DC, 2009-10, 2012-14

Technical Advisory Panel, 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of Quality Counts, *Education Week*

Invited Member, AERA Task Force for IES Reauthorization, 2009-10

Member, Vernon Prize Committee to choose best article in *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2006.

Elected to Policy Council, Association for Policy Analysis and Management, 2003-2007.

Former Member, Panel on Policy, Advocacy and Research, New Visions for Public Schools.

President, American Education Finance Association, 2001-2002.

Board of Governors, New York State's Education Finance Research Consortium  
(<http://www.albany.edu/edfin>), -2012.

Technical Planning Panel, National Center for Education Statistics.

U.S. Department of Education, 1997-2005.

Elected Board Member, American Education Finance Association, 1997-2000.

Editorial Board Member, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Journal of Education Finance* (until 2012), *Public Administration Review* (1982-85).

Tenure or promotion reviews for twenty candidates at other universities

## **Member**

American Economic Association

Association for Education Finance and Policy

American Education Research Association

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

**Consultant**

New Jersey Law Center  
National Center for Education Statistics, US Department of Education  
Campaign for Fiscal Equity, New York  
American Civil Liberties Union of New York  
Remcho, Johansen, and Purcell, attorneys for defendants in *Serrano v. Priest*  
National Science Foundation  
New York State Special Task Force on Equity and Excellence in Education  
New York State Department of Education  
Education Commission of the States  
Rauh, Silard and Lichtman, attorneys for plaintiffs in *Hornbeck v. Somerset County*

**Recent Paper/Poster Presentations**

Boston University, Conference on Using Administrative data in special education research, 2025  
SREE, Does Special Education Work? 2024  
RWJ Population Health Meetings, October 2017  
American Education Research Association, Spring 2019  
Association for Education Finance and Policy, Annual Conferences, Spring 2000-23.  
New Federal Reserve, Education Research Conference, Fall 2018  
Association for Public Policy and Management, Annual Conferences, Fall 2000-20, 24.  
Institute for Education Sciences, US Department of Education, Summers 2006, 2007, 2010.

**SIGNIFICANT SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Director, Co-Director, EDSP Master's, Steinhardt School, 2009- 2025  
Chair, Faculty Search Committees, 1989, 1996  
Member, Faculty Search Committees, 1980, 1986, 1993, 1999, 2005, 2015, 2016  
Elected Member, Dean's Search Committees, 1988, 1994  
Elected N.Y.U. Senator for Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, 1987-1990, 2006  
Chair Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2010-13, 2021, 2022  
Member Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 1980, 1988-95, 1997-07, 2009, 2013  
Member, Doctoral Board, 1977-82, 2007, 2014 -present  
Chair, Finance Curriculum Revision Committee, 1991  
Member, Microeconomics Curriculum Revision Committee, 1978, 1998, 2000  
Member, IES-PIRT Leadership. 2016 – present  
Member, Best Dissertation Committee for NYU, 2020- 2022.

**DISSERTATION STUDENTS****(Chair, with first or current position of students)**

Cheon Oh (distribution of taxes and expenditures of Korean government), Dean, Seoul University

Carloyn Eichman (child care arrangements in the US)

William Simonsen (efficiency of waste management facilities), faculty, University of Connecticut

Richard Saulnier (financial aid in higher education), Dean, John Jay College

Ross Rubenstein (school-based budgeting in Chicago), chaired professor, Georgia State

Michele Moser (school-based budgeting in Rochester), faculty, Muhlenberg College

Patrice Iatarola (equity of resources and performance in public schools), faculty, Florida State University

Hella Bel Hadj Amor (costs of schools and districts in public education), evaluation firm, Oregon

Carole Portas (determinants of child care and of kindergarten performance), Prince Georges Co. School District

Colin Chellman (essays on the role of accountability and race in state school finance aid), Associate Dean for Institutional and Policy Research at the City University of New York

Thad Calabrese (essays on nonprofit net assets), faculty, Wagner School

Charles Parekh (three papers on student performance in public schools), consultant, Chicago

Emilyn Ruble Whitesell (three papers on district role in education policy), Mathematica

Menbere Shiferaw (three papers on disadvantaged students), Mathematica

Bryant Hopkins (three papers on federal policy for disadvantaged students), post-doc, Michigan State

Syeda Sana Fatima (three papers on at-risk students), AIR

Zachary McDermott (three papers on disadvantaged students), ABT

Spenser Gwozdzik (housing and education), New York City Housing Preservation Department

Kaitlyn O'Hagan (education policy targeting..), Independent Budget Office, New York City

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