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## **Professional Experience**

October 2008 –  
present

### **Augenblick, Palaich and Associates (APA)**

#### **Senior Associate**

- Leading a study for the Irvine Foundation to determine the costs of a high school career pathways program in California. This included the creation of a cost model for existing and potential Linked Learning school districts.
- Designing, administering, and analyzing parent and preschool surveys for the evaluation of the Denver Preschool Program.
- Led the data collection effort and created a cost model to determine the resources necessary to implement healthy schools initiatives across Colorado.
- Managed a complex data assimilation and analysis effort on Early College High Schools in Georgia.
- Managed and analyzed the school-level performance and demographic data for a Louisiana school resource project.
- Performing numerous survey designs, literature reviews, and data analysis efforts for a variety of projects.

July 2005 –  
September 2008

### **Educational Policy Improvement Center**

#### **Lead Researcher**

- Led a multifaceted 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 dozens of 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.

Summer 2004

### **Government Accountability Office**

#### **Graduate Intern**

- Conducted a 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 administer to Head Start grantees.

September 2000 –  
April 2003

### **MPR Associates**

#### **Research Assistant**

- Analyzed large education data sets using SPSS and MPR's Data Analysis System (DAS).
- Co-authored several published reports on postsecondary educational topics.
- Performed extensive background research and literature reviews.

## **Education**

MPA            **University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill**            2005

BA            **Pomona College (Public Policy/Psychology)**            1997

## **Professional Papers and Reports**

Rooney, K. Silverstein, J. & Brown, A. (2015). *Linked Learning Cost Study Final Report*. Denver, Colorado, March 2015.

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