MENTORS

Anthony Annunziato, Ed.D.
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Educational Administration, School Finance, Organizational Theory

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- New York State’s Principal Evaluation System: Perceptions of Principals & Evaluators...
- Teacher Beliefs about Literacy Learning and Classroom Practices
- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Alignment with 21st Century Skills
- Comparative Case Analysis of the Innovation in 5 STEM schools based on Zhao’s framework for 21st Century World Class Leaders
- A Multi-Year Study on the Fiscal and Programmatic Impact of Political, Economic, Social, & Legal Factors on Long Island School Districts
- The Relationship Between Special Ed Programs, Ethnicity, & SES on Student Growth in Reading & Math
- Analyzing Online Learning Success in a Long Island Alternative High School
- Leading for Educational Equity: A Case Study of the Role of Superintendents Participating in the Long Island Consortium for Excellence and Equity (LICEE)

James Campbell, Ph.D.
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Parental Influence, Gifted Education, Gender Equity

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- The Influence of Administrative Factors on 9th Grade Mathematics Outcomes
- Predictors of Gender Achievement in Physical Science at the Secondary Level
- The Effect of Read-Aloud Testing on Reading Progress for SWD
- The Relationship Between Gifted Students and Their Parents
- The Influence of Middle School Structures on 8th Grade Science Nat’l Assessment of Educational Progress
- Investigating Teacher Implementation of Autonomy Support Professional Development
- Differences in Same-Sex and Opposite-Sex Parenting Practices Evident in School-Related Parent-Child Interaction
Seokhee Cho, Ph.D.
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Gifted Education

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Predictive Relationships Among Assessments, Academic Growth, Student Cognitive Ability and Achievement.
- The Effects of a Challenging Math Curriculum and Teacher as Facilitator on Mathematically Promising ELLs.
- Examining the Predictive Power of Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress on Students’ Academic Proficiency and Gains.
- Validation of the Predictive Relationship of Creative Problem Solving Attributes with Mathematical Creativity.
- The Relationship of Students’ Perceptions of Classroom Environment on Mathematically Promising ELLs on Math Achievement.

Rene Parmar, Ph.D.
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Educational Measurement and Evaluation, Learning Disabilities, Mathematics Education

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- The Effects of Mentoring on 2nd & 3rd Year At-Risk High School Students’ Attitude, Academic Achievement, Attendance, and Behavior.
- School Principal Personality as an Indicator of School Learning Environment in Special Education Schools.
- Anger and Aggression: Links to Social (Mal) Adjustment in Early Adolescence.
- An Investigation into the Effect of Using Computer-Based Literacy Programs to Increase Students’ Reading Comprehension in a High-Needs Middle School.
- The Relationship Between Per Pupil Spending and Academic Achievement of Secondary Students in New York State.
Autumn Cyprès, Ed.D.

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- What it Means to be a Biracial Black-White Student. (Currently in process.)
- Making way for equity: Principals’ perceptions of social justice leadership.
- Inspiring Apostles or shaping cynics? A look at teacher perceptions during the liturgical reform of the Ohio high school transformation initiative.
- The relationship of organizational culture and mentoring of entry year secondary assistant principals.
- The Principal’s Role in Developing the Classroom Management Skills of the Novice Elementary Teacher.

Barbara Cozza, Ph.D.

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Collaboration as a Vehicle for Educational Change: A Case Study of a First-Year Elementary Teacher Team
- A Phenomenological Study of Faculty Participation in Faculty Learning Communities in Higher Education
- The Impact of PLCs on Student Performance in NYC Schools
- Autism Research: Music Aptitude’s Effect on Developmental/Academic Gains for Students with Significant Cognitive/Language Delays

Allan Ornstein, Ed.D.

Please note that due to personal injury, Dr. Ornstein will not be attending the Symposium and will not be available for mentoring services in the coming months.
Randall F. Clemens, Ph.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
- Access and Equity for Underserved Youth
- Qualitative Research and Social Media
- Social and Cultural Contexts of Urban Education
- Urban Education Policy and Reform

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- The role of parental involvement for academic achievement
- The relationship between culturally relevant curriculum and achievement for underserved students.

Rosalba Del Vecchio, Ed.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Education leadership, administration and policy, with a concentration on partnership development and professional development of aspiring school administrators

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Job-embedded Professional Development as a Predictor of Academic Achievement in Magnet Schools
- Examining a Math Science Professional Development Program for Teachers in Grades 7-12 in an Urban School District
Richard Bernato, Ed.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Educational Leadership, School Improvement, Strategic and Shared Planning, Curriculum Design, Organizational Health

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- NYC Middle School ELL Achievement: An Examination of the Learning Organization
- An Examination of Administrators’ Perceptions of Issues Associated with Implementation of Pre-K Foundation for the Common Core
- The Learning and Decision-Making Patterns of Traditional and Non-Traditional Superintendents on Long Island
- Use of Official Student Performance data by HS Principals to make data-driven decisions
- Characteristics of Teachers’ and Administrators’ Perceptions of Effective Parental Involvement in an Alternative Regional High School
- Analyzing Factors that Influence Parents’ Decision regarding refusal to take the NYS CC Assessment in Suffolk County
- The Descriptive Review Process: How Teachers Respond to Peer-Suggested Strategies
- An Investigation of General Education and Special Education Teachers’ Beliefs of the Effects of Integrated Co-Teaching/Inclusion in Secondary Schools

Mary Ellen Freeley, Ed.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Leadership, Administration and Supervision

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Elementary Teachers’ Attitudes towards Existing and desired Classroom Observation Practices in the Post-APPR Era
- Teacher Perceptions of Pedagogical Challenges as Instruction is Facilitated for ELLs in the Mainstream Classroom
- Relationship between Instructional Strategies and Students’ Performance in the NYS Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra in High Performing Suburban Districts
- Inspiring Teachers to Reflect and Ask for Feedback: an Interplay of Teachers’ Self-Efficacy, Principals’ Feedback, and Servant-Leadership Characteristics
- Examining the Interview Component of the Hiring Process of Teachers
- Sense of Efficacy of Novice Teachers Based on the Teacher Preparation Program and the Support Received During Years 1-3
Paul Miller, Ph.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Research and statistics, measurement and evaluation, decision-making, positive psychology

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Social Media Usage and Its Impact on GPA and Retention: An Exploratory Study to Generate Viable Strategies in a Dynamic Higher Education Learning Environment
- Self-Selection and a Comparison of Student Achievement and Satisfaction Between Online and Face-to-Face Sections of MBA Courses
- Developing a Short Form of the Negative Acts Questionnaire Operational Measure of Bullying and its Relationship to School Climate
- Evaluating Alignment Between NYS Science Standards, State Science Assessment, and its impact on Achievement of Elementary and Middle School Students in New York
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
- Distance Education
- Cognitive Development
- E-Learning
- Web 2.0
- Educational Administration
- Instructional Design
- Instructional Technology
- Blended Learning
- Policy Studies of Technology
- K-12 Distance Learning
- Science Technology and Society

Robert Brasco, Ed.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Educational Administration and Supervision

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Effective Schools Research
- The Bureaucracy
- Principal Bullying
- Student and Teacher Interactions as a Predictor of Student Achievement
Ranier Melucci, Ed.D.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
Supervision and Evaluation, School Budgeting and Finance

SAMPLE DISSERTATION TOPICS
- Student Mobility and Achievement
- Teacher-Student Relationships and Achievements
- Instructional Strategies Used in Integrated Algebra Regents
- Professional Development as a Predictor of Achievement
- Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Practices
- Professional Development & NAEP Results