

# Catharine Biddle

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Educational Leadership

*The Pennsylvania State University*

University Park, PA

Title: Communities discovering what they care about: Youth and adults leading school reform together

M.Ed. in Out of School Time Education and Leadership

*Lesley University*

Cambridge, MA

B.A. in History, South Asian Studies

*Brown University*

Providence, RI

## EMPLOYMENT

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Associate Professor, 2020 – present

*University of Maine*

Orono, ME

Assistant Professor, 2015 - 2020

*University of Maine*

Orono, ME

Research and Teaching Assistant, 2010 – 2015

*The Pennsylvania State University*

University Park, PA

Executive Director, 2009 - 2010

*Nanubhai Education Foundation*

Gujarat, India

English Teacher, 2008 - 2009

*Nanubhai Education Foundation*

Gujarat, India

Teaching Fellow, 2006 - 2008

*Citizen Schools*

Boston, MA

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Refereed journal articles (\* indicates graduate or undergraduate student co-author)*

1. Biddle, C. & Brown, L. (2020). Banishing “Siberia” and student seclusion: Supporting trauma-informed systems change in a rural school. *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*. [Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1555458920910771>]

2. Biddle, C., Sutherland, D.H. & McHenry-Sorber, E. (2019). On resisting “awayness” and being a good insider: Early career scholars revisit Coladarci’s Swan Song a decade later. *Journal of Research in Rural Education*, 35(7), 1-9.
3. Biddle, C. & Hufnagel, E. (2019). Navigating the “danger zone”: Tone policing and the boundaries of civility in student voice. *American Journal of Education*, 125(4), 487-520.
4. Biddle, C. (2019). Pragmatism in student voice practice: What does it take to sustain a counter-normative practice in the long-term? *Journal of Educational Change*, 20(1), 1-29.
5. Azano, A. & Biddle, C. (2019). Disrupting dichotomous traps and problem formation in rural education. *The Rural Educator*, 40(2), 1-13.
6. Mette, I. M., Biddle, C., \*Congdon, M, & \*Mercado, A. (2019). Parochialism or pragmatic resistance? The role of community-engaged leadership, activist scholarship, and vulnerable rural ecologies within school reform. *Australian and International Journal of Rural Education*, 29(2), 78-98.
7. Biddle, C. & Mette, I. (2019). Using affinity networks to scaffold community collaboration: Methodological techniques to support the use of qualitative data in community-based research. *The Qualitative Report*, 24(2), 1186-1197.
8. Biddle, C., Mette, I., & \*Mercado, A. (2018). Partnering with schools for community development: Power imbalances in a rural community collaborative addressing childhood adversity. *Community Development*, 49(2), 191-210.
9. Ackerman, R., Mette, I., & Biddle, C. (2018). The adaptive challenges of leadership in Maine schools. *Maine Policy Review*, 27(1), 36-43.
10. Mette, I., Biddle, C., Brown, L., Tappan, M., Cirone, A., Ray, B., Strickland, S., & Thomas, L., (2018). The TREE branches of community support: How school-community partnerships can drive rural reform efforts. *Journal of Maine Education*, 34(1), 55-67.
11. Biddle, C. (2017). Trust formation when youth and adults partner for school reform: A case study of supportive structures and challenges. *Journal of Organizational and Educational Leadership*, 2(2), 1-29.
12. Biddle, C. & Azano, A. (2016). Constructing the “rural school problem”: Rurality and rural education research over the past century. *Review of Research in Education*, 40(1), 298-325.
13. Mette, I., Biddle, C., Mackenzie, S.V. & \*Harris-Smedberg, K. (2016). Poverty, privilege and political dynamics of rural school reform: Unraveling leadership in invisible America. *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*, 19(3), 62-84.
14. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2015). Axiology and anomaly: Pragmatism, valuation and the “transformative paradigm.” *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 9(4), 320-334.
15. Biddle, C. & Mitra, D. (2015). Implementing middle school youth-adult partnerships: A study of two programs focused on social change. *Middle Grades Review*, 1(2), 1-18.
16. Schafft, K. & Biddle, C. (2015). Opportunity, ambivalence and the purpose of schooling in Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale region. *Human Organization*, 74(1), 74-85.
17. Schafft, K. & Biddle, C. (2014). The school and community impacts of hydraulic fracturing within Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale region and dilemmas for educational leadership. *Peabody Journal of*

*Education*, 89(5), 670-682.

18. Schafft, K.A. & Biddle, C. (2013). Place and purpose in public education: School mission statements and educational (dis)embeddedness. *American Journal of Education*, 120(5), 55-76.

#### *Refereed book chapters*

19. Biddle, C. (forthcoming). "Rural educational leadership." In A. Azano, K. Eppley, and C. Biddle (Eds). *Handbook of Rural Education in the USA*. New York: Bloomsbury.
20. Biddle, C. & Mitra, D. (forthcoming). "Community advocacy and activism." In A. Urick, D. DeMatthew & T. Ford, *Maximizing the policy-relevance of research for school improvement*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
21. \*Frankland, M., \*Mercado, A., & Biddle, C. (2019). "Negotiating culturally responsive leadership in remote, rural settings." In E. Crawford & L. Dorner (Eds), *Educating Immigrant Children*. NY: Routledge.
22. Biddle, C., Mette, I., Brown, L. Tappan, M., Ray, B. & Strickland, S. (2018). "Addressing rural, wicked problems through collaboration: Critical reflections on a school-university-community design process." In R.M. Reardon & J. Leonard (Eds), *Making a positive impact in rural places: Change agency in school-university-community collaboration in education*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
23. Biddle, C., & Mette, I. (2017). "Education and information." In J. Sherman, A. Tickamyer, & J. Warlick (Eds), *Rural poverty in the United States*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.
24. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2016) "Educational and ethical dilemmas for STEM education in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale Gasfield Communities". In R. Duschl & A. Bismack (Eds), *Reconceptualizing STEM education: The central role of practices*. New York, NY: Routledge.
25. Braser, K., Davis, L., Glenna, L., Kelsey, T., McLaughlin, D., Schafft, K.A., Babbie, K., Biddle, C., Delessio-Parson, A., Rhubart, D., Suchyta, M. (2015). "Communities under the boom of shale gas development". In W. Hefly & Y. Wang (Eds), *Economics of unconventional shale gas development: Cases and impacts*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.
26. Schafft, K.A. & Biddle, C. (2014). "Education and schooling in rural America". In C. Bailey, L. Jensen & E. Ransom (Eds), *Rural America in a globalizing world: Problems and prospects for the 2010s*. Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Press.

#### *Public scholarship (non-refereed)*

27. Biddle, C. (2017). Four ways we can all support students in poverty. *Bangor Daily News*. Retrieved from: <https://bangordailynews.com/2017/12/02/mainefocus/4-ways-we-can-all-support-students-in-poverty/>
28. Biddle, C. & Hall, D. (2017). How education is failing rural America. *Education Week*, 36(18), 22-23. Retrieved from: <https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2017/01/18/how-education-is-failing-rural-america.html>
29. Biddle, C. & Mette, I. (2017). Addressing adverse childhood experiences through community-engaged leadership. *Maine Schools in Focus*. Retrieved from: <https://umaine.edu/edhd/2017/06/05/maine-schools-focus-addressing-adverse-childhood-experiences-community-engaged-school-leadership/>

30. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2014). The sameness of district mission statements. *The School Administrator*, 9(71), 14-15.

*White Papers, Technical or Policy Reports*

31. Biddle, C., Crandall, M., Bell, K., \*Gayton, D., \*Thadal, I., & \*VanDerAa, O. (2019). *Landscapes of opportunity: What we know about preparing rural youth for the new forest economy*. Prepared on behalf of the Landscapes of Opportunity project.
32. Biddle, C. & \*Dagistan-Terzi, S. (2017). *Communicating School Redesign Initiative Year 4 Evaluation*. Prepared for Shaping Our Future Together and the McClure Foundation.
33. Biddle, C. & \*Dagistan-Terzi, S. (2016). *Communicating School Redesign Initiative Year 3 Evaluation*. Prepared for the Vermont Agency of Education and Shaping Our Future Together.
34. Mette, I., Biddle, C. & Fairman, J. (2016). *Successful strategies and challenges for extended learning time: Case studies of six Maine programs*. Prepared for the Maine State Legislature on behalf of the Maine Educational Policy Research Institute.
35. Biddle, C., & Mette, I. (2016). *Successful strategies for extended learning opportunities: Academic benefits and beyond*. Prepared for the Maine State Legislature on behalf of the Maine Educational Policy Research Institute.
36. Biddle, C. (2015). *Communicating School Redesign Initiative Year 2 Evaluation*. Prepared for the Vermont Agency of Education and Shaping Our Future Together.
37. Biddle, C. (2015). *Collaborative Peer Review Initiative Year 1 Evaluation*. Prepared for Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning.
38. Biddle, C. (2015). *Mental models of education, teaching and learning in Vermont's communities: Summary of the findings of the Communicating School Redesign Initiative's Community Survey*. Prepared for Vermont Agency of Education and Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning.
39. Biddle, C. & Mitra, D. (2014). *Evaluation of the Getting to 'Y' Program: Year VI*. Prepared for Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning.
40. Biddle, C. & Mitra, D. (2014). *Evaluation of the Great Expectations Middle School Pilot Program*. Prepared for Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning.
41. Biddle, C., Feinberg, J. & Beattie, H. (2014). *Youth mental models of education, teaching and learning*. Prepared for Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning.
42. Schafft, K.A., & Biddle, C. (2013). *Youth perspectives on Marcellus Shale development: Community change and future prospects*. Prepared for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.
43. Schafft, K.A., Kotok, S. & Biddle, C. (2013). *Pennsylvania Marcellus Shale gas development: What have the impacts been for schools and education?* Prepared for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.
44. Hardy, K., Kelsey, T., Glenna, L. & Biddle, C. (2013). *Local economic impacts related to the Marcellus Shale Development*. Prepared for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

45. Mitra, D. & Biddle, C. (2012). *Evaluation of Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together (YATST): Year IV*. Prepared for Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning (formerly Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together).

#### *Book reviews*

46. Azano, A. & Biddle, C. (2019). "Rural Turnaround Leadership Development: The Power of Partnerships" *Teacher's College Record* [Online first].
47. Biddle, C. (2012). "The Paradox of Urban Space" *Contemporary Sociology*, 41(4), 542.

#### *Books*

48. Azano, A., Eppley, K., and Biddle, C. (Eds) (under contract, 2021). *Handbook of Rural Education in the USA*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury.
49. Brown, L.M., Biddle, C., Ray, B. and Tappan, M. (under contract 2022). *Voice, vitality and healing: Centering students in trauma-informed schooling*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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1. Biddle, C. (2020). "Supporting trauma-informed systems change in rural schools." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. (Conference Cancelled)
2. Biddle, C., Sutherland, D.H., & McHenry-Sorber, E. (2020). "On resisting "awayness" and being a good insider." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. (Conference Cancelled)
3. Biddle, C., Sutherland, D.H., & McHenry-Sorber, E. (2019). "On resisting "awayness" and being a good insider." National Rural Education Association Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY.
4. Biddle, C., Brown, L., & Tappan, M. (2019). "Meeting the basic and mental health needs of remote rural schools." National Rural Education Association Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY.
5. Brown, L., Tappan, M., & Biddle, C. (2019). "Student-empowered social emotional learning for trauma-informed rural practice. National Rural Education Association Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY.
6. Biddle, C., Brown, L.M., Tappan, M., Cirone, A., Ray, B., Strickland, S., & Thomas, L. (2019). "Supporting healing-centered engagement in rural schools." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.
7. Brown, L.M., Tappan, M., Biddle, C., Cirone, A., Ray, B., Strickland, S., & Thomas, L. (2019). "Supporting student empowered social emotional learning in schools." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.
8. Biddle, C., Bell, K., Crandall, M., \*Thadal, I., \*VanderAa, O., & \*Gayton, D. (2019). "Planning for uncertainty: The role of educational leadership in rural community vitality." American Education

Research Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.

9. Biddle, C., Bell, K., Crandall, M., \*Thadal, I., \*VanderAa, O., & \*Gayton, D. (2018). "Landscapes of opportunity: The role of educational leadership in rural community vitality." Educate Maine Statewide Symposium. Portland, ME.
10. Zuckerman, S., Biddle, C., Seelig, J. & Casto, H. (2018). "Rural school-community partnerships: School leadership for rural vitality." University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting. Houston, TX.
11. Biddle, C., Crandall, M., Bell, K., \*Gayton, D., \*Thadal, I., & \*VanderAa, O. (2018). "Planning for uncertainty: The role of school and community institutions in preparing the next generation for a new economy." National Rural Education Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
12. Biddle, C., Brown, L., Tappan, M., \*Mercado, A., Ray, B. & Thomas, L. (2018). "New approaches to adverse childhood experiences and trauma in rural schools." National Rural Education Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
13. Azano, A. & Biddle, C. (2018). "Deficits, dichotomies and other traps in problem formation in rural education." International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education. Bozeman, MT.
14. Biddle, C. & Mette, I. (2018). "Deconstructing policy implementation imaginaries: The disconnection between teacher needs and state planning in a rural state." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
15. Mette, I. & Biddle, C. (2018). "The relationship of school-community partnerships in rural reform efforts." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
16. Biddle, C., Mette, I. & \*Mercado, A. (2018). "Partnering with schools for community development: Power imbalances in community collaboratives addressing rural poverty." Rural Poverty Fifty Years After The People Left Behind Conference (Rural Policy Research Institute). Washington, D.C.
17. Biddle, C. & Mette, I. (2017). "Leadership in the margins: Rural school and community leadership for the 21<sup>st</sup> century." University Council on Education Administration Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
18. Biddle, C., Brezicha, K., & \*Dagistan, S. (2017). "Flipping the script: Youth as knowledge-brokers in student-centered school reform" University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
19. Brown, L., Tappan, M., Biddle, C., Mette, I. (2017). "From adversity to activism: Youth-fueled approaches to voice and engagement." University Council on Education Administration Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
20. Biddle, C. & \*Terzi-Dagistan, S. (2017). "Youth as knowledge brokers in school reform policy." Annual Conference of the New England Educational Research Organization. Portsmouth, NH.

21. Biddle, C. & Mette, I., \*Congdon, M., \*Mercado, A. (2017). "Community groups as a catalyst for school reform." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
22. Azano, A. & Biddle, C. (2017). "Addressing "deficits" without a deficit mind-set: What's at stake in rural education research." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX.
23. Biddle, C. & Mette, I. (2016). "School-community partnerships for reform: Lessons from rural and tribal schools." National Rural Education Association Annual Meeting, Columbus OH.
24. Mette, I. Biddle, C., \*Mercado, A., \*Congdon, M., Ackerman, R., Brown, L., Maddaus, J., Tappan, M. (2016). "Supporting sustainable and sociocultural approaches in community learning and school reform". University Council of Educational Administration Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI.
25. Biddle, C. (2016). "How willing are schools to be "disturbed?" Inviting students as partners into school evaluation for continuous improvement". Annual Conference of the New England Educational Research Organization, Portsmouth, NH.
26. \*Blanchard, A., Mette, I. M., Biddle, C., Ackerman, R., & Maddaus, J. (2016). "Transforming rural experience in education". Annual Conference of the New England Educational Research Organization, Portsmouth, NH.
27. Azano, A. & Biddle, C. (2016). "Constructing the rural school problem: A century of rurality and rural education research". Oxford Education Research Symposium, Oxford, England.
28. Biddle, C. & Azano, A. (2016). "Constructing the rural school problem: A century of rurality and rural education research". American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
29. Biddle, C. (2015). "The opportunities and challenges of using strengths-based school reform strategies in partnership with students." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
30. Biddle, C. (2014). "Educational leadership in partnership with students: Critical questions for creating democratic-participatory schools". University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
31. Biddle, C. (2014). "Negotiating the right to voice: Critical questions for involving students in school governance." University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
32. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2014). "Axiology and anomaly: Pragmatism, valuation and the transformative paradigm". International Conference on Mixed Methods Research, Boston, MA.
33. Schafft, K.A. & Biddle, C. (2014). "Opportunity, ambivalence and the purpose of schooling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus shale region." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
34. Biddle, C. (2014). "Ethical educational leadership and meaningful student involvement in school decision-making". The Pennsylvania State University Rock Ethics Institute Moral Literacy Colloquium.

University Park, PA.

35. Biddle, C. (2014). "Facilitating meaningful student involvement: A critical examination of the role of educational leaders." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
36. Biddle, C., Mitra, D. & Beattie, H. (2014). "Deep, sustainable partnerships: The case of a multi-school youth-adult partnership network". American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
37. Schafft, K.A. & Biddle, C. (2014) "Opportunity, ambivalence and the purpose of schooling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale region". American Educational Research Association Meeting, Philadelphia PA.
38. Biddle, C. (2013). "Building an engaged educational community: The case of youth-adult partnership network". University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
39. Biddle, C. & Fuller, E. (2013). "Tracing rural principal pathways: Mobility and retention of rural Texan principals". University Council on Educational Administration Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
40. Biddle, C. (2013). "Partnership and purpose: A critical look at youth-adult partnerships and the role of values". 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Values and Leadership Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
41. Biddle, C. & Mitra, D. (2013). "Student voice making a difference using a theory driven approach". Values and Leadership Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
42. Schafft, K.A. & Biddle, C. (2013). "Opportunity, ambivalence and the purpose of schooling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale region". Invited Presentation, Waterbury Summit on STEM Education, Penn State University, University Park, PA.
43. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2013). "Axiology and anomaly in the practice of mixed methods research". American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
44. Charley, E., Fuller, E., Biddle, C. & Lomeli, H. (2013). "Gender and racial/ethnic gaps in the principalship: Principal production, retention and turnover in Texas." American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
45. Biddle, C., Lomeli, H. & Tiwari, A. (2012). "Aging white males in disappearing towns: Principal characteristics and turnover in rural Texas school districts: 1990 – 2010". University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
46. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2012). "Place and purpose in public education: School mission statements and educational (dis)embeddedness". Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.



## INVITED TALKS

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### *National*

1. Biddle, C. (2020). "Implementing K-12 standards in rural districts." C-SAIL 20/20 Conference, Washington D.C. Invited Panelist. (Conference Cancelled)
2. Biddle, C. (2020). The heart, the drain, the catapult and the catalyst: Leveraging rural schools for community development. American Education Research Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. Presidential session: Invited Presenter. (Conference Cancelled)
3. Ray, B., Biddle, C., Brown, L.M. & Tappan, M. (2020). "Centering voice and equity in trauma-informed schooling: A rural research-practice partnership." Harvard University Education Redesign Lab Rural Working Group. Invited Presenters.
4. Biddle, C. & Ray, B. (2019). "New approaches to adverse childhood experiences in rural schools." Battelle for Kids National Rural Collaborative Network. Webinar. Invited Presenter.
5. Biddle, C. (2017) "Education in Trump country and the rest of rural America." Education Writers Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Invited Panelist.
6. Biddle, C. & Schafft, K.A. (2015). "Axiology and anomaly in the practice of mixed methods research". Eastern Evaluation and Research Society. Galloway, NJ. Invited Conference Speaker.
7. Biddle, C. (2015). "Reforming the rural school: Spotlight on rural education". Yale School of Management Education Leadership Conference. New Haven, CT. Invited Panelist.
8. Schafft, K. & Biddle, C. (2014). "Opportunity, ambivalence and the purpose of schooling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale Region." Waterbury Summit on Science Education. University Park, PA. Invited Presenter.

### *Regional*

9. Biddle, C. (2020). "The new normal and leadership for right now." Island Institute Annual Teachers Conference. Rockland, ME. Keynote Speaker.
10. Biddle, C. (2020). "The heart, the drain, the catapult and the catalyst: Leveraging rural schools for community development." North Haven Historical Society, North Haven, ME. Invited Speaker. (Conference Cancelled).
11. Biddle, C. (2020). "The heart, the drain, the catapult and the catalyst: Leveraging rural schools for community development." Portrait of a Graduate Facilitator Meeting, Danforth, ME. Invited Speaker.
12. Biddle, C. (2019). "Addressing issues of poverty in Maine schools: What teachers can do." Woodland High School Professional Development Day, Woodland, ME. Invited Speaker.

13. Biddle, C. (2019). "Addressing issues of rural poverty in Maine Schools." Rural Maine Attendance Summit. Bangor, ME. Invited Panelist.
14. Biddle, C. (2019). "The heart, the drain, the catapult and the catalyst: Leveraging schools for community development." Rockland, ME. The Island Institute ILEAD Speaker Series. Invited Keynote Speaker.
15. Biddle, C. (2018). "The Maine teacher shortage". Maine Calling, Portland, ME. Invited Panelist.
16. Mette, I., Biddle, C. & Fairman, J. (2016). "Successful strategies and challenges for extended learning time: Case studies of six Maine programs." Presented to the Maine State Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. Invited Presenter.
17. Biddle, C., & Mette, I. (2016). "Successful strategies for extended learning opportunities: Academic benefits and beyond." Presented to the Maine State Legislature's Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. Invited Presenter.
18. Biddle, C. (2011). "Social entrepreneurship: You don't have to wait". YMCA Youth Conference. Hershey, PA. Invited Keynote Speaker.
19. Biddle, C. (2010). "The rural teacher leadership program: Nanubhai's innovative approach to teacher training". Network of Indian Professionals Gala, New York, NY. Invited Keynote Speaker.

#### *University*

20. Biddle, C. (2019). "Enhancing your scholarly productivity." UMaine Rising Tide Center Faculty Workshop. Orono, ME. Invited Panelist.
21. Biddle, C. (2018). "Addressing poverty in the classroom." National Science Foundation Teaching Fellows. Orono, ME. Invited Speaker.

## COMPETITIVE GRANTS (FUNDED)

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2020. "Leading through crisis: School leader decision-making about basic needs provision for students in the context of social and spatial inequality." PI: Catharine Biddle. Co-PI: Maria Frankland. *Spencer Foundation COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant*, \$49,718 (Funded June 2020).

2019. "Meeting children where they are: Supporting the expansion of trauma-informed schooling in rural America." PI: Catharine Biddle. *American Educational Research Association*, \$4,968. (Funded May 2019).

2018. "Planning for uncertainty: The role of school and community institutions in preparing the next generation for a new economy." PI: Catharine Biddle; Co-PIs: Mindy Crandall, Kathleen Bell. *UMaine Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Collaboratives Grant (Internal)*, \$25,540 (Funded January 2018).

2016. "Bangor Savings Bank Faculty Travel Support." Catharine Biddle, Ian Mette. *Bangor Savings Bank Faculty Development Fund*. \$1,500 (Funded November 2016).

2016. "College of Education and Human Development Distinguished Lecture Series." Catharine Biddle, Kathleen Gillon. *University of Maine Cultural Affairs and Distinguished Lecture Series Committee* (Internal), \$1,347 (Funded, October 2016)

2016. "Empowering a rural community to address poverty and trauma: Innovative school reform and community engagement." PI: Ian Mette; Co-PIs: Catharine Biddle, Richard Ackerman, John Maddaus, Lyn Brown, Mark Tappan, Alan Furth. *College of Education and Human Development Research Seed Grant* (Internal), \$39,994. (Funded April 2016)

2014. "Facilitating meaningful youth involvement in school decision-making: A critical examination of the role of educational leaders." PI: Catharine Biddle. *The Pennsylvania State University College of Education Dissertation Research Initiation Grant* (Internal), \$600. (Funded January 2014).

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES

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Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award

National Rural Education Association, 2019

*Presented to the author(s) of the best research paper submitted to the NREA Annual Meeting*

Faculty Mentoring Award

University of Maine, 2018

*Presented to a faculty member in each of UMaine's five colleges for outstanding student mentoring*

Mark R. Shibles Award

University of Maine, 2017

*Granted to untenured faculty who have distinguished themselves through research, teaching and service*

Invited Author Award

Eastern Evaluation and Research Society, 2015

*Recognizes exceptional scholarship by an early career scholar in the field of program evaluation*

College of Education Graduate Student Recognition Award

The Pennsylvania State University, 2014

*Recognizes an advanced graduate student's outstanding contributions to research and teaching*

David L. Clark Seminar Scholar

University Council on Educational Administration, 2012

Critical Language Scholarship (Hindi)

U.S. State Department, 2011

University Graduate Fellowship  
The Pennsylvania State University, 2010-2011

## DOCTORAL ADVISING

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### *Current Doctoral Student Advising*

Theresa Gillis, Chair (Educational Leadership)  
Wendi Malenfant, Committee Member (Educational Leadership)  
Quinton Donahue, Committee Member (Educational Leadership)  
Katie Thompson, Committee Member (Educational Leadership)  
Favour Akhidenor, Committee Member (Prevention and Intervention)  
Sherry Brown, Committee Member (Prevention and Intervention)  
Rachael Kellogg, Reader (Literacy Education)

### *Past Committee Service*

Pamela Doyen, Chair (Educational Leadership), 2020  
Maria Frankland, Chair (Educational Leadership), 2020  
Kathy Harris-Smedberg, Chair (Educational Leadership), 2019  
Barbara Moody, Committee Member (Educational Leadership), 2019  
Nicole Bernsen, Committee Member (Forestry), 2019  
Mark Congdon, Reader (Communication Studies), 2017  
Brenda Gammon, Reader (Educational Leadership), 2016  
Josh Ottow, Reader (Educational Leadership), 2016  
Amy Hubbard, Reader (Higher Education), 2016

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### *Service to the College of Education and Human Development*

Chair, Diversity and Difference Committee, 2020 - present  
Coordinator, Educational Leadership Communications, 2015 – present  
Editorial Board member, Maine Schools in Focus, 2017 – present  
Program Coordinator, Educational Leadership UMaine GOLD, 2019 - 2020  
Member, Diversity and Difference Committee, 2017 – 2020  
Member, Awards Committee, 2017-18  
Member, CAEP Standard 1 Committee, 2016-17  
Member, Committee for the Joint Doctoral Program, 2015-16

*Service to the University of Maine*

University Research Council, 2015 – 2019

Organizer, College of Education and Human Development Distinguished Lecture Series, 2016-2017

Representative for COEHD, Center for Undergraduate Research, 2020 - present

*Service to Maine*

Board member, Lerner Foundation, 2020 – present

Board Vice President, Maine Resilience Building Network, 2020 – present

Leadership team member, Community Learning for ME, 2020

Consultant, Island Institute and Rural Aspirations Project Portrait of a Graduate Project, 2019 – present

Steering Committee Member, Maine Forest Collaborative, 2017 – present

Research-Practice Partnership Team Member, Transforming Rural Education Experience (TREE) 2015 - present

*Editorial Board Service*

Co-Editor in Chief, *The Rural Educator*, 2019 - present

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Research in Rural Education*, 2017 – present

Editorial Board Member, *The Rural Educator*, 2017 - 2019

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*, 2016-2019

Reviewer, *Australian and International Journal of Rural Education*

Reviewer, *American Journal of Education*

Reviewer, *Child and Youth Services*

Reviewer, *Community Development*

Reviewer, *Educational Administration Quarterly*

Reviewer, *Educational Management, Administration and Leadership*

Reviewer, *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*

Reviewer, *Journal of Rural Studies*

Reviewer, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*

Reviewer, *Online Journal of Rural Research and Policy*

Reviewer, *Qualitative Sociology*

Reviewer, *Rural Sociology*

Reviewer, *Sociology of Education*

*Professional Service*

Secretary/Treasurer, AERA Rural Education Special Interest Group, 2019-2021

Program co-chair, AERA Rural Education Special Interest Group, 2016-2019

Committee Chair, AERA Rural Education Special Interest Group Dissertation Award, 2017-19

Committee Member, AERA Rural Education Special Interest Group Career Achievement Award, 2017-18

Social Media and Communications Coordinator, AERA Rural Education Special Interest Group, 2014-2016

UCEA Working Group on the Comprehensive National Review of ESSA State Plans, 2017-18

UCEA Working Group on Rural Education, 2018 – present

National Rural Education Association Higher Education and Research Committee Member, 2020 - present  
Northern New England Rural STEM Research Network, 2018 – present  
Rural Education International Research Alliance, 2018 – present  
Associate Scholar, Rural School-Community Partnership Consortium (based out of the William & Mary School of Education), 2017 – present

#### *National Mentoring*

William Boyd Politics of Education Association Faculty Mentor, 2017 – 2019  
AERA Division A Representative to the David L. Clark Seminar Organizing Committee, 2019 - present

#### *Grant Reviewer*

USDOE Early-Phase Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Grant Program, Reviewer, 2017 (*rural specialist*)  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Grant Program Reviewer, 2018 (*rural specialist*)

#### *Conference Reviewer*

American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, 2012-present  
    Division A: Administration, organization and leadership  
    Division G: Social context of education  
    Grassroots, youth and community organizing SIG  
    Rural Education SIG  
New England Educational Research Organization Annual Meeting, 2015 – present  
University Council on Educational Administration Annual Meeting, 2011-present

#### *Professional Memberships*

American Education Research Association  
University Council on Educational Administration  
National Rural Education Association  
New England Education Research Organization

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