

**AGENDA**  
**THEOP Research Seminar**  
**Wallace Hall, Room 300, Princeton University**  
**August 14-15, 2008**

**Thursday, August 14**

**8:30 - 9:00 AM**                    **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 - 9:15 AM**                    **Welcome & Introductions**

**9:15 AM – 12:30 PM**            **PRECURSORS**

**9:15 – 10:00**    *Discussant:* Mark Long, University of Washington  
"Students Left Behind: Measuring 10th to 12th Grade Persistence Rates in Texas High Schools" by Thad Domina (UCI), Bonnie Ghosh-Dastidar (Rand), and Marta Tienda (Princeton)

**10:00 – 10:45**    *Discussant:* Angel Harris, Princeton University  
"Those who choose and those who don't: Social Background and College Orientation" by Eric Grodsky (UC-Davis)

**10:45 – 11:00**                    **Break**

**11:00 – 11:45**    *Discussant:* Thad Domina, University of California at Irvine  
"College-Bound Friends: A Study of Racial and Ethnic Differences" by Steven Alvarado (U of Wisconsin)

**11:45 – 12:30**    *Discussant:* Rachelle Brooks, Northwestern University  
"Quality and Inequality on the Pathway to Teaching Mathematics and Science in Texas" by Marcy Wallace (MSU)

**12:30 – 1:15 PM**                    **Lunch**

**1:30 PM – 4:45 PM**            **COLLEGE ENROLLMENT: CORRELATES & CONSEQUENCES**

**1:30 – 2:15**                    *Discussant:* Eric Grodsky, University of California, Davis  
"Ethnicity, Citizenship, and In-State Residence: Analyses of Postsecondary Education Choices of Major" by Milagros Nores (Rutgers)

**2:15-3:00**                    *Discussant:* Marcy Wallace, Michigan State University  
"A Study of Self-Esteem and Self-Efficacy as Psychosocial Educational Outcomes: The Role of High School Experiences and Influences" by Rachelle L. Brooks (Northwestern) and Michelle Van Noy (Columbia)

**3:00 – 3:15**                    **Break**

**3:15 – 4:00**                    *Discussant:* Sunny Niu, Princeton University  
"Racial Diversity and College Choice: Revisiting the Perpetuation of Segregation Hypothesis" by Donnell Butler (Princeton)

**4:00 – 4:45**                    *Discussant:* Dawn Koffman, Princeton University  
"The Texas Experiment on the Border: Comparative Analysis of Top 10% Borderland Students at Flagship and Borderland Public Universities" by Cristóbal Rodríguez (UT-Austin)

**6:30 PM**                            **Dinner** (Marta Tienda's Home, 128 Fitzrandolph Rd)

**Friday, August 15**

**8:15- 8:45**                    **Continental Breakfast**

**8:45 AM – 10:30 AM**        **EXPANDING COLLEGE ACCESS**

**8:45 – 9:30**    *Discussant:* Rodney Andrews, Harvard University and RWJ  
“Hispanics in Higher Education and the Texas Top Ten Percent Law” by Angel Harris and Marta Tienda (Princeton)

**9:30 – 10:15**    *Discussant:* Milagros Nores, Rutgers University  
“Policy Transparency and College Enrollment: Did the Texas Top 10% Law Broaden Access to the Public Flagships?” by Mark C. Long (U. Washington), Victor Saenz (UTAustin) and Marta Tienda (Princeton)

**10:15- 10:30**                **Break**

**10:30 AM – 4:00 PM**        **COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT**

**10:30 – 11:15**    *Discussant:* Eric Furstenberg, University of Virginia  
“Why are Men Falling Behind? Explanations for the Gender Gap in College Outcomes” by Dylan Conger (GW) and Mark Long (U. Washington)

**11:15 – 12:00**    *Discussant:* Lisa Dickson, U of Maryland, Baltimore County  
“Alternatives to Affirmative Action, High School Quality, and College Performance,” by Rodney Andrews (Harvard) and Wesley Yin (U. Chicago)

**12:00 - 12:45 PM**            **Lunch**

**12:45 – 1:30**    *Discussant:* Dylan Conger, George Washington University  
“Race and Ethnic Differences in College Achievement: Does High School Attended Matter?” by Jason Fletcher (Yale) and Marta Tienda (Princeton)

**1:30 – 2:15**    *Discussant:* Jason Fletcher, Yale University  
“College Major Choice and Academic Success in Texas” by Lisa Dickson (UMBC)

**2:15 – 2:30 PM**                **Break**

**2:30 – 3:15**    *Discussant:* Victor Saenz, University of Texas at Austin  
“Academic Outcomes and Texas’s Top 10% Law” by Eric Furstenberg (UVA)

**3:15 – 4:00**    *Discussant:* Daniela Pineda, University of Michigan  
“Foreign Students at Four Texas Universities: How Selective are They?” by Jayanti Owens (Princeton)

**6:15 PM**                        **Dinner at Local Restaurant**

Departures