

JOHN KRISTOF

Analyst, researcher, and writer specialized in education and fiscal policy. Practiced in academic and applied policy research. Adept at data analysis and skillful at synthesizing and simplifying complex information. Praised writer and communicator for various audiences. Versed in R, Stata, and Excel.

EDUCATION

O'NEILL SCHOOL OF PUBLIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Master of Public Affairs - Policy Analysis, August 2019 – December 2021, GPA 4.0

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Economics and Humanities, August 2014 – April 2018, GPA 3.94

EXPERIENCE

EDCHOICE, Indianapolis, IN

Research Assistant, September 2020 – Present

- Leads data collection and analysis for annual “ABCs of School Choice” report
- Assists with the Research and Thought Leadership team’s data collection and analysis and verifies research and sources
- Writes blog posts based on team’s research and edits research written by team members and contracted authors
- Corresponds with relevant state agencies and organizational partners

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Indianapolis, IN

Fiscal Research Intern, April 2020 – August 2020

- Conducted data analysis, cleaning, and collection for the Legislative Services Agency’s teacher compensation report, utilizing R and Excel
- Wrote concise and thorough literature reviews and memos for education analysts, fluently navigating various state and federal government agency websites and databases for needed information

Lawrence M. Borst Fellow, August 2019 – March 2020

- Provided policy research and fiscal analysis for the Senate majority fiscal analysts through legislative process
- Answered fiscal policy inquiries from Senators through research, data analysis, and memo writing, especially regarding tax expenditures and school financing
- Tracked fiscal legislation and staffed fiscal committees

YOUNG VOICES, Washington, DC

Contributor, September 2017 – June 2020

- Wrote monthly op-eds on economic policy issues, read by hundreds of thousands of visitors
- Provided economic policy analysis for podcasts and radio, including local and satellite radio stations

SAGAMORE INSTITUTE, Indianapolis, IN

Research Fellow, April 2018 – April 2019

- Collaborated on research with senior fellows
- Led research and writing for a commissioned policy report on foster care policy and educational outcomes
- Wrote numerous policy memos on child and family policy and social entrepreneurship for senior researchers

ILLINOIS POLICY INSTITUTE, Chicago, IL

Marketing Intern, June 2017 – August 2017

- Wrote 27 policy blogs on state economic and budgetary issues under daily deadlines, with over 100,000 unique readers
- Led a journalistic investigation, which included conducting interviews and analyzing government documents
- Fact-checked and edited articles written by staff writers and policy analysts

RESEARCH

Untitled Thesis

O'Neill School of Public & Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, with Dr. Christian Buerger, In Progress

- Uses a difference-in-difference regression to analyze the effect of post-Great Recession reforms of budget stabilization funds on state finances

The Impact of Fatherlessness on Education in Florida

Sagamore Institute and Family First, May 2018 – September 2018

- Conducted an extensive literature review and used a fixed-effects regression model to assess the relationship between father-child relationships and educational outcomes

Factors of State Female Labor Force Participation Rates

Indiana Wesleyan University Department of Economics, with Dr. Tom Lehman, September 2017 – April 2018

- Repurposed the Duncan and Duncan segregation index to analyze the effect various economic compositions have on demand for female labor
- Bowling Green State University Undergraduate Economics Paper Conference award winner