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## Current Position

Vice President of Research and Innovation, EdChoice

- Manages a team of nine people
- Directly supervises three team members

## Other Positions

Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice

- Research Director (2010 – 2015)
- State Programs Director (2006 – 2009)

Brookings Institution, Brown Center on Education Policy

- Assistant Director (2004 – 2006)
- Senior Research Analyst (2002 – 2004)
- Research Analyst (2001)
- Research Assistant (2000)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

- Research Assistant (1999 – 2000)
- Teaching Assistant (1999)

## Education

M.A. (2000) Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

B.A. (1996) Political Science, University of Dayton

## Professional Associations

AEI Leadership Network

American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

International School Choice and Reform Conference (ISCRC)

## Research Monographs and Reports

Michael Q. McShane and Paul DiPerna, *The Demand Side of Alternative Education Products*, (Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ: Center for Reinventing Public Education, 2022).

Andrew Catt, John Kristof, and Paul DiPerna, *2021 Schooling in America Survey*, (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2021).

Paul DiPerna, Andrew Catt, and Michael Shaw, *2020 Schooling in America Survey*, (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2020).

- Public Opinion on K–12 Education During the COVID-19 Pandemic (December 15, 2020)
- K–12 Education and School Choice Reforms (September 1, 2020)
- Homeschooling During the COVID-19 Pandemic (August 18, 2020)
- COVID-19 and K–12 Education (July 29, 2020)

Paul DiPerna, Andrew Catt, and Michael Shaw, *2019 Schooling in America Survey*, Polling Paper No. 34 (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2019).

Paul DiPerna, Lindsey Burke, and Andrew Catt, *2019 Surveying the Military: What America's Active-Duty Servicemembers and Spouses Think About Military Life and K–12 Education*, (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2019).

Paul DiPerna and Michael Shaw, *2018 Schooling in America Survey*, Polling Paper No. 32 (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2018).

Michael Q. McShane and Paul DiPerna, *Do-Over or Double Down? Working Toward a New K–12 Education Accountability Ecosystem*, (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2018).

Paul DiPerna, Michael Shaw, and Andrew Catt, *2017 Schooling in America Survey*, Polling Paper No. 31 (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2017).

Paul DiPerna, Lindsey Burke, and Anne Ryland, *Surveying the Military: What America's Servicemembers and Their Spouses Think About K–12 Education and the Profession*, (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2017).

Andrew Catt, Jason Bedrick, and Paul DiPerna, *New Hampshire K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 30 (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2017).

Paul DiPerna and Andrew Catt, *Millennial Perspectives on K–12 Education and School Choice*, Polling Paper No. 29 (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2016).

Paul DiPerna and Andrew Catt, *2016 Schooling in America Survey*, Polling Paper No. 28 (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2016).

Paul DiPerna, *Surveying State Legislators: Views on K–12 Educational Choice, Choice-Based Policies, and the Profession*, (Indianapolis: EdChoice, 2016).

Paul DiPerna, *Indiana K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 27 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2016).

Paul DiPerna, *Colorado K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 26 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2015).

Paul DiPerna, *Latino Perspectives on K–12 Education and School Choice*, Polling Paper No. 25 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2015).

Paul DiPerna, *2015 Schooling in America Survey: Perspectives on School Choice, Common Core, and Standardized Testing*, Polling Paper No. 24 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2015).

Paul DiPerna, *Minnesota K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 23 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2015).

Paul DiPerna, *Nevada K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 22 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2015).

Paul DiPerna, *Delaware K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 21 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2014).

Paul DiPerna, *2014 Schooling in America Survey: Perspectives on School Choice, Common Core, and Standardized Testing*, Polling Paper No. 20 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2014).

Paul DiPerna, *Missouri K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 19 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2014).

Paul DiPerna, *Why Indiana Voucher Parents Choose Private Schools*, (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2014).

Paul DiPerna, *Oklahoma K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 18 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2014).

Paul DiPerna, *Rhode Island K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 17 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2013).

Paul DiPerna, *Iowa K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 16 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2013).

Paul DiPerna, *2013 Schooling in America Survey: What Do Mothers Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 15 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2013).

Paul DiPerna, *Texas K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 14 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2013).

Paul DiPerna, *North Dakota K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 13 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2013).

Paul DiPerna, *Maine K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 12 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2013).

Paul DiPerna, *North Carolina K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 11 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *Montana K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 10 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *Findings from Two Surveys of Tennessee’s Private Schools*, (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *Tennessee K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 9 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *Moms and Schools Survey: Nationwide Public Opinion on Schooling*, Polling Paper No. 8 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *Louisiana K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 7 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *Washington K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 6 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2012).

Paul DiPerna, *New Mexico K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 4 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2011).

Paul DiPerna, *Alaska K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 3 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2011).

Paul DiPerna, *Indiana K–12 and School Choice Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education?*, Polling Paper No. 2 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2011).

Paul DiPerna, *Interstate Survey: What Do Voters Say About K–12 Education in Six States?*, Polling Paper No. 1 (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2010).

Paul DiPerna, *Virginia’s Opinion on K–12 Education and School Choice*, (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2009).

Paul DiPerna and Dan Lips, *Fork in the Road: Where Does the District Go in K–12 Education?*, (Indianapolis: The Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, 2009).

### **Articles and Other Publications**

Paul DiPerna, “Tutoring, Mentoring & Personalized Learning — How to Help Students Reconnect to Teachers, Peers and Give Them the Social-Emotional Support They Need,” *The 74*, December 6, 2021.

Paul DiPerna, “Parenting and Polling in Education's New Normal,” *The Hill*, January 6, 2021.

Paul DiPerna, “A National Tutor Corps Could Help Students Learning Online, Ease the Burden on Parents & Create Jobs for Recent College Grads,” *The 74*, August 18, 2020

Paul DiPerna, “How to Help Public School Teachers Love Their Profession Again,” *The Hill*, December 31, 2018.

Paul DiPerna, “Give Military Families a Path to School Choice,” *Stars and Stripes*, November 28, 2017.

Paul DiPerna, “Leaping to Judgment on School Choice,” *Education Next* (online), March 2, 2017.

Paul DiPerna, "Latinos Want a Pathway to School Choice," *The Federalist*, November 10, 2015.

Paul DiPerna, "Governor's School Choice Essay Ignores Research, Critic Says," *Education Week*, May 20, 2015.

Kenneth Campbell, Paul DiPerna, Robert C. Enlow, Greg Forster, Jay P. Greene, Frederick M. Hess, Matthew Ladner, Michael J. Petrilli, and Patrick J. Wolf, "What Research Says About School Choice," *Education Week*, Vol. 31, Issue 21, (February 22, 2012), pp. 28-29.

Paul DiPerna, "Analysis and Evaluation of the Connector Website," In *The Handbook of Research on Web Log Analysis*, edited by Bernard J. Jansen, Amanda Spink, and Isak Taksa, (State College, PA: IGI Global, 2009), pp. 436-468.

Paul DiPerna, "The Web Connector Model: New Implications for Social Change," *Journal of Information Technology Impact*, Vol. 7, No. 1, (2007), pp. 15-20.

Paul DiPerna, "Intellipedia Is Intelligent Move for Spy Agencies to Embrace," *Washington Examiner*, December 1, 2006.

Paul DiPerna, "K-12 Encounters the Internet," *First Monday*, Vol. 11, No. 5, (May 2006).

Tom Loveless and Paul DiPerna, "In Praise of Mediocrity: Tattered Blue Ribbons at the Department of Education," *Education Next*, (Summer 2001), pp. 30-34.

### **Selected Presentations, Briefings**

"The Views of Special Education Parents: Schooling Experiences and Opinions During the COVID-19 Pandemic"  
March 2022, Virtual – Education All Learners Alliance Meeting (InnovateEDU)

"Surveying K-12 Parents During the Pandemic"  
June 2021, Virtual – Congressional Tri-Caucus Staff

"Surveying K-12 Parents During the Pandemic"  
June 2021, Virtual – National Charter Schools Conference (NAPCS)

“Schooling During the Pandemic”

January 2021, Virtual – International School Choice and Reform Conference

“ESAs and Public Opinion in the COVID Pandemic Era”

January 2021, Virtual – ESA Administrator Network Meeting (ExcelinEd)

“The EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker”

December 2020, Virtual – American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)

“The EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker”

October 2020, Virtual – National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

“Public Opinion on COVID-19 and K-12 Education”

June 2020, Virtual – AAPOR Annual Conference

“The EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker”

May 2020, Virtual – Congressional Staff

“Results from the 2019 Schooling in America Survey”

October 2019, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Washington, DC

“2019 Surveying the Military”

June 2019, Liaison Hotel, Washington, DC

“Public Opinion Trends on K-12 Education Spending in the United States”

January 2019, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Lisbon, Portugal

“Results from the 2018 Schooling in America Survey”

November 2018, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Washington, DC

“Do-Over or Double Down? Working Toward a New K–12 Education Accountability Ecosystem”

October 2018, National Press Club, Washington, DC

“Results from the 2017 Schooling in America Survey”

January 2018, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL



“Results from the 2017 Schooling in America Survey”

November 2017, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Washington, DC

“Surveying the Military”

November 2017, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC

“Surveying the Military”

October 2017, EdChoice, Washington, DC

“Results from the 2016 Schooling in America Survey”

October 2016, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Washington, DC

“Surveying State Legislators”

May 2016, State Politics and Policy (APSA) Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX

“Results from the 2015 Schooling in America Survey”

June 2015, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Washington, DC

“Results from the 2014 Schooling in America Survey”

June 2014, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Washington, DC

“School Bell Signals in Missouri”

April 2014, Lindenwood University, St. Louis, MO

“Surveying Indiana’s Private School Parents”

February 2014, Friedman Foundation Luncheon, Indianapolis, IN

“Oklahoma K–12 and School Choice Survey”

January 2014, Statehouse Briefing, Oklahoma City, OK

“2014 ABCs of School Choice”

January 2014, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL

“School Bell Signals: Polls and Perspectives on K–12 Education”

November 2013, MAPOR Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

“Iowa K–12 and School Choice Survey”

October 2013, Statehouse Briefing, Des Moines, IA

“Polling Signals”

August 2013, School Choice in the American Northeast Summit, Portland, ME

“Maine K–12 and School Choice Survey”

March 2013, Statehouse Briefing, Augusta, ME

“2013 ABCs of School Choice”

January 2013, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL

“Polling Together: The Politics of School Choice”

January 2013, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL

“North Carolina K–12 and School Choice Survey”

September 2012, Civitas Institute Luncheon, Raleigh, NC

“Washington K–12 and School Choice Survey”

March 2012, Statehouse Briefing, Olympia, WA

“Polling with Purpose”

September 2010, State Policy Network (SPN) Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH

“Indiana K–12 and School Choice Survey”

January 2010, Statehouse Briefing, Indianapolis, IN

“Virginia’s Opinion on K–12 Education and School Choice”

November 2009, Statehouse Briefing, Richmond, VA

“The States of K–12 and School Choice”

July 2009, Midwest Catholic Conference Directors Meeting, Lansing, MI

“The States of School Choice in America”

July 2008, FreedomFest Conference, Las Vegas, NV

Testimony, House Ways and Means Committee

February 2008, Maryland House of Delegates, Annapolis, MD

“The States of School Choice in America”  
November 2007, CSFGC Briefing, Cincinnati, OH

“The States of School Choice in America”  
February 2007, REACH Foundation Briefing, Harrisburg, PA

“The States of School Choice in America”  
February 2007, NPRI Luncheon, Las Vegas, NV

“The Connector Website Model”  
August 2006, ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC

“The Connector Website Model”  
August 2006, Brown Bag Talk, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

### **Other Activities**

Director, Developer, Editor - EdChoice Public Opinion Tracker  
January 2020 – Present

Developer, Editor - “Private School COVID-19 Response Survey”  
May 1, 2020

Developer, Editor - “Comparing Ed Reforms”  
April 7, 2020

Co-Organizer - “EdChoice Research Symposium”  
January 2019, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Co-Organizer - “EdChoice Surveys Symposium”  
January 2018, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Planning Committee - International School Choice and Reform Conference  
January 2018, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Co-Organizer - 2017 EdChoice Academy  
October 2017, Indianapolis, IN

Co-Organizer - PEPG-EdChoice Conference / "The Future of School Choice"  
September 2017, Boston, MA

Co-Organizer - "Pay for Performance and Social Impact Bonds Meeting"  
July 2015, Washington, DC

Organizer - "Friedman Foundation Symposium"  
January 2015, International Conference on School Choice and Reform, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Organizer - "Friedman Foundation Symposium"  
January 2014, International Conference on School Choice and Reform, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Organizer - "Friedman Foundation Symposium"  
January 2013, International Conference on School Choice and Reform, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Organizer - "Freedom and School Choice Forum"  
August 2011, State Policy Network (SPN) Pre-Conference, Seattle, WA

Organizer - "Generator Forum"  
December 2008, Social Media Training, Indianapolis, IN

Founder and Moderator - "Blau Exchange" Interview Blog Series  
2006 – 2008, Indianapolis, IN

Administrator - National Working Commission on Choice in K–12 Education  
2001 – 2005, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

Researcher - *The Brown Center Report on American Education*  
2000 – 2004, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC