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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Higher Education Policy • College Student Access and Success • Educational Equity • Institutional Effectiveness • Assessment and Evaluation • Quantitative Research Methods • Strategic Enrollment Management • Graduate Student Advising and Mentorship

EDUCATION

2024	Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri Dissertation: The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Undergraduate Students' Academic Progress in Higher Education: A Study of Saint Louis University
2013	M.S. in Recreation, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana Emphasis: Recreational Sports Administration Master's Thesis: Motivations for Participation in Informal Sports Within Campus Recreational Sports
2007	B.S. in Recreation, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois Specialization: Leisure Service Management

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

July 2026-Present	Assistant Professor, Higher Education & Director of Graduate Enrollment, School of Education, Saint Louis University
Sept. 2023-July 2026	Director of Graduate Admission, School of Education, Saint Louis University
Feb. 2023-Sept. 2023	Chief of Operations and Research Fellow, Policy Research in Missouri Education (PRiME) Center, Saint Louis University
Nov. 2022-Jan. 2023	Interim Executive Director, Policy Research in Missouri Education (PRiME) Center, Saint Louis University
July 2022-Nov. 2022	Associate Director, Policy Research in Missouri Education (PRiME) Center, Saint Louis University
Sept. 2021-July 2022	Project Coordinator, Policy Research in Missouri Education (PRiME) Center, Saint Louis University
May 2021-April 2022	Research Fellow, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), State of Missouri
April 2019-Sept. 2021	Research Associate, Policy Research in Missouri Education (PRiME) Center, Saint Louis University
Aug. 2018-May 2021	Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant, School of Education, Saint Louis University
July 2014-Aug. 2018	Assistant Director – Facilities Operations, Department of Recreational Sports, Texas A&M University
July 2009-July 2014	Facilities Coordinator, Department of Recreational Sports, Texas A&M University
July 2007-May 2009	Graduate Assistant, Campus Recreational Sports, Indiana University

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2026	College Student Choice, Access, and Success (In Person)
Summer 2026	General Research Methods in Education (Online)
Spring 2026	Leadership in Higher Education (In Person)
Fall 2025	Policy Studies in Higher Education (In Person)
Summer 2025	General Research Methods in Education (Online)
Spring 2025	Assessment in Higher Education Student Affairs (In Person)
Summer 2023	Introduction to Inferential Statistics in Education (Online)
Fall 2022	Introduction to Inferential Statistics in Education (In Person)
Summer 2022	Introduction to Inferential Statistics in Education (Online)
Summer 2021	Introduction to Inferential Statistics in Education (Online)
Spring 2021	Finance in Higher Education (Teaching Assistant)
Fall 2020	Student Development Theory I (Teaching Assistant)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Burle, A. D., & Sserwadda, T. (under review). *Beyond participation: Student engagement, institutional context, and spiritual growth in church-related colleges*. **Christian Higher Education**.

Boyle, M. J., & **Burle, A. D.** (under review). *Catholic school principals and IDEA: Understanding Child Find and proportionate share in Catholic schools*. **Journal of Catholic Education**.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE & STUDENT AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE

2024-Present	Co-Advisor, Take 2 Tutoring
2016-2018	Professional Development Subcommittee Chair, Committee on Student Learning
2014-2018	Committee Member, Committee on Student Learning
2017-2018	Panel Member, Student Organization Accountability Board (SOAB)
2014	Leadership Team Member, Student Leader Learning Outcomes (SLLO)
2011-2014	Advisor, Supporting Causes Organization
2011	Cluster Facilitator, The LeaderShape Institute
2010-2018	Exam Proctor, Disability Services
2010-2018	Panel Member, Student Conflict Resolution Services
2010-2017	Support Staff, Fish Camp Extended First-Year Orientation
2010-2012	Structure, Logistics and Training Work Team, Student Leader Learning Outcomes (SLLO)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020	PRiME Center Summer Policy Brief Grant Recipient
2019	Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society Member
2015	Texas A&M Division of Student Affairs Randy Matson '67 Association of Former Students Award for Significant Contributions Beyond the Expectations of One's Position to Create an Environment that Enhances the Student Affairs Mission
2013	Fish Camp (First-Year Extended Orientation) Namesake
2011	Texas A&M Division of Student Affairs Award of Distinction for Outstanding Service
2009	Recreational Sports Management Graduate Student Award
2009	Carol J. Stickel Outstanding Student Award
2009	William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award
2007	Kathleen L. Guilfoyle Distinguished Student Service Award

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

2020-2021	President, Graduate Student Association, Saint Louis University
2019-2020	Vice President – Administration, Graduate Student Association, Saint Louis University
2017-2018	Co-Leader, VoteRec Campaign, Texas A&M University
2014-2015	Chair, NIRSA William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Awards Committee
2014-2015	NIRSA Assembly Representative
2011	Co-Chair, NIRSA Big 12 & Friends/Region IV Conference, Texas A&M University
2008-2009	NIRSA Region III Student Representative
2008-2009	Marketing and Registration Committee Chair, NIRSA Region III Student Lead On
2008-2009	President, Graduate Assistant Association, Indiana University Campus Recreational Sports
2007-2008	Silent Auction Chairperson, Graduate Assistant Association, Indiana University Campus Recreational Sports
2006-2007	President, Student Recreation Society, Southern Illinois University
2005-2006	Secretary, Student Recreation Society, Southern Illinois University

PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

June 2023-Oct 2025	Associate Director, SLU/YouGov Poll, Saint Louis University
Nov 2022-June 2023	Interim Associate Director, SLU/YouGov Poll, Saint Louis University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

November 2025-Present	American Educational Research Association
January 2019-Present	Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)

POLICY PUBLICATIONS & ANALYSES

- **Burle, A.D.** (2026). “Missouri lawmakers want higher ed funding to follow the student. It’s not that simple.” *Missouri Independent*. <https://missouriindependent.com/2026/03/24/missouri-lawmakers-want-higher-ed-funding-to-follow-the-student-its-not-that-simple/>
- **Burle, A.D.** (2025). “Focus over feeds: The case for classroom phone policies in Missouri.” *Missouri Independent*. <https://missouriindependent.com/2025/04/18/focus-over-feeds-the-case-for-classroom-phone-policies-in-missouri/>
- **Burle, A.D.** (2025). “Cell Phones and Social Media in Schools.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/february-2025-poll/write-ups/cell-phones-in-schools.php>
- Medler, A., **Burle, A. D.** & Vahle, C. (2024). “SLU/YouGov Poll Analysis: Fall 2024.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.primecenter.org/education-reports-database/fall-2024-poll>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2024). “Put the Phones Away: Voters Support Cell Phone Bans in Schools.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/august-2024-poll/write-ups/slu-yougov-analysis-cell-phones-in-schools.php>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2024). “Missouri Voters Continue to Oppose Four-day School Weeks.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/august-2024-poll/write-ups/slu-yougov-analysis-four-day-school-weeks.php>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2024). “Missouri Voters’ Opinion on Key Education Issues Related to Missouri Senate Bill 727.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/pdf/mosb727-senatebill.pdf>
- Vahle, C., Medler, A., & **Burle, A. D.** (2024). “February 2024 SLU/YouGov Poll: Education Results.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-reports-database/february-2024-slu/yougov-poll-education-results>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2024). “Missouri Voters Largely Support Changes to School Funding Formula.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/february-2024-poll/write-ups/slu-yougov-analysis-missouri-voters-largely-changes-to-school-funding-formula.php>
- **Burle, A. D.** & Carson, D. (2023). “Three Takes: Missouri Voter Opinion on LGBTQ+ Issues in Schools.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/three-opinions-from-missouri-voters-on-lgbtq-issues-in-schools>
- **Burle, A. D.** & Carson, D. (2023). “Three Takes: Missouri Public Opinion on the Teacher Pipeline.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/three-things-missouri-public-opinion-can-teach-us-about-the-teacher-pipeline>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2023). “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Schools.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/august-2023-poll/write-ups/slu-poll-analysis-gender-identity-in-schools.php>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2023). “The Interconnectedness of Missouri Teacher Pipeline Woes.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/august-2023-poll/write-ups/slu-poll-analysis-education-issues.php>
- **Burle, A. D.**, Fenske, M., Carson, D., & Hall, R. (2023). “Missouri Education Profile.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-profiles>
- **Burle, A. D.**, Hall, R., Heggie, C., & Burrola, A. (2023). “Missouri Parent Survey.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-reports-database/missouri-parent-survey>
- **Burle, A. D.** & Burrola, A. (2023). “School Safety Worries and Policies in Missouri.” *SLU/YouGov Poll*. <https://www.slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/slu-poll/data-archive/february-2023-poll/write-ups/2023-school-safety-and-policies.php>
- Fenske, M. & **Burle, A. D.** (2023). “Missouri School Accountability: Current and Future Directions for Elementary and Middle Schools.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/mo-school-accountability-system-current-and-future-directions-for-elementary-and-middle-schools>
- **Burle, A. D.** & Fenske, M. (2023). “Missouri’s School Accountability System.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/mo-school-accountability-system>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2023). “5 Key Things to Remember as You Interpret the 2022 APR Scores.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/5-things-to-remember-about-2022-apr-scores>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2022). “Kansas City Schools Beating the Odds in Student Growth.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/2022-kansas-city-schools-beating-the-odds>

- **Burle, A. D.** (2022). “St. Louis Schools Beating the Odds in Student Growth.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/2022-st-louis-schools-beating-the-odds>
- **Burle, A. D.** (2022). “Key Takeaways from Missouri’s 2022 MAP Results.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/2022-map-results>
- Hall, R. Fenske, M., **Burle, A. D.**, & Rhinesmith, E. (2022). “2022 Missouri Student Growth Report by Modality of Instruction.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-reports-database/2022-mo-growth-by-modality-of-instruction-gy7e4>
- Fenske, M., **Burle, A. D.**, & Rhinesmith, E. (2022). “2022 Beating the Odds Report: Student Growth in Missouri’s Highest Poverty Schools.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-reports-database/2022-mo-beating-the-odds>
- Fenske, M., Rhinesmith, E., & **Burle, A. D.** (2022). “2022 Missouri Statewide Student Growth Report.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-reports-database/2022-mo-statewide-student-growth-report>
- Hall, R., **Burle, A. D.**, & Jeffers, M. (2022). “Missouri’s 2022 NAEP Scores: Decades of Achievement Erased, Unprecedented Achievement Gaps” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/mo-2022-naep-results>
- **Burle, A. D.**, & Diemer, A. (2022). “Key Takeaways from NAEP Long-Term Trends: Technology Access.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/naep-ltt-tech-access-3r2yd>
- Jeffers, M., **Burle, A. D.**, & Rhinesmith, E. (2022). “Key Takeaways from the Missouri Students’ Postsecondary Access Report.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/mo-students-postsecondary-success>
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- Christian, T. & **Burle, A. D.** (2021). “Recommendations in the Virtual Classroom for Students with Disabilities.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/recommendations-in-the-virtual-classroom-for-students-with-disabilities>
- Christian, T., Beck, M. I., Diemer, A., Donaldson, K., & **Burle, A. D.** (2021). “Supporting Students with Disabilities During the Pandemic: Rural Districts Least Likely to Provide Information.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/supporting-students-with-disabilities-during-covid>
- Jeffers, M., Potter, S., Beck, M. I., Diemer, A., Rhinesmith, E., & **Burle, A. D.** (2021). “Missouri Regional Student Growth Report.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/education-reports-database/mo-regional-growth2021>
- Potter, S., Jeffers, M., & **Burle, A. D.** (2021). “Three Key Takeaways from Middle Schools with High Student Growth.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/prime-growth-scores-for-middle-schools>
- Potter, S., Jeffers, M., & **Burle, A. D.** (2021). “Three Key Takeaways from EleMiddle Schools with High Student Growth.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/prime-growth-scores-for-elemiddle-schools>
- Potter, S., Jeffers, M., & **Burle, A. D.** (2021). “Three Key Takeaways from Elementary Schools with High Student Growth.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/prime-growth-scores-for-elementary-schools>
- Shelton, A., **Burle, A. D.**, Park, A., Diemer, A. & Donaldson, K. (2020). “Missouri’s Rural Students Most Technologically Disadvantaged During Pandemic.” *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/covid-19-technology>
- **Burle, A. D.**, Rhinesmith, E. & Anglum, J. C. (2020). “Higher Education Admissions and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The National Landscape”. *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/covid-highered>
- **Donaldson, A.**, Park, A. & Donaldson, K. (2020). “The Condition of Education 2020”. *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/policy-brief-database/condition-of-ed>
- **Donaldson, A.** (2020). “Higher Education Admissions and the COVID-19 Pandemic”. *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/covid19-highered>
- **Donaldson, A.** (2020). “Student Wellness”. *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/studentwellness>
- **Donaldson, A.** (2020). “Missouri’s CORE 42 Transfer Curriculum”. *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/core42>
- **Donaldson, A.** (2020). “Summer Break – A Win or Loss for Learning?”. *PRiME Center*. <https://www.sluprime.org/prime-blog/summer-melt>

PRESENTATIONS

- **Burle, A.D.** (2026). *“Assessing Undergraduate Success During COVID-19: A Multi-Indicator, Equity-Minded Institutional Analysis.”* Roundtable presentation on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the American Educational Research Association Conference.
- **Jeffers M. & Burle, A. D.** (2023). *“Leaks in the Postsecondary Pipeline and “Big” Postsecondary Attainment Goals: The Missouri Case.”* Poster presentation on Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference.
- **Burle, A. D.,** Rhinesmith, E., & Ritter, G. (2021). *“Free Campus Meals as a College Recruiting Nudge.”* Presented virtually on May 10, 2021 at the Sigma Xi Student Research Showcase.
- **Burle, A. D.,** Rhinesmith, E., & Ritter, G. (2021). *“Food for Thought: Free Campus Meals as a College Recruiting Nudge.”* Presented virtually on April 30, 2021 at the Saint Louis University Graduate Student Research Symposium.
- **Burle, A. D.,** Rhinesmith, E., & Ritter, G. (2021). *“Free Campus Meals as a College Recruiting Nudge.”* Presented virtually on April 9, 2021 at the Saint Louis University Sigma Xi Research Symposium.
- **Burle, A. D.,** Ritter, G., & Rhinesmith, E. (2021). *“Food for Thought: Campus Meals as a Nudge Intervention for Increasing Postsecondary Applications and Enrollment.”* Presented virtually on March 18, 2021 at the Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference.
- **Donaldson, A.** (2020). *“The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Higher Education Admissions Nationally.”* Presented virtually September 8, 2020 at the Saint Louis University School of Education Colloquium.
- **Taylor, R. & Donaldson, A.** (2020). *“The Theory of Planned Behavior and Mental Health Help-Seeking.”* Presented virtually May 14, 2020 at the Sigma Xi Virtual Student Scholars Symposium.
- **Taylor, R. & Donaldson, A.** (2020). *“Mental Health Help-Seeking in Undergraduate Students: An Application of the Theory of Planned Behavior.”* Presented virtually May 1, 2020 at the Saint Louis University Graduate Student Symposium.
- **Donaldson, A. & Ritter, G.** (2020). *“Campus Meal Vouchers: A Nudge Intervention for Increasing Postsecondary Admissions and Enrollment.”* Presented virtually March 19, 2020 at the Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference.
- **Donaldson, A.** (2016). *“Developing Well Rounded Student Staff Evaluations.”* Presented June 2016 at the Texas A&M University Supervisor & Advisor Summer Symposium.
- **McMillen, D. & Donaldson, A.** (2014) *“Measuring Student Learning in Rec Sports Student Staff.”* Presented at the Region IV Conference and Student Lead On.
- **Wong, M. & Donaldson, A.** *“Facebook: The Elephant in the Office.”* Presented November 2011 at the Big 12 and Friends/Region IV Conference.
- **Stachewicz, C. & Donaldson, A.** (2011). *“From Salad Forks to Moving Vans.”* Presented April 2011 at the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association Annual Conference.
- **Farmer, B. & Donaldson, A.** *“Spice Up Your Student Staff.”* Presented January 2011 at the Region IV Student Lead On.
- **Donaldson, A.** *“Shake Up Your Student Staff Hiring.”* Presented September 2010 at the Big 12 and Friends/Region IV Conference.
- **Duitsman, K., McMillen, D., Nash, J., & Donaldson, A.** *“Facilipedia: Findings and Discussions of Facility Management.”* Presented at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Exposition.
- **Donaldson, A.,** Stachewicz, C., & Hanson, S. (2011). *“Transformers: From GA to Professional.”* Professional development session and panel presented at the Region III Student Lead On.
- **Donaldson, A.** (2009). *“Keepin’ It On Campus: Careers in Campus Recreation”.* Presented April 2009 at the SIUC Allen Symposium.
- **Finley, R., Donaldson, A.,** Gormley, C., Roskowsinski, A., Bentley, Smith, R., VanVliet, B., & Darilek, L. *“Discover Your NIRSA Student Membership”.* Presented April 2009 at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Exposition.
- **Donaldson, A.** (2009). *“So You Wanna Get Involved?”* Presented January 2009 at the Region III Student Lead On in Urbana, Illinois.
- **Donaldson, A.** (2008). *“Online Social Networks – Can They Work For You?”.* Presented October 2008 at the Michigan Intramural Recreational Sports Association (MIRSA) Conference.
- **Bentley-Smith, R. & Donaldson, A.** (2008). *“The Double Edged Sword of Social Networks”.* Presented September 2008 at the Big XII and Friends Conference.
- **Donaldson, A. & Garrone, C.** (2008). *“Preparing for Your GA Search”.* Presented January 2008 at the Region III Student Lead On.
- **Stettler, L., Bennett, T. & Donaldson, A.** (2007). *“The Wheels On the Bus Go Round and Round”.* Presented January 2007 at the NIRSA Region III Student Lead On.