

Peter Granville

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I am a nationally-recognized expert and educator-turned-researcher seeking to break down barriers to learning and growth through education, continually inspired by my direct work with students. My research and advocacy have shaped state policy, legislation in Congress, and U.S. Department of Education executive action.

Education

University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. Master of Science in Education, awarded May 2017. Program: Higher education policy and administration.

Kenyon College. Gambier, OH. Bachelor of Arts, awarded May 2016. Majors: Mathematics and English. Awarded magna cum laude honors and distinction on Senior Exercise in Mathematics.

Employment

The Century Foundation. Washington, DC. Senior Policy Associate, Jan. 2019–Oct. 2022. Fellow, Oct. 2022–present.

- Conduct research and advocacy to advance policy change that reduces inequality through higher education, with an emphasis on college affordability for low-income families and communities of color.
- Oversee TCF's research into free community college programs, diversity in colleges admissions, Parent PLUS loans, and the FAFSA, having authored or co-authored 48 publications and having served as the Principal Investigator on four grants exceeding \$550,000 in total.
- Present at convenings and on webinars, provide technical assistance to elected officials, and speak to members of the media, having been quoted and cited in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, *TIME*, *The Associated Press*, as well as coalition letters, letters to the White House by members of Congress, and academic research publications.
- Supervise interns (five to date) at the undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. levels and advise their research.

Haverford College. Haverford, PA. Graduate Assistant for Academic Resources, Aug. 2016 – May 2017. Program Coordinator for Academic Resources, July 2017 – Dec. 2018.

- Directly assisted students with the transition to college through academic coaching and workshops on skills such as time management, exam preparation, learning strategies, self-care, and academic writing.
- Supervised a diverse team of ten student interns with projects aimed at supporting students' academic skill development, such as public speaking and academic reading.
- Led the Office of Academic Resources' outreach to students to promote events and services.
- Coordinated staff response to student crises as a member of the Dean's Office rotating on-call team.

Kenyon College. Gambier, OH. Community Advisor, Aug. 2013 – May 2015. Head Community Advisor, Aug. 2015 – May 2016.

- Served as an on-hall resource for first-year students, fostering social development and enforcing college policy.
- Supervised a team of three community advisors as Head Community Advisor.

Service

Higher Achievement. Washington, DC. Middle school mentor. Sep. 2024 – present.

- Facilitate leadership development and socioemotional learning for three students through weekly mentoring.

Latin American Youth Center. Washington, DC. Math tutor at Teen Center. Feb. 2022 – May 2023.

- Provided weekly afterschool academic support to a diverse community of middle and high school students.

District of Columbia Board of Elections. Washington, DC. Registration clerk. June 2022 – November 2024.

- Assisted voters with on-site voter registration in two primary elections and two general elections.

*Selected publications**

[*A Better Hundred Billion: Improving State and Institutional College Financial Aid*](#). November 2025. Coauthored with Denise Smith and Jaime Ramirez-Mendoza.

[*The FICO Factor: GOP Megabill Will Limit Who Gets to Access College*](#). July 2025.

[*College Admissions Is Rigged for the Rich. Trump's Officials Say, 'Keep It That Way.'*](#) March 2025. Coauthored with Denise Smith and Stefan Redding Lallinger.

[*Mandatory FAFSA Policies Have Had Immediate Impact*](#). February 2025. Coauthored with Jaime Ramirez-Mendoza and Jaden Mikoulinskii.

[*FAFSA Fallout: Application Dropoff Threatening to Widen College Gaps*](#). June 2024.

[*How America's College Promise Would Reshape the Free College Landscape*](#). October 2023.

[*For Profit Colleges Say the Gainful Employment Rule Kills Access. Don't Believe Them*](#). September 2023. Coauthored with Amber Villalobos.

[*Parent PLUS Borrowers: The Hidden Casualties of the Student Debt Crisis*](#). May 2022.

[*"Opinion: No more kicking the can down the road on free community college."*](#) In *The Hill*. November 2021.

[*Congress Made 3 Million College Students Newly Eligible for SNAP Food Aid. Here's What Must Come Next*](#). February 2021.

[*Should States Make the FAFSA Mandatory?*](#) July 2020.

[*Michigan's College Affordability Crisis*](#). Coauthored with Jennifer Mishory and Kevin Miller. September 2019.

*Published by The Century Foundation except where otherwise indicated.

Selected presentations

"Supporting Students Through the FAFSA: Policy and Practice Trends." Arizona Board of Regents (host). Arizona FAFSA Summit: Phoenix, AZ. August 2025.

"Concern about Parent PLUS is Greater Than Ever. Is Reform Possible?" Association for Education Finance and Policy (host). Annual conference: Baltimore, MD. March 2024.

"SNAP Participation Among College Students: Unclaimed Benefits and the Role of State Investment." State Higher Executive Officers Association (host). Public Investment in Higher Education Webinar Series: Virtual. March 2021.

"CalFresh Student Access: Potential Pathways to Expand and Simplify Eligibility for College Students." California Student Aid Commission (host). Meeting of workgroup on CalFresh access: Virtual. October 2020.

Other projects

Motiva Education. Cambridge, MA (remote). Consultant. July 2024 – present.

- Analyze learner engagement and enrollment behavior to inform advising interventions.

Penn Center for Learning Analytics. Philadelphia, PA (remote). Research Assistant. July 2020 – Dec. 2024.

- Assessed the results of interventions on Penn's online courses to improve student outcomes.

Baker Educational Data Mining Lab. Wayne, PA (remote). Consultant. Sept. 2018 – Dec. 2024.

- Performed data analysis for Dr. Ryan Baker, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

My consulting projects average 3 hours per week, performed in the evenings and on weekends.

Certifications

Postsecondary National Policy Institute. Data Bootcamp. January 2022.

Postsecondary National Policy Institute. Federal Student Aid Bootcamp. July 2021.

Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. 10-course specialization on coding with R (Coursera). July 2020 – June 2021.

Programming languages: R and RStudio (expert), SQL (intermediate). Foreign languages: Spanish (conversational).