



Boston University Wheelock College of Education
& Human Development

WEPC at APPAM 2026

APPAM is in our backyard this year. Welcome to Boston!

APPAM Fall Research Conference | November 5 to 7, 2026

Featured Presentations

All on Saturday, November 7

8:30–10:00 AM | Room: Arlington

Impact of School-Level Career Pathway Adoption on Career-Readiness and Postsecondary Outcomes: Evidence from Massachusetts' Pathways Program

Presenter: **Yunee H. Yoon**

12:45–1:30 PM | Room: Salon EFG | Poster #29

Diversifying the STEM Workforce through Community Colleges: Evidence from Massachusetts' STEM Starter Academy

Presenter: **Hanyun Cui**

1:45–3:15 PM | Room: Massachusetts

Exploring Pathways: The Impact of Early CTE Exploration on Participation and Postsecondary Outcomes

Presenter: **Yunee H. Yoon**

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Back on Track? Academic Screening, Cohort Sorting, and Achievement in NYC Middle Schools

Presenter: **Jerry Chang**

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Beginning Teacher Challenges and Early-Career Retention

Presenter: **Mingyan Ma**

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Unequal Returns to STEM Motivation Across Gender and Race

Presenter: **Jerry Whitmore**

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The Effect of ESA Policies on Public School Enrollment and Composition

Presenter: **Abigail Francis**

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Air Pollution and Learning

Presenter: **Joshua Goodman**

Full slate of WEPC sessions, including panels our researchers discuss, on the following pages



Thursday, November 5

1 session

1:45–3:15 PM

Room: Tufts

Panel

Policies and Interventions for Student Persistence in STEM Fields

WEPC Discussant: **Hanyun Cui**

Friday, November 6

2 sessions

1:45–3:15 PM

Room: Salon B

Panel

ECE Workforce Compensation Initiatives to Enhance Wages, Improve Retention, and Stabilize Businesses

WEPC Discussant: **Pia Caronongan**

3:30–5:00 PM

Room: Harvard

Panel

Public School Student Disenrollment: Causes, Effects, and Potential Solutions

WEPC Discussant: **Joshua Goodman**

"Post-Pandemic (Dis)enrollment in New York City's Choice-based School System" | **Jo King, Jerray Chang**
(non-presenting authors)

"Opt-out or Dropout? Pandemic-era Public School Enrollment by Family Income" | **Christopher Cleveland**
(non-presenting author)





Saturday, November 7

Morning | 4 sessions

8:30–10:00 AM

Room: Berkeley

Panel

College Choice in Broader Social, Political, and Legal Context

WEPC Discussant: **Joshua Goodman**

8:30–10:00 AM

Room: Arlington

Panel

Career Pathways and Credentials: New Evidence on Measurement, Value, and Access

"Impact of School-Level Career Pathway Adoption on Career-Readiness and Postsecondary Outcomes: Evidence from Massachusetts' Pathways Program" | **Yunee H. Yoon** (Presenter)

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Panel

No Cells for You: The Impacts of Cellphone Bans on Student Outcomes in the U.S.

WEPC Discussant: **Joshua Goodman**

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Panel

The Teacher Pipeline Under Pressure: New Evidence on Interest, Certification, Hiring, and Retention

"Beginning Teacher Challenges and Early-Career Retention" | **Mingyan Ma** (Presenter)





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Afternoon | 4 sessions

12:45–1:30 PM

Room: Salon EFG

Poster session

Saturday Poster Luncheon

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Room: Massachusetts

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Sustainable Secondary CTE Systems: Evidence on Postsecondary Pathways, Teacher Retention, and Local Labor Markets

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