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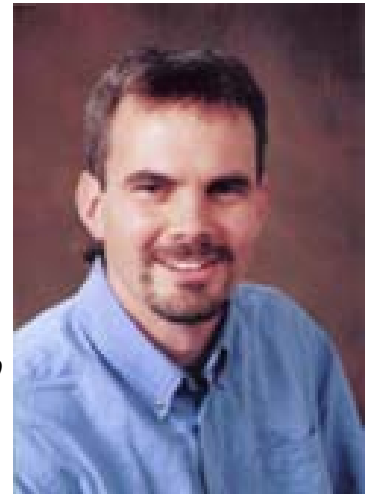
2007-2008 Seminar Series *Presents*

THE POLITICS OF RESEARCH ON CHOICE & COMPETITION IN AMERICAN EDUCATION:

Toward a New Political Economy of Research Production?

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
12PM-1:00PM, RM 242 COE**

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Several reformers see a new consensus on the impact of choice and competition in American schools. In fact, growing research literature documents the record of various school programs on a number of initial expectations for choice, including:

- * ***RATES OF INNOVATION***
- * ***ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT***
- * ***EFFICIENCIES***
- * ***ACCESS***

Yet the outcomes from the research are actually quite different than what many reformers have claimed. The question arises;

“Why do outcomes diverge to such a great extent from theoretical predictions and common assumptions about choice?”

This presentation examines how we know what we know about school choice, and what that reveals about knowledge production for this cutting-edge reform. The concluding discussion outlines a new political economy of research characterized by the politicization and commercialization of knowledge production.

