

# John McDonnell

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## EDUCATION

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### The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Doctoral student in Public Policy with a focus on Education Policy Fall 2022-Present

B.A. in Public Policy and Political Science, with Distinction May 2022

Highest Honors in Public Policy, Thesis: Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Adolescent Test Scores.  
Public Policy Concentration: Social Policy and Inequality

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant/Graduate Research Assistant, (*August 2020 – Present*), Educational Policy Initiative at Carolina

- Collaborating with a team to develop research questions, construct datasets, and run analyses
- Using Stata and Excel to clean, analyze, and present large, multilevel datasets for use in technical reports and papers to be submitted for peer review
- Analyzing data using two-way fixed effects models, linear regression, and event studies
- Assisting in evaluating North Carolina educational programs such as The GEAR UP Project, Schools That Lead, The UNC System Lab Schools Initiative, and the Educator Quality Research Initiative

### Research Assistant, (*June 2019 – August 2019*), UNC Institute for Trauma Recovery

- Abstracted and summarized sexual assault data from medical records

### Research Assistant, (*June 2018 – August 2018*), Gillings School of Global Public Health

- Examined and categorized pieces of state legislation dealing with tobacco use and cessation
- Collaborated with another research assistant to identify trends in the content and format of the bills

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Member (*2020 – Present*)

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## WORKING PAPERS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

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- Fuller, S.C. & McDonnell, J. W. Caught in the Storm: The Effect of Natural Disasters on Academic Performance and Achievement Gaps. Paper in Progress

### Reports submitted as part of the GEAR UP North Carolina Evaluation and Research Project, Principle Investigator: Sarah Crittenden Fuller

- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., McDonnell, J., D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Gates County - Central Middle School. (21 pages)
- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., McDonnell, J., D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Harnett Central Middle School. (23 pages)
- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., McDonnell, J., D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Montgomery County - East Middle School. (23 pages)

- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., **McDonnell, J.**, D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Montgomery County - West Middle School. (23 pages)
- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., **McDonnell, J.**, D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Harnett Central High School. (27 pages)
- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., **McDonnell, J.**, D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Montgomery Central High School. (30 pages)
- Fuller, S. C., Allen, D., Rana, R., Coleman, H., **McDonnell, J.**, D'Amico, E., N'tsua, S., & Davis, C. R. (2021). GEAR UP 2021 Formative Report: Gates County High School. (16 pages)

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## PRESENTATIONS

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- **McDonnell, J. W.** (2022). Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Adolescent Test Scores. Poster presentation at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference. Washington D.C., November 17-19, 2022.

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**Tutor**, *February 2015 – December 2016*), Elliot Woods Tutoring, Chapel Hill, NC

- Tutored students from a local neighborhood in math, social studies, and English
- Organized and oversaw recreational activities to incentivize learning

**Assistant Teacher**, *(July 2016 – August 2016)*, Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools, Chapel Hill, NC

- Taught a class of ~15 elementary school students for a summer school session
- Devised creative projects to encourage the academic involvement and skill development of students

**Assistant Coach**, *(June 2015 - August 2015)*, Triangle Youth Ultimate League, Chapel Hill, NC

- Aided a volunteer coach in organizing and instructing a group of under-13 boys in Ultimate Frisbee
- Developed drills to help the players improve and gain chemistry as a team

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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**Ultimate Frisbee**

- UNC club team *(2017 – Present)*, College National Championships: 1<sup>st</sup> place *(2018, 2021, 2022)*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place *(2019)*
- Triangle area adult club teams *(2018-2019, 2021-2022)*, Team Organizer and 2x Captain
- USA U20 National Team *(2018)*, World Junior Ultimate Championships: 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Triangle area U20 club team *(2017)*, Youth National Championships: 1<sup>st</sup> place