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Education

- Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Policy, Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX) Current
Advisor: Dr. Alexander W. Wiseman
- M.A. in Educational Leadership, Montclair State University (Montclair, NJ) 2020
Advisor: Dr. Katrina E. Bulkley
- B.M. in Music Performance, New Jersey City University (Jersey City, NJ) 2013
Advisor: Dr. Edward Joffe

Professional Experience

- Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, Family and Consumer Science, and Business, Rahway Public Schools 2020-
(Rahway, NJ)
- Teacher of Music and Theatre, Berkeley Heights Public Schools 2013-2020
(Berkeley Heights, NJ)
- Artistic Director, Elefante Music and School for the Performing Arts 2009-2013
(New Providence, NJ)

Publications in Progress

- Elefante, J.** (Under Initial Review). Examining the Association of Value-Added Teacher Evaluation Criteria and Student Achievement.
- Kirksey, J. J. & **Elefante, J.** (Under Initial Review). Familiar Faces in High School: How Having the Same Peers from Year-to-Year Links to Student Absenteeism.
- Galegher, E., Davidson, P., Bright, G., **Elefante, J.**, & Damaschke-Deitrick, L., (Forthcoming). Policy, Preparation, and Practice of School Leaders: A Review of Policy to Practice in Educational Leadership to Meet the Needs of Refugee and Immigrant Students. In A. W. Wiseman (Ed.), *Annual Review of Comparative and International Education 2021*. Emerald.
- Kirksey, J. J. & **Elefante, J.** (Forthcoming). A Crisis in the Opportunity to Learn: Addressing the Causes and Consequences of Missing School. In Matson, J. L. (Ed.), *Handbook of Clinical Child Psychology: Theory to Practice*. Springer Nature.

Conference Presentations

- Elefante, J.** (2021). Evaluating AchieveNJ: An Anti-Hero Policy Narrative. *Poster presentation at the 43rd annual conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.*

Gottlieb, J. J. & **Elefante, J.** (2021). Policy Narratives and COVID-19 School Closures. *Paper presentation at the 46th annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy.* [virtual]

Kirksey, J. J. & **Elefante, J.** (2021). Familiar Faces in High School: How Having the Same Peers from Year-to-Year Links to Student Absenteeism. *Paper presentation at the 46th annual conference of the Association for Education Finance and Policy.* [virtual]

Invited Presentations

Elefante, J., Johnson, L., & Tucker, C. (2021). Faces in the Classroom: The Impact of Familiar and Demographically Representative Peers and Teachers on Student Attendance and Academic Outcomes. *Presentation at ExpandedED: Broadening the Understanding of Contemporary Issues in Education and Policy series at Texas Tech University.* [virtual]

Gottlieb, J. J. & **Elefante, J.** (2021). COVID-19 School Re-openings: Policy Variation and Policy Narratives. *Faculty Research Club at Texas Tech University.* [virtual]

Peer-Reviewed Online Publications

Elefante, J. (2021). The Ever-Narrowing Curriculum: A Case for Arts Education. *American Journal of Education Forum.* <http://www.ajeforum.com/the-ever-narrowing-curriculum-a-case-for-arts-education/>

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Dr. Alexander W. Wiseman, Department of Educational Psychology, Leadership, and Counseling, Texas Tech University

Research Assistant, Dr. J. Jacob Kirksey, Department of Educational Psychology, Leadership, and Counseling, Texas Tech University

Professional Service

President-Elect, *Central Jersey Music Educators Association* 2021-23

Reviewer, *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting* 2021

Graduate Student Representative, *Arts & Learning SIG, American Educational Research Association* 2021-

Student Board Member, *American Journal of Education* 2020-

Managing Editor, *FIRE: Forum for International Research in Education* 2020-

Skills

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Python

Qualitative methods (data collection, interviewing, coding)

Google Workspace

MS Office 365

Certifications

School Principal, New Jersey Department of Education	2020
School Supervisor, New Jersey Department of Education	2020
Introduction to Continuity of Operations, FEMA	2019
Mutli-hazard Emergency Management for Schools, FEMA	2019
Social Media in Emergency Management, FEMA	2019
Understanding and Planning for School Bomb Incidents, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology	2019
Teacher of Music, New Jersey Department of Education	2014

Professional Memberships

American Educational Research Association	National Association for Music Education
American Federation of Musicians	New Jersey Music Administrators Association
Association for Education Finance and Policy	New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management	Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey
National Art Educators Association	

References

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