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He was a member of the US National Academy of Sciences committee to build an agenda to reduce the number of children in poverty by half, “[A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty](#)” which was released in 2019. He is currently chairing the [National Academies of Science consensus study panel](#) on an integrated system on statistics to compare the income, consumption, and wealth for the same people.

In 2021 with TJ McCarthy, Tara Sheehan and others, he created an APPAM undergraduate education interest group and [undergraduate education community](#)

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