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## EDUCATION

- 2021-2025 (expected)    **Ph.D. in Education Policy**  
University of Arkansas Department of Education Reform, Fayetteville, AR
- 2019-2020                **M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**  
Grand Canyon University College of Education, Phoenix, AZ (online program)
- 2014-2018                **B.S. in Music Education, *cum laude***  
Bob Jones University College of Education, Greenville, SC

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

K-12 school finance, school choice, teacher pipeline

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021, Aug.-present    **Distinguished Doctoral Fellow/Graduate Assistant**, University of Arkansas  
Department of Education Reform, Fayetteville, AR
- Assisting Drs. Gema Zamorro, Patrick Wolf, and Josh McGee with research on parents' schooling choices during the pandemic, the Arkansas teacher pipeline, charter school funding, and the academic and civic effects of private schooling
- 2021, June-Aug.        **Contracted Researcher**, Office for Education Policy, University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, AR
- Studied access to arts education in Arkansas high schools
- 2020, June-Aug.        **Policy Intern**, American Association of Christian Schools, Washington, D.C.
- Wrote articles on issues of educational and religious freedom for weekly legislative report
  - Assisted in researching ESSER funding and the Paycheck Protection Program to provide policy analysis to constituent schools and make public comment on the Department of Education's guidance

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## PRESENTATIONS

- 2022, March            "COVID-19 and Parental Choice in the 2021-2022 School Year," Association for  
Education Policy and Finance Conference, Denver, CO

- 2021, January “What Should Music Teachers Know about English Language Learners (ELLs)?”  
Chapter Share, Foothills Chapter American Orff-Schulwerk Association
- 2019, May “Preparing for the Job Application Process,” Ed 180 Introduction to Music Education,  
Bob Jones University
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## PUBLICATIONS

### *Op-Eds*

Heape, A. (2021). Commentary: Education scholarship accounts would give SC parents better options. *Post and Courier*.

### *Blog Articles*

Heape, A. (2020). The canon wars in music class. *Chalkboard Review*.

Heape, A. (2020). Choosing how to educate your child, Harvard says, threatens democracy.

### *Letters to the Editor*

Heape, A. (2020). Letter: McMaster plan to help private schools would serve the ‘common good.’ *The Greenville News*.

Heape, A. (2020). McMaster’s SAFE grants move was wise. *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*.

### *Newsletter Articles*

Heape, A. (2020). CATO holds discussion on education freedom. *The Washington Flyer*.

Heape, A. (2020). Heritage Foundation conducts national survey on civics education. *The Washington Flyer*.

Heape, A. (2020). Federal judge blocks COVID-19 restrictions on New York religious services. *The Washington Flyer*.

Heape, A. (2020). Federal school choice legislation introduced. *The Washington Flyer*.

Heape, A. (2020). South Carolina expands school choice with SAFE grants. *The Washington Flyer*.

Heape, A. (2020). Supreme Court rules for religious liberty in *Guadalupe* case. *The Washington Flyer*.

Heape, A. (2020). Trump signs executive order advancing international religious freedom. *The Washington Flyer*.

### *Book Reviews*

Heape, A. (2021). “Teaching in the Online Classroom: Surviving and Thriving in the New Normal.” *Journal of School Choice*, 15(2), 301-303, doi: [10.1080/15582159.2021.1924585](https://doi.org/10.1080/15582159.2021.1924585)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022, Aug.-present **Teaching Assistant**, University of Arkansas Department of Education Reform, Fayetteville, AR
- EDRE 6103—Quantitative Analytical Techniques for Education Policy
- 2018, Aug.-2021, June **Classroom Teacher**, Greenville County Schools, Greenville, SC
- Taught K-5<sup>th</sup> grade music in 4 elementary schools
  - Founded and taught an upper elementary chorus

- Mentored two pre-service teachers
- 2019, June-July      **Classroom Teacher**, BellXcel, Greenville, SC
- Designed and implemented a summer school enrichment curriculum
  - Adapted instruction and assessment to meet the needs of emerging bilinguals
- 2015, Oct.-2018, May      **Violin/Viola Teacher**, Distinctive Music Studios, Greenville, SC
- Designed and implemented beginning and intermediate violin and viola curricula
- 2016, Jan.-2017, Dec.      **Classroom Aide**, Bob Jones Academy, Greenville, SC
- Supported student learning objectives through individual and small group tutoring
- 2017, June-July      **Classroom Teacher**, Garden Route Academy of Fine Arts, Knysna, South Africa
- Collaborated with a team of music educators to provide music instruction and in government and private elementary, middle, and high schools
- 2015, Aug.-Dec.      **Peer Leader**, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC
- Co-taught one semester of UNI 101 Freshman Seminar
  - Presented sessions on time management, study strategies, academic integrity, and community service
- 2015, Jan.-May      **Tutor**, East North Street Academy, Greenville, SC
- Supported student learning objectives through individual and small group tutoring

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018, May-Sept.      **Strings Specialist**, Musical Innovations, Greenville, SC  
 Maintained the store's inventory of string instruments and music curricula; maintained custom designed databases of inventory, instrument rental accounts, and business expenses
- 2016, Aug.-2017, May      **Symphony Librarian**, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC  
 Maintained the symphony's music library; filed and distributed music at the beginning and end of each concert cycle; kept detailed records to avoid copyright violations

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2021, March      University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR  
**Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship**
- 2021, May      Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ  
**Alpha Chi National College Honor Society Inductee**
- 2020, October      Rudolph G. Gordon School, Simpsonville, SC

**Parent Teacher Association Related Arts Grant (\$230)**

2020, May	Alpha Pi Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Greenville, SC <b>Blair/Heath Award (included grant of \$500)</b>
2019, October 2018, October	Greenville County Schools, Greenville, SC <b>Arts in Basic Curriculum Grant (\$160 for two awards)</b>
2014-2018	Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC 3 semesters <b>Dean's List</b> 5 semesters <b>President's List</b>

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AFFILIATIONS

2022-present	Association for Education Policy and Finance
2021-present	Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness
2019-2021	American Orff-Schulwerk Association, SC Foothills Chapter
2020-2021	<b>AOSA SC Foothills Chapter Executive Board Member—Treasurer</b>
2018-2021	South Carolina Music Educators' Association
2014-2021	National Association for Music Education

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INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2016-2017	<b>Principal Violin II</b> , University Symphony Orchestra, Bob Jones University
2017-2018	<b>Vice President</b> , Bob Jones University Collegiate Chapter, National Association for Music Education

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

2017 Sept.-2020 Nov.	Church Musician, Gateway Baptist Church, Traveler's Rest, SC
2019 Jan.-June	Girls on the Run Coach, Rudolph G. Gordon School, Simpsonville, SC
2014-2017	Annual Special Olympics Volunteer, Washington Center, Greenville, SC