**Robin L. Phinney, Ph.D.**

**SUMMARY**

Experienced public policy researcher with expertise in social policy, urban policy, city and state politics, and special interest lobbying. Extensive methodological training and experience in statistics, survey research, and qualitative methods. Recipient of numerous individual grants and fellowships to fund research.

**EXPERIENCE**

2018-present **President**, Rise Research LLC (Minneapolis, MN)

* Directed and managed research projects related to systems integration in MN’s social sector
* Developed strategic and business development plan for research and evaluation project work

2017-2019 **Research & Evaluation Director**, Future Services Institute, Univ. of MN (Minneapolis, MN)

* Directed research projects on service integration and systems change in human services sector
* Led the design, data collection and management, data analysis, and dissemination of research findings for both quantitative and qualitative projects.
* Successfully managed partnerships with stakeholders in public, private, and nonprofit spheres.
* Supervised and mentored research/evaluation staff and a team of graduate research assistants.

2011-2016 **Research Associate**, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)

* Designed and taught classes in American politics and public policy using skills in planning and presentation; consistently received outstanding student evaluations.
* Completed several research articles in prominent peer-reviewed journals and one book at a leading academic press.

2010-2011 **Public Policy Lecturer**, Brown University (Providence, RI)

* Designed and taught undergraduate and graduate courses in statistics, social policy, and introductory public policy; consistently received outstanding student evaluations.

2008-2010 **Analyst**, MDRC (Oakland, CA)

* Worked collaboratively to produce impact evaluation report for a panel study of 1,500 families; tasks included coding administrative and survey data and conducting statistical analyses.
* Spearheaded the development of public use dataset for a panel study of 45,000 workers.

2003-2008 **Research Assistant**, National Poverty Center (Ann Arbor, MI)

* Authored fact sheets and policy reports on the wellbeing of low-income families in the U.S.
* Cleaned and coded survey data for panel study of welfare mothers (approx. 800 individuals).
* Conducted statistical analyses using multiple waves of survey data; presented research findings at national public policy conferences.

2004-2006 **Research Assistant**, Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (Ann Arbor, MI)

* Collaborated with county to develop a research strategy for evaluating homeless programs.
* Cleaned, coded, and analyzed local homeless assistance data.
* Wrote policy reports for county officials, synthesizing data analysis and homeless research.

2001-2002 **Planning Assistant**, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (Los Angeles, CA)

* Independently gathered homelessness funding data from service providers and government agencies for nearly 100 cities in Los Angeles County.

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. University of Michigan, Public Policy and Political Science** (2010)

* Dissertation: *Diverse Interest Group Coalitions and Social Welfare Policy in the United States*
* Coursework in American politics; public policy; research methods; and political theory

**B.A. University of California Los Angeles, Political Science and Communication Studies** (2000)

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

* Statistical Software: Proficient in SPSS, SAS, and STATA.
* Qualitative Software: Proficient in NVivo.
* Communication: Skilled public speaker; experience writing for interdisciplinary and non-academic audiences.