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EDUCATION

- 2026 **Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Planning**, University of Texas at Austin
- 2019 **M.A. in Literature**, George Mason University
- 2016 **B.A. in English and Secondary Education**, Radford University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal

Accepted In Press and Forthcoming

Hart, T., DeMatthews, D., & Gümüs, S. (2025). Defining and enacting social justice leadership: An examination of principal and assistant principal perceptions. *Leadership and Policy in Schools*, 1-22, <https://doi.org/10.1080/15700763.2025.2462066>.

DeMatthews, D., Aylward, A., **Hart, T.**, and Reyes, P. (2025). Superintendent turnover and retention: A mixed-methods study of leavers and stayers in rural districts. *AERA Open*, 11(1), 1-20, <https://doi.org/10.1177/23328584251357253>.

DeMatthews, D., Knight, D., & **Hart, T.** (forthcoming). Taxpayer-funded private school vouchers, market theory, and market failure: A policy scan and review of evidence. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*.

Hart, T. (forthcoming). A superintendent and principal's quest to create an inclusive school: Considering contextual complexities. *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*.

Hart, T. & DeMatthews, D. (forthcoming). Book Review of *From Tinkering to Transformation: How School District Central Offices Drive Equitable Teaching and Learning* by Meredith I. Honig and Lydia R. Rainey. *American Journal of Education*.

Under Review

DeMatthews, D., Conroy, K., McKenzie, L., & **Hart, T.** (2024). Inclusive principalship in the U.S.: A systematic review of the literature. *American Educational Research Journal*.

DeMatthews, D., **Hart, T.**, Knight, D., & Geist, D. (2024). What do we really know about private school vouchers? A policy scan and systematic review. *Education Policy Analysis Archives*.

DeMatthews, D., **Hart, T.**, James, L., & Casas, E. (2025). Qualitative case Study design: Recommendations for doctoral students in educational leadership programs. *Journal of Research on Leadership Education*.

Works in Progress

DeMatthews, D., **Hart, T.**, Knight, D., & Geist, D. Selective reporting and the disappeared students with disabilities in private school voucher research: A review in the United States.

Hart, T., DeMatthews, D., & Greene, T. State politics and local necessities: Texas superintendents' sensemaking of private school vouchers.

Hart, T., Gümüş, S., & DeMatthews, D. Texas principal-teacher teams' perspectives on instructional practices for social justice: Exploring distributed leadership.

Reports

In Press

DeMatthews, D., Aylward, A., Pendola, A., **Hart, T.**, Knight, D., & Reyes, P. (2024). The Texas principal workforce report: A 12-year analysis of principal leadership. <https://utexas.app.box.com/s/7uy5hh31d5ka9mceafa4kug2fmgm52e>

DeMatthews, D., Reyes, P., Shin, J., & **Hart, T.** (2025). Texas special education report: 10 takeaways for Texans. <https://utexas.app.box.com/s/aibfjpcrcrfsteyazlhmfm6gta1w6bt>

Op-eds

In Press

DeMatthews, D., & **Hart, T.** (2024 September 9). Wake up! Texas schools remain vulnerable to nightmare gun violence. *San-Antonio Express-News*.

Conference Presentations

Aylward, A., DeMatthews, D., & **Hart, T.** (2024). How representative are rural Texas superintendents of the communities they serve? An investigation of historical and recent trends. Paper presented at UCEA 2024 in Los Angeles, CA.

DeMatthews, D., Aylward, A., **Hart, T.**, and Reyes, P. (2023). Stayers and leavers: Rural Texas superintendent turnover and trends. Paper presented at UCEA 2023 in Minneapolis, MN.

DeMatthews, D., **Hart, T.**, & Knight, D. (2025). Voucher and students with disabilities: A policy scan and systematic review of state voucher policies in the U.S. Paper presented at AERA 2025 in Denver, Colorado.

DeMatthews, D., **Hart, T.**, Knight, D., & Geist, D. (2024). What do we really know about private school vouchers? A policy scan and systematic review. Paper presented at AEFPP 2024 in Washington, D.C.

Hart, T., DeMatthews, D., & Greene, T. (2025). State politics and local necessities: Texas superintendents' sensemaking of private school vouchers. Paper presented at UCEA 2025 in Puerto Rico.

Hart, T., Gümüş, S., & DeMatthews, D. (2025). Texas principal-teacher teams' perspectives on instructional practices for social justice: Exploring distributed leadership. Paper presented at UCEA 2025 in Puerto Rico.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2025-present **Graduate Research Assistant**, UT Austin, Supervisor: Dr. Rochelle Roberts

2023-present **Graduate Research Assistant**, UT Austin, Supervisor: Dr. David DeMatthews

2023-present **Research Associate**, UT Austin, Texas Education Leadership Lab

2024-2025 **Graduate Research Assistant**, UT Austin, Supervisor: Dr. Debra Cantú

2022-2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**, UT Austin, Office of Student Conduct

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2025-present **Instructor**, Austin Community College, Courses: (1) Composition I; Supervisor: Dr. Wendy Elle

2024-present **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, UT Austin, Courses: (1) Epistemologies of Education Research; (2) History of Texas Educational Policy; Supervisor: Dr. Pedro Reyes

2024-present **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, UT Austin, Courses: (1) School Improvement, Texas Principal Leadership Academy; (2) Intro. to Qualitative Methods, Cooperative Superintendency Program (CSP); (3) Administration of Special Education, CSP; Supervisor: Dr. David DeMatthews

2023-2024 **Assistant Instructor**, UT Austin, University Writing Center

2018-2022 **Secondary English Teacher**, Loudoun County Public Schools

2016-2017 **Secondary English Teacher**, Floyd County Public Schools

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

2023-2028 **State of Texas Teaching Licensure**, ELA & Reading, Grades 7-12

2016-2031 **State of Virginia Teaching Licensure**, Secondary English Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-2025 **Writing Consultant**, UT Austin, University Writing Center

- 2023-2024 **Assistant Program Coordinator**, UT Austin, University Writing Center
- 2021-2022 **Strategic Communications Analyst**, United States Coast Guard Contractor
- 2017-2018 **Technical Writer**, ePlus Technology, inc.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2018-2022 **Cross Country & Track Coach**, Loudoun County Public Schools
- 2016-2017 **Cross Country & Track Coach**, Floyd County Public Schools

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024-present **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**
- 2023-present **American Educational Research Association**
- 2023-present **National Rural Education Association**
- 2023-present **University Council for Educational Administration**
- 2022-present **National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity**