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Education: B.A., University of Washington (Seattle), 1979 (Economics)
M.P.A., Syracuse University (New York), 1987 (Public Administration)
Ph.D., Syracuse University (New York), 1989 (Public Administration)

Work Experience

2002- Professor, Department of Public Administration, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University
1996- 2002 Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University
2000- Associate Director, Education Finance and Accountability Program.
1991- Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University.
1991-1995 Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University
1989-1991 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Fields of Specialization

- ***School Finance:*** Analysis of school costs, consolidation, and efficiency; identification of low performance schools; design of state school aid systems and property tax relief plans.
- ***Public Budgeting and Finance:*** cost analysis, analysis of fiscal condition, public budgeting and financial management, especially related to state and local governments.

Academic Publications

A. Books

- 1991 Bahl, Roy W. and William D. Duncombe. 1991. *Economic Growth and Fiscal Planning: New York in the 1990s*. Center for Urban Policy Research Press. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

B. Articles, Working Papers, and Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Duncombe, William, Anna Lukemeyer, and John Yinger. "The No Child Left Behind Act: Have Federal Funds Been Left Behind?" *Public Finance Review*.
- 2008 Balter, Dana, and William Duncombe. 2008. "Recruiting Highly Qualified Teachers: Do District Recruitment Practices Matter?" *Public Finance Review*. (1) 36 (January): 33-62.
- 2007 Duncombe, William and John Yinger. 2007. "Does School District Consolidation Cut Costs?" *Journal of Education Policy and Finance*, (4) 2 (Fall): 341-376.
- Duncombe, William and John Yinger. 2007. "Measurement of Cost Differentials." In H. Ladd and T. Fiske (eds.) *Handbook of Research in Education Finance and Policy*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc, pp. 257-275.
- Duncombe, William, and Cynthia Searcy. 2007. "Can the Use of Recommended Procurement Practices Save Money?" *Public Budgeting & Finance*, (2) 27 (Summer): 68-87.
- Wen Wang, Yilin Hou, and William Duncombe. 2007. "Determinants of Pay-as-You-Go Financing of Capital Projects: Evidence from the States." *Public Budgeting & Finance*, (4) 27 (Winter): 18-42.
- Duncombe, William, and Cynthia Searcy. 2007. "Out With the Old, In With the New? A Case Study of Procurement Practices in New York State School Districts." *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management*. (4) 19 (Winter): 514-545.
- 2006 Duncombe, William. 2006. "Responding to the Charge of Alchemy: Strategies for Evaluating the Reliability and Validity of Costing-Out Research. *Journal of Education Finance*, (2) 21 (Fall): 137-159.
- Duncombe, William, and John Yinger. 2006. "Understanding the Incentives in California's Education Finance System." Prepared for the Getting Down to Facts project.

- 2005 Duncombe, William and John Yinger. 2005. *Estimating the Costs of Meeting Student Performance Outcomes Adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education*. Report prepared for The Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit, (December).
- Duncombe, William and John Yinger. 2005. "How Much More Does a Disadvantaged Student Cost?" *Economics of Education Review*, (5) 24 (October): 513-532.
- Bifulco, Robert, William Duncombe, and John Yinger. 2005. "Does Whole-School Reform Boost Student Performance: The Case of New York City" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*,(1) 24 (Winter): 47-72.
- Ammar, Salwa, William Duncombe, Bernard Jump, Ronald Wright. 2005 "A Financial Condition Indicator System for School Districts: A Case Study of New York." *Journal of Education Finance*, (30) 3 (Winter): 231-258.
- Ammar, Salwa, William Duncombe, Bernard Jump, Ron Wright. 2005. "Avoiding Fiscal Stress: The Use of Expert Systems to Assess School District Financial Condition" *Developments in School Finance: 2004-05, Fiscal Proceedings from the Annual State Data Conferences of July 2004*. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics.
- Balter, Dana, and William Duncombe. 2005. "Teacher Hiring Practices in New York State School Districts." *Condition Report*, Education Finance Research Consortium, January.
- Duncombe, William, and Cynthia Searcy. 2005. "Procurement Practices in New York State School Districts." *Condition Report*, Education Finance Research Consortium, January.
- 2004 Baker, Bruce and William Duncombe. 2004. "Balancing District Needs and Student Needs: The Role of Economies of Scale Adjustments and Pupil Need Weights in School Finance Formulas." *Journal of Education Finance*, (29) 3 (Winter): 195-222.
- Duncombe, William and Jocelyn Johnston. 2004. "The Impacts of School Finance Reform in Kansas: Equity Is In the Eye of the Beholder." In J. Yinger (ed.), *Helping Children Left Behind*. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, pp. 147-194.
- Ammar, Salwa, William Duncombe, Bernard Jump, Ronald Wright. 2004. "Constructing a Fuzzy-Knowledge-Based System: An Application for Assessing the Financial Condition of Public Schools." *Expert Systems with Applications*, (27) 3: 349-364.
- 2003 Duncombe, William, Anna Lukemeyer, and John Yinger. 2003 "Financing an Adequate Education: A Case Study of New York." *Developments in School*

Finance: 2001-02, Fiscal Proceedings from the Annual State Data Conferences of July 2001 and July 2002. Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES 2003-403: 127-154.

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Andrews, Matthew, William Duncombe, and John Yinger. 2002. "Revisiting Economies of Size in Education: Are We Any Closer to a Consensus?" *Economics of Education Review*, (21): 245-262.

2001 Duncombe, William, Mark Robbins, and Douglas Wolf. 2001 "Retire to Where? A Discrete Choice Model of Residential Location," *International Journal of Population Geography*, (7): 281-293.

Amwar, Salwa, William Duncombe, Bernard Jump, and Ronald Wright. 2001. "A Symposium on Evaluating Financial Management of Large Cities: An Application of Fuzzy Rule-Based Systems," *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 21 (Winter): 44-46.

Salwa Ammar, William Duncombe, and Ronald Wright. 2001. "Evaluating Capital Management: A New Approach," *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 21 (Winter): 47-69.

Salwa Ammar, William Duncombe, Yilin Hou, and Ronald Wright. 2001. "Evaluating City Financial Management Using FRBS," *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 21 (Winter): 70-90.

Salwa Ammar, William Duncombe, Yilin Hou, Bernard Jump, and Ronald Wright. 2001. "Using Fuzzy Rule-Based Systems to Evaluate Overall Financial Performance of Governments: An Enhancement to the Bond Rating Process," *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 21 (Winter): 91-110.

Duncombe, William and John Yinger. 2001 "Alternative Paths to Property Tax Relief." In Wallace Oates (ed.), *Property Taxation and Local Government Finance.* Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

- Duncombe, William and John Yinger. 2001. "Does School District Consolidation Cut Costs?" Center for Policy Research Working Paper No. 33, The Maxwell School. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University, January.
- 2000 Ammar, Salwa, Robert Bifulco, William Duncombe, and Ronald Wright. 2000. "Identifying Low-Performance Public Schools," *Studies in Educational Evaluation*, 26: 259-287.
- Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. 2000. "Financing Higher Student Performance Standards: The Case of New York State," *Economics of Education Review*, 19 (October): 363-386.
- 1999 Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. 1999. "Performance Standards and Educational Cost Indexes: You Can't Have One Without the Other." In *Equity and Adequacy in Education Finance: Issues and Perspectives*. National Academy Press, Committee on Education Finance. Irvine, CA: National Research Council, February 1999, pp. 260-297.
- Duncombe, William D. and Lloyd Blanchard. 1999. "Tax Policy and Public School Finance." In B. Hildreth and J. Richardson (eds.), *Handbook on Taxation*. New York: Marcel Dekker, Inc., 17: 345-400.
- 1998 Duncombe, William D. and Wilson Wong. 1998. "Building State and Local Government Analytic Capacity: Using Regional Economic Models for Economic Analysis of Public Policy," *State and Local Government Review*, 30 (Fall): 165-180.
- Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. 1998. "School Finance Reform: Aid Formulas and Equity Objectives," *National Tax Journal*, L1(2) (June): 239-262.
- Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. 1998. "An Analysis of Two Educational Policies in New York State: Performance Standards and Property Tax Relief." In James H. Wyckoff (ed.), *Educational Finance to Support High Learning Standards*, New York State Board of Regents Final Report. Albany, NY: State Education Department, The University of the State of New York, March, pp. 97-136.
- Duncombe, William D. and Jocelyn Johnston. 1998. "Balancing Conflicting Policy Objectives: The Case of School Finance Reform," *Public Administration Review*, 58(2) (March/April): 145-166.
- 1997 Duncombe, William D., Jerry Miner, and John Ruggiero. 1997. "Empirical Evaluation of Bureaucratic Models of Inefficiency," *Public Choice*, 93 (October): 1-18.
- Duncombe, William D. and Jocelyn Johnston. 1997. "Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations: Revisions and Reform." In H.G. Frederickson and Y.H. Oto (eds.), *The*

White House and the Blue House: Government Reform in the United States and Korea. Langham, MD: University Press of America, Inc., pp. 271-309.

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1995 Duncombe, William D., Jerry Miner, and John Ruggiero. 1995. "On the Measurement and Causes of Technical Inefficiency in Local Public Service: With an

Application to Public Education,” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, 5(4) (October): 403-428.

Brudney, Jeff and William D. Duncombe. 1995. “The Optimal Mix of Volunteer and Paid Staff in Local Governments: With an Application to Municipal Fire Departments,” *Public Finance Quarterly*, 23(3) (July): 356-384.

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1994 Duncombe, William D. and Jeffrey Straussman. 1994. “Judicial Intervention and Local Spending: The Case of Local Jails,” *Policy Studies Journal*, 22 (Winter): 606-616.

1993 Duncombe, William D. and Jeffrey Straussman. 1993. “The Impact of Courts on the Decision to Expand Jail Capacity,” *Administration and Society*, 25 (November): 267-292.

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Bahl, Roy W. and William D. Duncombe. 1993. “State and Local Debt Burdens in the 1980s: A Study in Contrast,” *Public Administration Review*, 53 (January/February): 31-49.

Duncombe, William D., Jerry Miner, and John Ruggiero. 1993. “Scale Efficiency and Technical Efficiency in New York Public Schools,” Metropolitan Studies Program Occasional Paper No. 163, Center for Policy Research, The Maxwell School. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University, August.

1992 Bahl, Roy W. and William D. Duncombe. 1992. “Economic Change and Fiscal Planning: The Origins of the Fiscal Crisis in New York State,” *Public Administration Review*, 52 (November/December): 547-558.

Brudney, Jeffrey and William D. Duncombe. 1992. “An Economic Evaluation of Paid, Volunteer, and Mixed Staffing Options for Public Services: With An Application to Municipal Fire Departments,” *Public Administration Review*, 52 (September/October): 474-481.

Duncombe, William D. 1992. "Economic Change and the Evolving State Tax Structure: The Case of the Sales Tax," *National Tax Journal*, XLV (September): 299-313.

Duncombe, William D. 1992. "Costs and Factor Substitution in the Provision of Local Fire Services." *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, LXXIV (February): 180-184.

Duncombe, William D., Sydney Duncombe, and Richard Kinney. 1992. "Factors Influencing the Politics and Process of County Government Budgeting," *State and Local Government Review*, 24 (Winter): 19-27.

Duncombe, William D. 1992. "New York's Economic Performance Since 1980, and Prospects for the 1990s," Metropolitan Studies Program Occasional Paper No. 155, Center for Policy Research, The Maxwell School. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University, October.

1991 Duncombe, William D. 1991. "Demand for Local Public Services Revisited: The Case of Fire Protection," *Public Finance Quarterly*, 19 (October): 412-436.

1990 Bahl, Roy W., William D. Duncombe, and Wanda Schulman. 1990. "The New Anatomy of Urban Fiscal Problems." In Marshall Kaplan (ed.), *The Future of National Urban Policy*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, pp.32-57.

Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. 1990. "Returns to Scale in Public Production," Metropolitan Studies Program Occasional Paper No. 138, Center for Policy Research, The Maxwell School. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University, May 1990.

1989 Duncombe, William D., Sydney Duncombe, and Richard Kinney. 1989. "New Directions in Budget Theory Since Key," *New Directions in Public Administration*, 2 (April): 41-56.

1988 Bahl, Roy W. and William D. Duncombe. 1988. "State and Local Government Finances: Was There a Structural Break in the Reagan Years?" *Growth and Change*, 19 (Fall): 30-48.

Duncombe William D. and Larry Schroeder. 1988. "The Effects of Tax Instability on Budgeting and Financial Management in Developing Countries," *International Journal of Public Administration*, 11: 271-309.

C. Conference Papers

2007 Duncombe, William. "Making Do: State Constraints and Local Responses in

California's Education Finance System." 2007 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, Washington, DC, October.

Duncombe, William. "What Do We Know About the Cost Impact of School Consolidations?" Lincoln Institute on Land Policy: Economic Perspectives on Property Taxes and Education Finance, Cambridge, MA, October.

Duncombe, William. "Strategies to Improve Efficiency: School District Consolidation and Alternative Cost-Sharing Strategies." Conference on School Finance and Governance, Providence: RI, November.

Duncombe, William. William Duncombe. "Understanding the Incentives in California's Education Finance System" 2007 American Education Finance Association Conference, Baltimore, MD.

2006 Duncombe, William. "Responding to the Charge of Alchemy: Strategies for Evaluating the Reliability and Validity of Costing-Out Research. 2006 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, Atlanta, October.

Duncombe, William. "Recruiting Highly Qualified Teachers: Do District Recruitment Practices Matter?" 2006 American Education Finance Association Conference, Denver, March.

2005 Duncombe, William. 2005. "Staffing Classrooms: How Do New York School Districts Find Their Teachers?" Paper presented at the Southern Economic Associate Annual Conference, Washington DC, November.

Duncombe, William. 2005. "Caught Betwixt and Between: Fiscal Impacts on State Governments of Complying With Recent Education Mandates." Paper presented at the ABFM 2005 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November.

Duncombe, William. 2005. "Procurement Practices in Local Governments: A Case Study of New York State School Districts." Paper presented at Western Allied Social Science Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April.

Duncombe, William. 2005. "Staffing Classrooms: How Do New York School Districts Find Their Teachers?" Paper presented at the AEFA 2005 Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, March.

2004 Duncombe, William. 2004. "Anticipating Fiscal Stress: Determinants of Fund Balances in New York School Districts." Paper presented at the AEFA 2004 Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT March.

Duncombe, William. 2004. "Estimating Geographic Cost of Education Differences: A Case Study of Maryland." Paper presented at the ABFM 2004

Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, October.

- 2003 Duncombe, William. 2003. "Financing Bricks and Mortar: State Building Aid and School District Response. Paper presented at the AEFA 2003 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL. March 27-29.
- Duncombe, William. 2003. "Fiscal Stress in School Districts: How to Recognize It and How Districts Have Coped With it." Paper presented at the 2003 American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 27-29.
- Duncombe, William. 2003. "School Finance Reform in Kansas: Equity Is In the Eye of the Beholder." Paper presented at the 2003 American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 27-29.
- Duncombe, William. 2003. "Does School District Consolidation Cut Costs?" Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, November.
- Duncombe, William. 2003. "Financial Condition Indicator System for School Districts: A Case Study of New York." Paper presented at the ABFM Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. September 19.
- 2002 Duncombe, William. 2002. "Conceptual and Empirical Issues in the Design of School Aid Systems: What Have We Learned from School Finance Reform?" Paper presented at the 2002 ABFM Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO. October 12.
- Duncombe, William, and Anna Lukemeyer. 2002. "Estimating the Cost of Educational Adequacy: A Comparison of Approaches." Paper presented at the American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM. March.
- Duncombe, William, Salwa Ammars, Yilin Hou, Bernard Jump, and Ronald Wright. 2002. "Using FRBS to Evaluation Overall Financial Performance of Governments: An Enhancement to Bond Rating?" Paper presented at the 2001 Annual ABFM Conference, Washington, DC. January 19.
- 2001 Duncombe, William. 2001. "Measuring the Preferences of Senior Citizens for Local Public Education Using Surveys." Paper presented at the 2001 American Education Finance Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 24.
- 2000 Duncombe, William. 2000. "Evaluating Capital Management: A New Approach." Paper presented at the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, October 5.
- Andrews, Matthew, William Duncombe, and John Yinger. 2000. "The Pros and Cons of School District Consolidation: An Evaluation of New York's Experience."

Paper presented at the 2000 American Education Finance Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX, March 10.

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Andrews, Matthew, William Duncombe, and John Yinger. 1999. "The Pros and Cons of School District Consolidation: An Evaluation of New York's Experience." Paper presented at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 8th.

Duncombe, William and John Yinger. "Property Tax Relief and State Education Aid: Two Sides of the Same Coin?" Paper presented at the Northeast Regional Science 21st Annual Meeting, Cornell University, May 8th.

Bifulco, Robert and William Duncombe. "Evaluating School Performance: Are We Ready for Prime Time?" Paper presented at the 1999 Annual American Education Finance Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 18-20.

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Andrews, Matthew, William Duncombe, and John Yinger. "Revisiting Economies of Size in Education: Are We Any Closer to a Consensus?" Paper prepared for the Annual Convention of the Allied Social Science Association, New York, NY, January 3-5, 1999.

1998

Robbins, Mark, William Duncombe, and Douglas Wolf. "Can State and Local Governments Influence Elderly Migration?" Paper prepared for the 68th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, Baltimore, MD, November 6-8, 1998.

Bifulco, Robert and William Duncombe. "Identifying Low-Performance Schools: With Application to New York City." Paper presented at the 1998 Annual Conference of the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, DC, November 5-8, 1998.

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- 1997 Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. "School Aid Reform: Aid Formulas and Equity Objectives." Paper presented at 1997 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management National Conference, Washington DC, November 1997.
- Duncombe, William D. and Jocelyn Johnston. "School Finance Reform in Kansas: Assessing Effectiveness." Paper presented at 1997 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management National Conference, Washington DC, November 1997.
- Duncombe, William D. and John Yinger. "Inefficiency in Public Schools: Is School Aid Part of the Problem? Can It Be Part of the Solution?" Paper presented at the 1997 American Education Finance Association National Conference, Jacksonville, FL, March 1997.
- 1996 Duncombe, William D. and Wilson Wong. "Evaluating the Policy Decision-Making Capacity of State and Local Governments in the New Policy Environment." Paper presented at the 1996 Association for Public Policy and Management Annual Research Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 1996.
- Duncombe, William D. and Wilson Wong, "Building a Long-Term and Sustainable Future: Using Regional Economic Modeling for Economic and Fiscal Analysis of Infrastructure Projects and Public Policy." Paper presented at 1996 American Society of Public Administration National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, July 1996.
- Duncombe, William D. and Jocelyn Johnston. "School Reform and Concessions to Local Fiscal Control." Paper presented at 1996 American Society of Public Administration National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, July 1996.
- 1995 Duncombe, William D. "School Finance Reform: Aid Formulas and Equity Objectives." Paper presented at the NYSNER Research in Progress Briefing, Albany, New York, December 1, 1995.
- Duncombe, William D. "School Finance Reform: Aid Formulas and Equity Objectives." Paper presented at the 1995 Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1995.
- Duncombe, William D. "Reexamining School Finance Equity: What Are We Trying to Accomplish?" Paper presented at the 1995 Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, September 1995.
- Duncombe, William D., John Ruggiero, and John Yinger. "Alternative Approaches to Measuring the Cost of Education." Paper presented at the Performance Based Approaches to School Reform Conference, sponsored by the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, April 6-7, 1995.

Duncombe, William D. and John Ruggiero. "Inefficiency and the Distribution of School Aid." Paper presented at 1994 Allied Social Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 1995.

1994 Duncombe, William D., John Ruggiero, and Jerry Miner. "Empirical Evaluation of Bureaucratic Models of Inefficiency: An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis to Public Education." Paper presented at 1994 Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, Orlando, FL, November 1994.

Duncombe, William D. "Public Expenditure Research since V.O. Key: What Have We Learned?" Paper presented at the Association For Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 1994.

Duncombe, William D. and John Ruggiero. "Costs, Efficiency and School Finance Equity: an Analysis of New York School Districts." Paper presented at the 1994 Annual Conference of the Eastern Economic Association, March 1994.

Duncombe, William D. "Potential Cost Savings from School District Consolidation." Paper presented at 1993 Society for Budgeting and Financial Management National Conference, Arlington, VA, October 1993.

1993 Duncombe, William D. "Potential Cost Savings from School District Consolidation: A Case Study of New York." Paper presented at NYS Network for Economic Research in Progress Briefing, Albany, NY, October 1993.

Duncombe, William D. "New York State's Economy and Finances: Past Performance and Prospects for the 1990s." Paper presented at the New York Motor Truck Association Annual Conference, Alexandria Bay, NY, September 1993.

Bahl, Roy W. and William D. Duncombe. "State and Local Debt Burdens in the 1980s: And the Financing of Infrastructure in the 1990s." Paper presented at the 1993 American Society for Public Administration National Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 1993.

1992 Duncombe, William D. "An Economic Evaluation of the Use of Paid Versus Volunteer Personnel for Public Services: With An Application for Fire Services." Paper presented at the 1992 Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC, November 1992.

Brudney, Jeffrey and William D. Duncombe. "Volunteer Demand and the Optimal Mix of Volunteer and Paid Staff in Local Governments." 1992 ARNOVA Annual Conference, Yale University, New Haven, October 1992.

Duncombe, William D. "Economic Change and the Evolving State Tax Structure: The Case of the Sales Tax." National Tax Association Symposium "Taxes and Spending in the Age of Deficits," Arlington, VA, May 1992.

Duncombe, William D. "Economic Growth and Fiscal Planning: New York in the 1990s" 2nd Annual Economic Outlook Briefing, New York State Network for Economic Research, Albany, NY, March 1992.

- 1991 Duncombe, William D. "Economies of Scale in the Public Sector: Evidence for Local Public Services." 1991 Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, Nashville, TN, November 1991.
- 1990 Duncombe, William D. "Evaluation of Factors Affecting the Cost of Local Public Services." Eighty-Third Annual Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association, San Francisco, November 1990.
- 1988 Bahl, Roy W. and William D. Duncombe. "State and Local Government Finances During the Reagan Years: Past Trends and Future Outlook." 1988 American Society for Public Administration, Region I and II Conference, Newport, RI, November 1988.

D. Grants, Government Contracts

- 2006 Co-Principal Investigator, "Understanding the Incentives in California's Education Finance System." Paper for the Getting Down to Facts Project, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation, and the Stuart Foundation. (\$49,000).
- 2005-2006 Principal Investigator, "Estimating the Costs of Meeting Student Performance Outcomes Adopted by the Kansas State Board of Education." The Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit (\$49,098).
- 2003-2004 Principal Investigator, "Examining Financial Management Practices in New York State School Districts." Education Finance Research Consortium. (\$34,888).
- 2002-2003 Principal Investigator, "Indicators of the Fiscal Performance and Fiscal Health of New York State School Districts." Education Finance Research Consortium. (\$33,780).
- 2000-2001 Principal Investigator, "Preferences of Senior Citizens for Public Education," National Institute on Aging (\$75,500).
- 2000-2001 Co-Principal Investigator, "Do Whole-School Reform Programs Boost Student Performance? The Case of New York City," Smith Richardson Foundation (\$248,957).
- 1998-1999 Co-Principal Investigator, "Do Fiscal Factors Influence Elderly Migration Decisions," National Institutes on Aging (\$76,750).

- 1995-1997 Co-Principal Investigator, "Onondaga Lake Remediation: Economic and Fiscal Analysis," Onondaga Lake Management Conference (\$257,000).
- 1992-1993 Co-Principal Investigator, "Education Costs and Finance," New York Rural Education Advisory Committee (\$35,000).

Honors and Awards

Leslie A Whittington Excellence in Teaching Award, 2006, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award, 2006, Syracuse University.

Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Professorship, 2001-2005.

Robert T. Golembiewski Award for outstanding achievement in Public Administration, awarded by MPA students, University of Georgia, 1991

Honorable Mention, 1990 NTA-TIA Dissertation Award, November 1990

1990 Doctoral Prize, Syracuse University, May 1990

Jeanne S. Mattersdorf Award in Public Finance from the NTA, July 1987

Herbert H. Lehman Fellowship from New York State, 1985-89

Phi Beta Kappa, and Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society), 1979

Professional Affiliations

Editorial Board Member, *Public Budgeting & Finance*

Editorial Board Member, *Education Finance and Policy*

Editorial Board Member, *Economics of Education Review*

Member of the Association of Budgeting and Financial Management

Member of the American Education Finance Association

Member of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA)

Member of the National Tax Association

Referee

Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Journal of Political Economy

Journal of Human Resources

Journal of Education Finance and Policy

National Tax Journal

Economics of Education Review

Public Administration Review
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Public Budgeting and Financial Management
Public Finance Review
State and Local Government Review
Urban Affairs Quarterly