



2019 ECMC Foundation Fellow Postsecondary CTE Research Bridging the Gaps in Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Research

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Bio. Laura G. Maldonado is a Ph.D. student in the Educational Leadership, Policy, and Human Development program at North Carolina State University. She works as a Research Associate with the National Initiative for Leadership & Institutional Effectiveness where she interacts with community colleges to administer campus climate surveys. Laura is currently on two research teams where she is doing a case study at a community college examining employee engagement and student success and writing a survey chapter on communicating survey results. She has over 10 years of professional work experience in career services and government. Laura has served on a statewide career association executive board, participated in a leadership academy for higher education employees from seven institutions, and presented at the state and national levels on career issues impacting students, employees, and alumni. Her research interests focus on career and technical education, student experiences and career development, and labor market outcomes. Laura earned a Master of Education in Counselor Education from Clemson University and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Muhlenberg College (PA).

Project. Laura’s project relates to students that participate in career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) at community colleges. Specifically, she is completing her qualitative dissertation on students’ experiences participating in SkillsUSA at two community colleges in North Carolina. Scholarly research has focused more on student participation in CTOSs at the secondary level rather than at postsecondary institutions.



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The Program

Fellows will be part of a community that participates in two national research training institutes, research methods webinars, works with CTE research mentors, and conducts postsecondary CTE research.

Applications for the 2020 Postsecondary CTE Research Fellows will be available July 1st, 2019 and due December 1st, 2019.

<http://go.ncsu.edu/ctefellows>

“We have designed this CTE Fellows program to provide scholars with the unique opportunity to be part of a community and a formal curriculum to develop their research skills while working toward improving the field of CTE.”

— James Bartlett II, Ph.D.

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