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## Professional Experience

Senior Education Research Specialist | August 2023 - Present  
Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Virginia,  
Charlottesville, VA

Research Assistant | August 2022 – May 2023  
Vera Institute of Justice, Washington, DC

Research and Project Associate | March 2019 – July 2022  
Reflective Democracy Campaign, New Haven, CT

## Education

Master's in Public Policy | May 2023  
Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
Concentration: Education Policy

B.A.Sc. in Cognitive Science | December 2018  
McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada  
Minor: Gender, Sexuality, Feminisms, and Social Justice Studies

## Funded Projects

Starr Hill Pathways Program  
William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust (\$500k)  
Role: Senior Researcher  
9/01/2025-9/01/2028

Bridging Institutions to Close Youth Opportunity Gaps  
Institutional Challenge Grant | Willam T. Grant & Doris Duke Foundation (\$650k)  
Role: Senior Researcher  
9/01/2023-9/01/2028

Charlottesville Regional Youth Mental Health Corps  
AmeriCorps State 2025 Planning Grant  
Role: Educational Data Scientist  
8/01/2025 – 3/01/2026

## **Publications**

### **Thesis**

Muralidharan, A. (2023). *How cash assistance impacts economically disadvantaged student educational outcomes: A study of New York counties, 2009–2014* (Master's thesis, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University). Georgetown University Institutional Repository.  
<https://repository.digital.georgetown.edu/handle/10822/1082706>

### **Research Briefs**

Muralidharan, A., & Schoonover, N. R. (2025). Starr Hill Pathways: Self-efficacy Research Brief. Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Schoonover, N. R., & Muralidharan, A. (2025). Math course acceleration: Increasing rigor & advancing Virginia students' post-secondary futures: Research Brief. Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Wright, J., Muralidharan, A., & Schoonover, N. R. (2025). Starr Hill Pathways: Ecological Risk and Resilience Research Brief. Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

### **Program Evaluations**

Schoonover, N. R., & Muralidharan, A. (2025). Starr Hill Pathways Annual Report. Center for Community Partnerships at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Schoonover, N. R., & Muralidharan, A. (2024). Starr hill pathways: Annual program evaluation 2023- 2024. The Equity Center at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

## Reports

- Muralidharan, A., Schoonover, N. R., Carlock, R. (2025). Albemarle County Public Schools Student Success Report. Charlottesville, VA.
- Taber, N., & Muralidharan, A. (2023). Second Chance Pell: Six Years of Expanding Higher Education Programs in Prisons, 2016–2022. Vera Institute of Justice, Washington, DC.
- Reflective Democracy Campaign. (2022, May). *Abortion bans and minority rule* [Briefing Memo]. Women Donors Network. <https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/rdc-briefingmemo-2022may-abortionbans.pdf>
- Reflective Democracy Campaign. (2021, May). *Advance AAPI power: Asian American & Pacific Islander political leadership*. Women Donors Network. <https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/reflectivedemocracy-AdvanceAAPIPower-may2021.pdf>.
- Reflective Democracy Campaign. (2021, May). *System Failure: The 2020 primaries and the persistence of white male minority rule*. Women Donors Network. <https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/reflectivedemocracy-systemfailure-may2021.pdf>
- Reflective Democracy Campaign. (2020, June 4). *America's sheriffs*. Women Donors Network. <https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/reflectivedemocracy-americassheriffs-06.04.2020.pdf>.
- Reflective Democracy Campaign. (2019, October). *Tipping the scales: Challengers take on the old boys' club of elected prosecutors*. Women Donors Network. <https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Tipping-the-Scales-Prosecutor-Report-10-22.pdf>

Reflective Democracy Campaign. (2019, June). The electability myth: The shifting demographics of political power in America. Women Donors Network.  
<https://wholeads.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/The-Electability-Myth--The-Shifting-Demographics-of-Political-Power-In-America-8-1-19.pdf>

### **Conference Presentations**

Schoonover, N. R., Muralidharan, A., Carlock, R., Nicholson, T., & Allen, B. (2025, April). Building Aspirations, Aligning Expectations, and Breaking Barriers: The Career Goals of Prospective First-Generation College Students. Roundtable presentation at the meeting of the American Educational Research Association in Denver, CO.

### **Websites and Apps**

Michele Claibourn, Christopher Hu, Elizabeth Mitchell, Asha Muralidharan, and Nina Schoonover. February 2025. "Local School Demographics." Center for Community Partnerships, University of Virginia.  
<https://communitypartnerships.github.io/data-resources/reports/school-demographics-fall-2024>.

Sam Powers, Michele Claibourn, Beth Mitchell, Nina Schoonover, Asha Muralidharan, and Samantha Toet. August 2025. "Reading and Math SOL Test Outcomes in Virginia." Center for Community Partnerships, University of Virginia.  
<https://communitypartnerships.github.io/sol-test-outcomes/>.