CHRISTOPHER M. PEÑA, PH.D.

ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Research Methods and Statistics, 2023

University of Denver

M.A., Research Methods and Statistics, 2015

University of Denver

B.A., Anthropology and French, 2003

Baylor University

SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION

Chair, AIR Board of Directors – Pathways to Volunteer Leadership Committee, 2023-2024

Secretary, AIR Board of Directors, 2022-2024

Member, AIR Board of Directors – Governance and Orientation Committee, 2021-2023

Member, AIR Board of Directors – Board of Directors as Ambassadors Committee, 2021-2023

Member, AIR Board of Directors, 2021-2024

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Deputy Strategy Officer

Metropolitan State University of Denver, President's Office, January 2022-August 2022

Director of Institutional Research and Data Management

University of Denver, Institutional Research & Analysis, October 2016-January 2022

Assistant Director of Institutional Research

University of Denver, Institutional Research & Analysis, October 2015-September 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of the Practice

University of Denver, Business Information & Analytics, August 2022-Present

Teaching Areas: Statistics, Data Analysis, Database Design, Data Warehousing

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Data Literacy Partner and Student Intern Supervisor

Postsecondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) Coalition, August 2024-Present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Psychometric Reviewer (Doctoral Programs)

Colorado State University, August 2024-June 2025

ANALYST EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Analyst

University of Denver, Institutional Research & Analysis, September 2014-September 2015

Research Analyst

University of Denver, Institutional Research & Analysis, September 2010-August 2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Institutional Research (AIR)

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

American Statistical Association (ASA)

Data Management Association (DAMA)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Building Capacity and Creating a Culture of Excellence in IR. Speaker session presented at the AIR Forum in Denver, CO. June 2019.

Using Python to Automate Reporting and Data Management. Speaker session presented at the AIR Forum in Orlando, FL. Denver, CO. June 2019.

Beyond Campus Climate: Assessing Capacity to Achieve Inclusive Excellence. Speaker session presented at the AIR Forum in Orlando, FL. 2018.

Impact Visualization Showcase. Panel discussion at the AIR Forum in Washington, D.C. June 2017.

Analysis of Factors Related to First-Time, First-Year Persistence. Speaker Session presented at the AIR Forum in New Orleans, LA. June 2016.

Using Data Visualization Software to Develop an Interactive Factbook. Speaker session presented at the AIR Forum in New Orleans, LA. June 2016. * Selected as one of ten featured presentations at the conference.