

## Christina Whitfield

### Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff

Christina Whitfield joined SHEEO in October 2015. She serves as senior vice president and chief of staff. In this role, Dr. Whitfield leads SHEEO's Strong Foundations, Communities of Practice, and Data Use Technical Assistance work. These Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded projects analyze the capacity of state postsecondary data systems, promote their effective use, and provide professional development and technical assistance to policy analysts and data practitioners. Dr. Whitfield's research interests include student employment outcomes, aligning educational programs with workforce needs, and increasing student success rates. She is a principal coordinator of SHEEO's Higher Education Policy Conference. Dr. Whitfield is a member of the National Center for Education Statistics' National Postsecondary Education Cooperative. Previously, she served as associate vice president at SHEEO. Prior to joining SHEEO, Dr. Whitfield was vice chancellor for research and policy analysis at the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). At KCTCS, she led policy analysis, strategic planning, and institutional research for Kentucky's 16 public two-year institutions. Dr. Whitfield has served on a number of national advisory boards and visiting committees, including for the Aspen Institute, the Association for Institutional Research, the American Association of Community Colleges, Workforce Data Quality Campaign, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Prior to her work at KCTCS, Dr. Whitfield served as senior associate for research and associate for academic affairs at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, and as a policy consultant for the Kentucky School Boards Association. Whitfield holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in history from the University of Minnesota, and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Kentucky.