

Dr. Tom Harnisch joined SHEEO in January 2020. As vice president for government relations, Dr. Harnisch will be located in Washington, D.C., where his primary leadership responsibility will be for planning, implementing, and coordinating SHEEO's portfolio of federal relations, policy, communication, and advocacy work. He will monitor new and potential federal action (legislation, rules, and other policies and actions) that have relevance for our membership. Dr. Harnisch will also be responsible for bringing these issues to the attention of SHEEO staff and SHEEO's membership and for articulating their potential impact on our members and the institutions and students they serve.

From 2007 to 2019, Dr. Harnisch worked in a series of roles at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), including as director of state relations and policy analysis. In his role at AASCU, his roles included policy research, analysis, and communication to the AASCU membership and other external stakeholder groups. He helped craft the AASCU Public Policy Agenda and planned the Higher Education Government Relations Conference. His research interests and commentary on higher education finance, access, affordability, and other topics have been cited in over 200 articles, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Politico*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University and The George Washington University. Dr. Harnisch earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a master's from the University of Minnesota, and a doctorate from The George Washington University.