

Lynneah Ciera Brown joined SHEEO in April 2021. She serves as a policy analyst in the Boulder office. In this role, Ms. Brown works primarily on the college closure project in collaboration with the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, supported by Arnold Ventures to further understand the impacts of college closure on student persistence and completion. She assists with the collection of longitudinal, student-level data to be used for descriptive analyses, data visualization, and quasi-experimental research to examine what happens to students post-closure. Ms. Brown will use findings to inform policy and practices to regulate action meant to prevent, prepare for, and respond to college closures.

Before joining SHEEO, Ms. Brown worked as a graduate research assistant for Pennsylvania State University (Penn State). She worked across three institutions where she helped gather data from the 1990s to the present regarding performance funding policies for the InformEd States project, which has been funded by the William T. Grant Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Arnold Ventures, and The Joyce Foundation. During this appointment, she also worked on a systematic literature review on nudge interventions in postsecondary education. More recently, she has worked in Stata to clean and merge files from various IPEDS surveys, in addition to assisting with the redevelopment of an institutional research course to provide students with course concepts that would easily transfer to practice. Ms. Brown has also worked at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) supporting the planning and implementation of qualitative and quantitative research projects funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for Stem Trends in Enrollment and Persistence for Underrepresented Populations (i.e., Project STEP-UP), in addition to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) as an intern in their Diversity Policy and Programs department. Regarding academic positions, Ms. Brown was an academic advisor for the Biomedical Engineering department at Florida International University (FIU) and adjunct professor for first-year experience. She has various publications as a coauthor and author during her tenure at Penn State, UIUC, AAMC, and FIU. Ms. Brown attended Tallahassee Community College and later transferred to Florida State University earning a bachelor's degree in English literature. She obtained her master's degree in higher education at UIUC and is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in higher education at Penn State. She is currently the recipient of the American Educational Research Association-NSF Dissertation Grant. Her research interests include higher education finance, policy implementation and reform, stratification and inequality, and college completion and retention. Outside of her work, Ms. Brown enjoys outdoor activities (swimming, skiing, ziplining), watching *The Office* on Amazon Prime, meeting new people and learning new things, and cooking.