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Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Bowman, Professor, University of Iowa

Date: Thursday October 13

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Location (in-person): Education BP 3236

Location (virtual): <https://uci.zoom.us/j/96494424370>

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Study title: What is the Purpose of Academic Probation? Exploring its Negative Effects on College Graduation

Abstract: Placing students on academic probation is a pervasive practice at colleges and universities, but the lasting impact—and arguably even the purpose—of academic probation is unclear. The present study explored the influence of academic probation on four-year and six-year graduation using regression discontinuity analyses within a sample of 126,710 semester observations from 19,889 undergraduates. These quasi-experimental analyses frequently identified substantial negative effects of academic probation, which were generally largest for the probationary criterion that was based on students' semester GPA. The results were robust across analytic approaches and were observed regardless of students' race, sex, first-generation status, high school GPA, and standardized test scores. These findings have crucial implications for institutional policy and practice.

Please contact Sabrina Solanki with questions or if you would like to schedule a time to meet with Dr. Bowman.