

Value Added Models in Education: Theory and Applications

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This book is based on the very well received Conference of the same name held on the University of Maryland Campus on October 21 and 22, 2004. The ten presentations have all been revised for the book, and most of the chapters include the questions and answers from the conference. The editor tried to select authors who could represent a variety of experiences with Value Added Modeling (VAM). These included theoretical developments such as modeling the effects of test linking on growth analysis, what it means to do VAM applications in a valid way, what has been learned about VAM from applications in local school systems and from analyses of national and state data sets, and the application of VAM to important questions in education policy. These chapters are at the cutting edge of what we know about theory and about application in VAM. The titles and authors of the ten chapters are as follows:

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• *Steven Ponisciak and Anthony Bryk, Consortium on Chicago School Research*, Value-Added Analysis of the Chicago Public Schools: An Application of Hierarchical Models

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• *Joe Stevens, University of New Mexico*, The Study of School Effectiveness as a Problem in Research Design

• *George Cunningham, University of Louisville and John Stone, East Tennessee State University*, Value-Added Assessment of Teacher Quality as an Alternative to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: What Recent Studies Say?

• William Webster, retired from the Dallas Independent School District, The Dallas School-

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