Chicken Little and Other Fairy Tales about Texas Mathematics/Education

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Abstract: This talk will recount the evolution of the “Texas Miracle” over the past few decades by looking at the political and economic forces behind the accountability movement and comparisons of students’ mathematical achievements from Texas to their national and international counterparts over this period of change. The current legislature’s push for K-12 vouchers will also be discussed.

Dr. Bryan Nankervis received his Ph.D. in mathematics education from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006. Research interests include investigating inequities associated with the SAT and PSAT which result in the under-representation of females and minorities at the post-secondary level and in the awarding of scholarships, as well as economic affirmative action in college admissions.