

## Summary

Tara Bartlett is a PhD candidate in Arizona State University's Educational Policy and Evaluation program. Her research focuses on three areas of democratic innovation within school communities: citizenship education, school democracy, and participatory governance -particularly through a student-centered approach. Tara's research is driven by her experience and passion for integrating opportunities for youth and families to participate in school and district-based decision-making processes and policy creation and adoption.

## Skill Highlights

- Public speaking and networking
- Working with diverse teams of varying abilities
- Producing high-quality outputs and outcomes
- Using various digital technologies and platforms
- Writing for different audiences and modalities
- Effective project and time management
- Multitasking and prioritizing concurrent projects
- Creating mixed methods data collection instruments

## Experience

**Research Assistant - 07/2019 to Present**

**Center for the Future of Arizona & Arizona State University, Arizona**

- Develop curriculum and implementation resources for civic programs, including School Participatory Budgeting, Civic Life Partnership, Communities at the Center
- Lead research and evaluation of civic programs by creating evaluation tools, administering surveys and focus groups, analyzing and synthesizing data, and publishing briefs and reports on findings
- Develop and carry out strategic efforts to identify opportunities for collaboration, alignment, and expansion with programmatic and research partners
- Write literature reviews and background reports for grant proposals; manage reporting results for government and private grants received (\$1.7 million)
- Create and edit written and visual content for public and partner engagement, such as research and policy memos, sector and landscape analyses, and presentations using Microsoft Office Suite, Google Drive, Canva

## Education

PhD: **Educational Policy and Evaluation - 2023**

**Arizona State University**

## Certifications

Social Science Research Methods Certificate – Institute for Social Science Research