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Klopfenstein Joins Texas Schools Project as Senior Researcher

Richardson, TX (May 27, 2009) – Kristin Klopfenstein joins Texas Schools Project (TSP) as a Senior Researcher on June 1. In addition, she has been appointed a visiting professor in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at UT Dallas.

Klopfenstein is known nationally for her work in education and economics. Her research, which focuses on issues such as Advanced Placement course effects and minority student preparation, has been published in a variety of scholarly journals including *Economics of Education Review*, *Contemporary Economic Policy* and *The Southern Economic Journal*.

Although Klopfenstein is just now joining TSP on a full-time basis, she has been involved with TSP for many years. She shares, "I've been conducting research at TSP as a faculty research fellow since 2000. It's been amazing watching it grow over the last ten years."

Klopfenstein's responsibilities at TSP will include collaborating with principal investigators, organizing seminars for the presentation of work conducted at TSP, supporting TSP's work with the Communities Foundation of Texas- and Bill and Melinda Gates-funded Texas High School Project, participation in the Federally-funded National Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research, and performing independent research with data housed at the UT Dallas Education Research Center. Of particular focus will be projects that examine the factors influencing low income, rural, black, and Hispanic students' preparation for college and successful workforce transitions.

Most recently, Klopfenstein has been an Associate Professor of Economics at Texas Christian University. During her tenure at TCU she used the extensive student-level administrative database housed at the UT Dallas Education Research Center for various projects. Klopfenstein earned her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Colorado in 1999.

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