



**HIGHER EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE**  
**Two Talks with Dr. Karen Paulson, NCHEMS**



**The AAU STEM Initiative – An Overview of the Framework and Project**  
April 30, 2015  
2:30-3:30pm, 192 Education

**Policies That Influence Higher Ed: Some Unexpected Examples**  
May 1, 2015  
12-1:30pm, 42A Education (light lunch provided)

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Dr. Karen Paulson is a senior associate at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). Her areas of expertise include assessment, evaluation, accreditation, and the use of data in state policymaking; she has worked at nearly 60 postsecondary institutions and in 45 states. Currently she is working with the AAU on metrics in its STEM Initiative and collecting system-level employment data for a National Governors Association project. Most recently she has authored: *Progress towards transparency in higher education*, a chapter in *Assuring Quality in Online Education: Practices and Processes at Teaching, Resource, and Program Levels* with Cali Morrison and Russ Poulin (2013); “Faculty Perceptions of General Education and the Use of High-Impact Practices” in *Peer Review* (2012); and *Down and in: assessment practices at the program level* with Peter Ewell and Jillian Kinzie (2011). Paulson holds engineering degrees from UIUC in addition to a Ph.D. in Higher Education with a minor in Policy Analysis from The Pennsylvania State University.

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