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Steven Tepper and The Curb Center Receive Arts Schools Network Research Award

On June 16, 2014, The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise & Public Policy and its Associate Director, Steven Tepper, received the Research Initiative: Institution/Organization/Corporation Award from the **Arts Schools Network (ASN)**, the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools. The award honors an organization for its commitment to ongoing research and to dissemination of knowledge in arts education research that fosters the goals of Arts Schools Network and arts education.

The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University is a national policy center devoted to research and convening around the arts and public life in an effort to build a more robust policy framework for supporting art and creativity in America. The Curb Center worked with Indiana University's Center for Post Secondary Research, the Surdna Foundation and several other funders in developing, testing, and launching the Strategic Arts Alumni Project (SNAPP). Steven Tepper has served as research director for SNAPP, which has built the largest data set ever assembled, more than 100,000 respondents, to study the careers and training of America's arts graduates. It is a critical source of information for arts schools in America and it is helping inform a conversation about the future of arts education.

The Research Initiative: Institution/Organization/Corporation Award will be presented during the annual Arts Schools Network Conference, October 22-25, 2014, in Denver, Colorado.



Dedicated to excellence and leadership in arts education, Arts Schools Network, a non-profit professional organization founded in 1981, is a dynamic resource for arts schools leaders, innovative partners and members of arts education institutions. Its **mission** is to provide leaders in arts schools with quality resources, support, and networking opportunities. ASN has provided communications, programs, services, conferences and events to support these goals for over 30 years. Visit the website at www.artsschoolsnetwork.org to learn more.

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