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Lashawn Richburg-Hayes' current research focuses on measuring various effects of new forms of financial aid, enhanced student services, and curricular and instructional innovations on community college retention and credit accumulation and quasi-experimental methods of data analysis. Dr. Richburg-Hayes is a lead investigator for the following MDRC projects: Opening Doors, a demonstration designed to help nontraditional students – at-risk youth, low-wage working parents, and unemployed individuals – earn college credentials as the pathway to better jobs with higher pay; and Achieving the Dream, a comprehensive initiative being led by Lumina Foundation for Education that targets students of color and low-income students, aiming to boost academic achievement and “close the gap” between these and other community college enrollees.

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