

Gerald Bracey, a long time education researcher, was the author of many articles and books.

Some of his books include: *Education Hell: Rhetoric vs. Reality* (2009); *Reading Educational Research: How to Avoid Getting Statistically Snookered* (2006); *Setting the Record Straight* (2004); *On the Death of Childhood and the Destruction of Public Schools* (2003); *What You Should Know About the War Against America's Public Schools* (2002); *The Truth About Americas Schools: The Bracey Reports 1991-1997* (1997); *Final Exam: A Study of the Perpetual Scrutiny of American Education* (1996).

He also wrote a monthly column for the Phi Delta Kappan and NASSP's *Principal Leadership*, as well as a blog for the Huffington Post

Known as an abrasive, bipartisan critic of Washington DC policy makers (he held NCLB in particular low esteem) Bracey specialized in assessment and policy issues.

Read him to get some riveting facts, statistics and deft analysis regarding some of the big "debates" of our time (merit pay, charter schools, standardized testing et al). Bracey draws from reputable sources and proves the public schools are doing a better job than most critics claim. (fz)