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Professional Experience

American Enterprise Institute

Daniel C. Searle Chair, 2026–Present

Deputy Director, Center on Opportunity and Social Mobility, 2023–Present

Senior Fellow, 2023–Present

Research Fellow, 2014–2017

IZA Institute of Labor Economics

Research Fellow, 2025–Present

Research Affiliate, 2021–2025

United States Congress Joint Economic Committee

Staff Director, 2022–2023

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Executive Director of the Comprehensive Income Dataset Project, 2021–2022

White House Council of Economic Advisers

Chief Economist, 2020–2021

Chief Economist for Domestic Policy, 2018–2020

Senior Economist, 2017–2018

Analysis Group

Research Analyst, 2006–2008

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago, 2014

M.A., Economics, University of Chicago, 2010

B.A., Economics and Political Sciences, Boston College, 2006, *Summa Cum Laude*

Academic Journal Articles

“[Has Generational Progress Stalled? Income Growth over Five Generations of Americans](#),” (with Jeff Larrimore), *Demography*, Forthcoming.

“[Our Academic Productivity After the Council of Economic Advisers](#),” (with Richard V. Burkhauser and Casey B. Mulligan), *Econ Journal Watch*, 2024, 21(2): 437-449.

“[Are Opportunity Zones an Effective Place-Based Policy?](#)” (with Naomi Feldman), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2024, 38(3): 113-136.

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- [“The Size and Census Coverage of the U.S. Homeless Population,”](#) (with Bruce D. Meyer and Angela Wyse), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2023, 136: 103559.
- [“The Change in Poverty from 1995 to 2016 Among Single Parent Families,”](#) (with Bruce D. Meyer and Derek Wu), *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 2022, 112: 345-350.
- [“Policies to Help the Working Class in the Aftermath of COVID-19: Lessons from the Great Recession,”](#) (with Richard V. Burkhauser and Douglas Holtz-Eakin), *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 2021, 695(1): 314-330.
- [“The Geography of Unsheltered Homelessness in the City: Evidence from ‘311’ Calls in New York,”](#) (with Grace Finley), *Journal of Regional Science* 2020, 60(4): 628-652.
- [“When Warm and Cold Don’t Mix: The Implications of Climate for the Determinants of Homelessness,”](#) (with David Lucas), *Journal of Housing Economics*, 2018, 41: 45-56.
- [“Social Ties and the Incidence of Homelessness,”](#) (with Claire Rossi-de Vries), *Housing Policy Debate*, 2018, 28(4): 592-608.
- [“The Impact of Permanent Supportive Housing on Homeless Populations,”](#) *Journal of Housing Economics*, 2017, 35: 69-84.

Chapters in Books and Edited Volumes

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- [“Fighting In-Work Poverty: The Minimum Wage Versus In-Work Benefits,”](#) (with Richard V. Burkhauser and Joseph J. Sabia), In Stephane Carcillo and Stefano Scarpetta (ed.) *Handbook on Labour Markets in Transition*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024.
- [“How to Better Measure Poverty: The Comprehensive Income Dataset,”](#) (with Bruce D. Meyer), Brookings Institution Press, *Next Generation Evidence: Strategies for More Equitable Social Impact*, 2023.
- [“Income Growth and its Distribution from Eisenhower to Obama: The Growing Importance of In-Kind Transfers: 1959-2016,”](#) (with James Elwell and Richard V. Burkhauser), In Diana

Furchtgott-Roth (ed.) *United States Income, Wealth, Consumption, and Inequality*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

“[Improving our Federal Response to Homelessness](#),” In Robert Doar (ed.) *A Safety Net that Works: Improving Federal Programs for Low-Income Americans*, American Enterprise Institute, 2017.

Working Papers

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“[Coverage, Counter-Cyclical, and Targeting of Work Requirement Waivers in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#),” (with Richard V. Burkhauser, Thomas O’Rourke and Angela K. Rachidi), *NBER Working Paper No. 33316*, 2024.

“[The Distribution of Social Capital Across Individuals and its Relationship to Income](#),” (with Thomas O’Rourke and Scott Winship), *IZA Discussion Paper No. 17257*, 2024.

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“[The Understated Housing Shortage in the United States](#),” (with Hugo Dante), *IZA Discussion Paper No. 15447*, 2022

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“[The Impact of Social Disorder on Crime: The Case of Homelessness](#),” (with Grace Finley), *AEI Economics Working Paper*, 2017.

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“[Designing Performance-Based Incentives when Service Providers Compete for Users to Help](#),” *AEI Economics Working Paper*, 2016.

Policy Papers

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“[Has Income Growth Between Generations of Americans Stalled?](#)” *Cato Institute Research Briefs in Economic Policy No. 391*, July 10, 2024.

“[An Early Look at the Child Tax Credit Changes in the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024](#),” (with Scott Winship), *AEI Perspectives on Opportunity*, March 28, 2024.

- [“The Work Incentive and Employment Effects of Eliminating the Child Tax Credit’s Annual Income Requirement,”](#) (with Angela Rachidi, Matt Weidinger, and Scott Winship), *American Enterprise Institute*, January 19, 2024.
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- [“The HOUSES Act: Addressing the National Housing Shortage by Building on Federal Land,”](#) (with Hugo Dante), *Joint Economic Committee*, 2022.
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- [“Introducing a New Dataset to Better Understand Homelessness in the US,”](#) (with Bruce D. Meyer and Angela Wyse), *VoxEU*, 2021.
- [“Barriers to Work and Social Enterprise: Estimating the Target Population,”](#) *American Enterprise Institute*, 2017.
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- [“Technology and Innovation in Homelessness Policy,”](#) *8th International Conference on Social Informatics: Workshop on Urban Homelessness and Wise Cities*, 2016.
- [“The Role of Community in Economical Rental Housing by Design for Communities that Work,”](#) *AEI International Center on Housing Risk*, 2016.
- [“Pay for Performance: A New Solution for Vulnerable Homeless Adults,”](#) *AEI Economic Perspectives*, 2016.
- [“A Tech Revolution for the Homeless: Taking Big Data to the Streets,”](#) *American Enterprise Institute*, 2016.

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[“Street Homelessness: A Disappearing Act?”](#) *AEI Economic Perspectives*, 2015.

Congressional Testimony

[“The Consequences of Redrawing the Poverty Line,”](#) *United States House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Work and Welfare*, October 24, 2023.

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Policy Briefs, Op-eds and Blog Posts

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“Suspending SNAP benefits in November could push 2.9 million people into poverty,” *AEIdeas*, October 28, 2025.

“Trump can do a lot to reduce homelessness,” *AEIdeas*, August 29, 2025.

“It’s not surprising that no-strings attached cash didn’t help kids,” *AEIdeas*, July 30, 2025.

“Congress is subsidizing the wrong neighborhoods,” (with Naomi Feldman) *New York Times*, June 4, 2025.

“How nondisabled Medicaid recipients without children spend their time,” *AEIdeas*, May 29, 2025.

“The share of Medicaid recipients in compliance with the House bill’s community engagement requirement,” *COSM Commentary*, May 20, 2025.

“Reconciliation bill would prevent states from abusing SNAP work requirement waivers,” (with Angela Rachidi and Thomas O’Rourke) *AEIdeas*, May 20, 2025.

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“Less than half of Medicaid recipients work enough to comply with a work requirement,” *AEIdeas*, February 28, 2025.

“The Family First Act would expand net income tax refunds to higher income families,” *AEIdeas*, February 4, 2025

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“What’s behind the unprecedented rise in homelessness, and how can we reverse it?” *COSM Commentary*, December 30, 2024.

“Pro-marriage conservatives should reject a per-child phase-in of the child tax credit,” *AEIdeas*, October 18, 2024.

“It’s time to face up to our social poverty problem,” (with Thomas O’Rourke and Scott Winship) *Deseret News*, October 11, 2024.

“Government programs already do a lot to help low income families,” *COSM Commentary*, September 19, 2024.

“Harris’s child tax credit plan punishes working families,” *Daily Economy: American Institute for Economic Research*, August 30, 2024.

“Harris’s child tax credit proposal could backfire, perpetuating poverty,” *New York Sun*, August 24, 2024.

“New study exposes the problem with unconditional aid,” *AEIdeas*, July 23, 2024.

“The \$1,000 tax hike on middle-class families,” *National Review*, April 8, 2024.

“Social conservatives who care about marriage should think twice about a “per-child” refundable child tax credit,” *COSM Commentary*, March 4, 2024.

“Options for improving the child tax credit provisions in H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024,” (with Leslie Ford, Angela Rachidi, Matt Weidinger, and Scott Winship), *COSM Commentary*, February 27, 2024.

“Child tax credit bill would increase marriage penalties for working single mothers,” (with Scott Winship), *AEIdeas*, February 7, 2024.

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“How sensitive are single mothers’ work decisions to a change in incentives? Correcting misperceptions of the evidence,” (with Scott Winship), *COSM Commentary*, January 30, 2024.

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“Congress, don’t legislate a takeover of the nation’s rental housing market,” (with Edward Pinto and Tobias Peter), *RealClearMarkets*, January 17, 2024.

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“Our policies to address homelessness are failing,” *National Review*, December 21, 2023.

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“Will Biden cross a line on poverty?” *The Wall Street Journal*, May 23, 2023.

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“Deregulation can do more for renters than eviction moratoriums,” (with Amelia Irvine), *The Hill*, August 25, 2021.

“Is social enterprise a solution to America’s work problem?” *AEIdeas*, July 20, 2017.

“DC needs smarter policy to fight evictions,” *The Huffington Post*, May 22, 2017.

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“Exploiting homeless people is not okay,” *AEIdeas*, February 28, 2017.

“Community is key in expanding housing opportunity,” *Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity*, January 4, 2017.

“What Trump should do about homelessness,” *The Huffington Post*, December 8, 2016.

“New York City has already solved family homelessness,” *Inside Sources*, August 22, 2016.

“The next phase for homelessness policy? The transformational phase,” *AEIdeas*, August 5, 2016.

“The three phases of homelessness policy in New York City,” *AEIdeas*, August 4, 2016.

“A homelessness agenda for San Francisco,” *Medium.com*, June 27, 2016.

“Smartphones could transform our response to homelessness,” *Tech Policy Daily*, April 21, 2016.

“Think Utah solved homelessness? Think again,” *The Huffington Post*, March 4, 2016.

“Congress should fix Obama’s plan to end family homelessness,” *The Hill*, March 4, 2016.

“Every ward in DC is getting a homeless shelter: Why that’s a good thing,” *The Huffington Post*, February 22, 2016.

“Housing the homeless isn’t a cure-all,” *U.S. News and World Report*, February 11, 2016.

“Shared housing as a poverty solution,” *Real Clear Policy*, January 25, 2016.

“Getting real with the new homelessness numbers,” *AEIdeas*, November 20, 2015.

“DC’s plan to end homelessness is deceptive,” *The Huffington Post*, November 10, 2015.

“Does housing end homelessness?” *AEIdeas*, November 5, 2015.

“Homes aren’t enough for homeless families,” *Inside Sources* (Also published in *Palm Beach Post*, *Courier Post*, *The Daily Journal*, *Muscatine Journal*, *The Detroit News*, *Penn Ave Post* and *Quad City Times*), August 18, 2015.

“Is homelessness really falling? Probably not,” *The Huffington Post*, July 2, 2015.

“Homelessness can require complex solutions,” *The New York Times Room for Debate*, February 19, 2015.

“How Christmas spirit can help solve homelessness,” *The Huffington Post*, February 5, 2015.

“Want to help the homeless? Don’t avoid them,” *Real Clear Markets*, December 24, 2014.

“4 charts that expose the invisible side of homelessness,” *AEIdeas*, November 10, 2014.
“If DC closes its largest homeless shelter, where will it send the homeless?” *AEIdeas*, October 17, 2014.
“The war on invisible poverty,” *U.S. News and World Report*, September 18, 2014.
“Dear politicians: Stop pretending to be poor,” *U.S. News and World Report*. August 7, 2014.
“Metal spikes versus cold concrete – is this what we have come to in the fight against homelessness?” *AEIdeas*, June 23, 2014.

Media Appearances

CNN, Bloomberg, CNBC, Fox Business, PBS NewsHour, WBUR On Point, NRP Mountain Money, Christian Post TV Insider, One America News Network, UCLA Housing Voice Podcast, Free the Economy Podcast, Sutherland Institute, Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity, America’s Talking Podcast, The Dispatch Podcast, Political Economy Podcast, Southern California Public Radio, Inside Sources, AEI Banter, Ricochet, The Michael Medved Show, The Jim Bohannon Show, 1070 WINA “The Schilling Show,” AEI Values and Capitalism “Common Good,” KNRS Salt Lake City, USA Radio “Trending Today USA,” 1330 WEBY with Renee Giachino, WSVN Harrisonburg

Invited Talks and Presentations

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, National Tax Association Annual Meetings, Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, SocInfo Workshop on Urban Homelessness and Wise Cities, South by Southwest, New College of Florida, Columbia University, Eastern University, George Mason University, Montana State University, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia, American Enterprise Institute, Brookings Institution, Cato Institute, Niskanen Center, R Street Institute, WashU at Brookings, Salvation Army, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine