Benjamin (Ben) Glasner, Ph.D.

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Research focus: labor markets; place-based policy; social-policy design and economic well-being.

Employment

Economist (2023 - present)
Economic Innovation Group (EIG) — Washington, D.C.

- Economic research with large datasets; advanced statistical and spatial analysis.
- Translate empirical results into policy writing, data visualization, and stakeholder outreach.

Postdoctoral Research Scientist (2021 - 2022)
Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University — New York, NY

- Empirical analyses of major U.S. social policies and reforms.
- Work on intergenerational poverty, material hardship, and employment impacts of the Child Tax Credit.

Dean's Research Assistant (2020 - 2021)
University of Washington — Seattle, WA

- Supported faculty transition to technology-enhanced learning.
- Conducted DEI and course design assessments; developed action plans informed by interviews and surveys.

Predoctoral Instructor (2020)
University of Washington — Seattle, WA

- Primary instructor for a section of the core MPA microeconomics and public policy course.

Short-Term Consultant (2018)
World Bank Group — Seattle, WA

- Expenditure analysis across household surveys in Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana, Peru, and Cote d'Ivoire.
- Developed seasonality estimates using parametric, semi-parametric, and machine learning approaches.

Education

Ph.D. and M.Sc., Public Policy & Management (2016 - 2021)
Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington — Seattle, WA

- *Dissertation:* The Impact of Public Policy on Nonstandard Work Arrangements.
- Labor-market regulation and worker classification; benefits and nonstandard work; minimum wage, overtime, employer-provided health insurance, monopsony, and tax evasion.

B.A., Economics (2012 - 2016)
Vassar College — Poughkeepsie, NY

- *Thesis:* The Chinese Hukou System: Structural Change and Political Reform.
- Political reform, urbanization, and structural change in modern China.

Selected Publications

- The Minimum Wage, Self-Employment, and the Online Gig Economy — *Journal of Labor Economics* (2023)
- No Evidence the Child Tax Credit Expansion Had an Effect on the Well-Being and Mental Health of Parents — *Health Affairs* (2022)
- Effects of the expanded Child Tax Credit on employment outcomes — *Journal of Public Economics* (2024)
- The American Worker: Toward a New Consensus (EIG, June 2024)
- The Great "Transfer"-mation (EIG, September 2024)
- The Impact of Opportunity Zones on Housing Supply (EIG, March 2025)

- How to end low-wage work forever: An 80-80 wage subsidy proposal (EIG, September 2025)

Code and Data (Selected)

- The Great "Transfer"-mation (Repository) — replication materials for report and interactive (2024)
- The Impact of Opportunity Zones on Housing Supply (Repository) — DiD analysis using HUD USPS Administrative Data (2025)

Awards and Honors

- **Pi Alpha Alpha Doctoral Manuscript Award** (2020)
- **NASPAA Staats Emerging Scholar** (2020)
- **The Agnes Reynolds Jackson Prize** (2016)

Community Outreach

- **Public Policy Advisor** — Seattle Mayor's Office & advisory team for Senator Mark Warner
- **Public Policy Advisor** — Utah Legislative Session report on SB 233 (Flexible Benefits Working Group)
- **Data Tools & Methodology Developer** — Washington State Employment Security Department & World Bank

Policy, News, and Media

- CBS MoneyWatch — "More than half of U.S. workers don't have access to employer-sponsored retirement plan"
- Print/Online mentions: New York Times; Wall Street Journal; Financial Times; Washington Post; Bloomberg; CBS News; Yahoo Finance; MarketWatch; and others.

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