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Education

2016 – 2021   **Ph.D. and M.Sc., Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington** Public Policy & Management
Dissertation: *The Impact of Public Policy on Nonstandard Work Arrangements.* Researched how policies affect nonstandard work arrangements and labor market outcomes such as self-employment, multiple jobholding, and benefits coverage. Topics included minimum wage, overtime, monopsony, and tax evasion. **Skills:** Econometrics, policy evaluation, labor economics, interdisciplinary communication.

2012 – 2016   **B.A., Vassar College** Economics
Undergraduate Thesis title: *The Chinese Hukou System: Structural Change and Political Reform.* Analyzed how post-Mao reforms reshaped China's labor markets via hukou policy and drove urbanization-led growth. **Skills:** Policy analysis, historical institutional research, cross-cultural communication.

Employment History

2023 – · · · ·   **Economist** Economic Innovation Group, Washington D.C.
Conduct economic research and policy analysis, manage and analyze large datasets, and conduct statistical and spatial analyses. Translate complex data insights into actionable recommendations via writing, visualization, and stakeholder outreach.

2021 – 2022   **Postdoctoral Research Scientist.** Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University, New York
Analyzed the impacts of social policies (EITC, SNAP, CTC) on material hardship and intergenerational poverty.

2020 – 2021   **Dean's Research Assistant.** University of Washington, Seattle
Led departmental transition to Technology Enhanced Learning. Assessed DEI and antiracist pedagogy and developed strategic planning based on stakeholder feedback.

2020 – 2020   **Predoctoral Instructor.** University of Washington, Seattle
Sole instructor for masters level microeconomics and public policy course, teaching students with diverse skill levels.

2018 – 2018   **Short Term Consultant, World Bank Group.** University of Washington, Seattle
Conducted household expenditure analyses across many countries using machine learning techniques to model seasonal variation in poverty and household consumption.

Research Publications

Journal Articles and Written Work

1. E. Ananat, B. Glasner, C. Hamilton, Z. Parolin, and C. Pignatti, "Effects of the expanded child tax credit on employment outcomes," *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 238, p. 105 168, 2024.

2. A. Ozimek, J. Lettieri, and B. Glasner, "The american worker," *Economic Innovation Group*, 2024.

3 B. Glasner, "The effects of noncompete agreement reforms on business formation: A comparison of hawaii and oregon," *Economic Innovation Group Working Paper*, 2023.

4 B. Glasner, R. Mincy, Z. Parolin, and C. Wimer, "The effectiveness of the food stamp program at reducing differences in the intergenerational persistence of poverty," *Working paper*, 2023.

5 M. Maury, S. Collyer, B. Glasner, Y. Jia, C. Wimer, and C. Yera, "Liquid assets, financial shocks, and entrances into material hardship," *Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University. Access here*, 2023.

6 B. Glasner, "The minimum wage, self-employment, and the online gig economy," *Journal of Labor Economics*, vol. 40, 2022.

7 B. Glasner, O. Jiménez-Solomon, S. M. Collyer, I. Garfinkel, and C. T. Wimer, "No evidence the child tax credit expansion had an effect on the well-being and mental health of parents: Study examines the effect of the child tax credit expansion on the wellbeing and mental health of parents.," *Health Affairs*, vol. 41, no. 11, pp. 1607–1615, 2022.

8 B. N. Glasner, "The chinese hukou system: Structural change and political reform," *Vassar College*, 2016.

Code Example

2024   **The Great "Transfer"-mation**
A comprehensive study of the rising share of government transfer income in U.S. personal income since 1970. Using county-level data, the analysis shows that while metro areas benefit from diverse income streams, many rural and distressed communities have become increasingly reliant on transfers. The result is driven by aging, rising healthcare costs, and regional disparities. The report explores fiscal and economic trade-offs in a transfer-dependent economy. Code and data available in the GitHub repository. View the interactive site (here) and full draft (here).

2025   **The Impact of Opportunity Zones on Housing Supply**
Applied modern difference-in-differences techniques to assess OZs' causal effect on new housing supply using HUD's USPS vacancy data. Found that OZ designation roughly doubled new residential address growth (Q3 2019–Q3 2024) at an estimated cost of $26K per address. Demonstrates OZs' cost-effectiveness and reach in addressing housing shortages and revitalization. Repository includes methods and documentation supporting the working paper (forthcoming). This is a living repo, and updates may precede the published draft.

Policy, News, and Media

Television   CBS Money Watch - "More than half of U.S. workers don't have access to employer-sponsored retirement plan"

Print/Online   New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Washington Post, Bloomberg, CBS News, Yahoo Finance, Marketwatch and more