



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

**April 21, 2023**

**12 PM to 1 PM EST**

## nTIDE Deeper Dive

### *Employment for Hispanics with Disabilities*

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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- 12:00 PM:** Welcome and Purpose of this Deeper Dive
- 12:05 PM:** Updated numbers pertaining to today's area of focus
- 12:20 PM:** Guest Speaker: Javier Robles, Rutgers
- 12:35 PM:** Open discussion and questions for all
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#### Presenters:

Andrew Houtenville, Institute on Disability/UNH  
John O'Neill Kessler Foundation  
Javier Robles, Rutgers  
Elaine Katz, Kessler Foundation  
Denise Rozell, Association of University Centers on Disabilities

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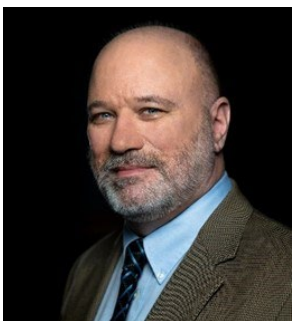


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## Presenter Bios:



**Javier Robles, JD**, is a faculty member and professor of The Kinesiology and Health Department. He is the Director of the Center for Disability Sports, Health and Wellness and Co-chair of the Rutgers University Disability Studies committee. He was a member of the Rutgers University Academic Master Plan Committee and is currently a member of the Rutgers University DEI Committee. He is the Chair of the New Jersey Disabilities Covid-19 Action Committee and was appointed by Gov. Murphy to the Puerto Rico Commission and is the President of the Latino Action Network of New Jersey (LAN). In addition, he is a Board member of the United Spinal National Board and was a Commissioner of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Commission to Transform Public Health Data Systems, until recently, he was on the board of Canine Companion for Independence Northeast Board for 15 years. He is the past President of Thisabled, LLC, an organization that provides support to persons with disabilities through self-empowerment and perseverance. He is the Founder of the Facebook Group, "People with Disabilities Helping Each Other Survive the Coronavirus." Robles has written for numerous publications including, Latinos NJ, ThisAble Nation, and New Mobility. Javier Robles is a Juris Doctor graduate of Seton Hall Law School and has a double degree in Sociology and Puerto Rican and Caribbean Studies from Rutgers University. He is a photographer and a collector of glass and vintage negatives from the 1800 and early 1900s. Additionally, he is a beekeeper and gardener in the Central Jersey region. He has two children and lives with his wife, and service dog in New Jersey.



**Andrew Houtenville, PhD**, is a Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principal Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1997 and was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999.



**John O'Neill, PhD** is the director of employment and disability research at Kessler Foundation and has over 28 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation as a rehabilitation counselor educator, disability employment researcher, and advisor to state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Dr. O'Neill has been a PI or co-PI on six NIDILRR funded, five-year research and training centers focusing on TBI and community integration, disability statistics, disability employment service system, and how individual and contextual factors relate to employment outcomes among people with disabilities.

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**Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP** is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications at Kessler Foundation. Elaine Katz oversees the Foundation's comprehensive grantmaking program and its communications department. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than \$49 million in grant support for national and community-based employment programs. For more than 25 years, Elaine has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Elaine often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, authors/co-authors articles and papers on related topics, and is a member of several aligned organizations.



**Denise M. Rozell, JD** is the Director of Policy Innovation at the AUCD. Prior to joining AUCD, she spent fifteen years as Assistant Vice President for State Government Relations with Easter Seals. Denise was the primary resource to Easter Seals 75 affiliates in building capacity to increase awareness of and support for Easter Seals in state government. Prior to that, Denise was the Executive Director of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, an international membership organization for the professionals serving individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Denise holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College in Los Angeles and a juris doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California in Berkeley.

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