

# **Materials and Speaker List**

Release of the Annual Disability Statistics Compendium
February 9th—12th (Tuesday through Friday), 2021 | 12 pm - 1:15 pm (ET)

# How do I find the materials online?

# www.disabilitycompendium.org

Compendium, Supplement, and Annual Report HTML versions (accessible for screen readers)

Slides from the event
Archived materials from past years

# How do I find the speakers?

#### **Photo**

# **Speaker**

## **Biography**



Phillip Beatty, PhD

**Associate Director** 

Office of Research Sciences Administration for Community Living NIDILRR | Washington, DC

Phillip.Beatty@acl.hhs.gov

http://acl.gov

Phil Beatty is the Director of the Office of Research Sciences within the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Dr. Beatty's Federal experience includes the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) and the Grants Management Advisory Council (GMAC) within the Administration for Community Living. He has coauthored twenty peer reviewed publications while at the National Rehabilitation Hospital Center for Health and Disability Research.



Debra Brucker, PhD

Research Associate Professor

Institute on Disability / UCED University of New Hampshire Durham, NH

debra.brucker@unh.edu
https://researchondisability.org

Dr. Debra Brucker uses national level survey data to measure the economic, health and social well-being of persons with disabilities. She has over 20 years of applied policy research experience and has held social and health policy research positions at academic institutions, research organizations, and state agencies. Her work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals including Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research, and Journal of Disability Policy Studies.





## **Speaker**

# **Biography**



Michelle Dressner
Labor Economist
Office of Compensation and
Working Conditions
Bureau of Labor Statistics

dressner.michelle@bls.gov

Michelle Dressner is a labor economist in the Office of Compensation and Working Conditions in the Survey Information and Publications branch. Her role is the team lead for the Occupational Requirements Survey (ORS), working with data analysis and dissemination. Prior to her position on the ORS, she worked on the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII), with a detail assignment researching a Household Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (HSOII) Pilot.



Stacie Feldman
Survey Researcher
Mathematica, Princeton, NJ
sfeldman@mathematica-mpr.com
www.mathematica.com

Stacie Feldman is a survey researcher in the disability area with fifteen years of experience conducting survey data collection in multiple modes. She specializes in collecting data from/about people with disabilities on topics such as employment, activities of daily living, accessibility, unmet social and health care needs, youth transition, and independent living. Other research interests include qualitative data collection and inclusive research practices.



Jason Fields, PhD Senior Researcher

Survey of Income and Program Participation, Social Economic, and Housing Statistics Division, US Census Bureau

Jason.m.fields@census.gov

https://www.census.gov/research/researchers/profile.php?cv\_sub=alpha&cv\_profile=3803

Jason M. Fields, PhD, MPH, is a demographer and the Senior Researcher for Demographic Programs and the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), establishing scientific objectives based on the needs of the Census Bureau and the external SIPP user community; establishing survey objectives; determining SIPP questionnaire content; and engaging the data user community and other stakeholders to identify evolving needs for data.



## **Speaker**

## **Biography**



Megan Henly, PhD
Research Assistant
Institute on Disability / UCED
University of New Hampshire
Durham, NH
megan.henly@unh.edu
https://researchondisability.org

For the last 18 years, Megan Henly, Ph.D., has worked in survey production (both small scale and large, nationally-representative data collection efforts) and statistical analysis in academia, federal government, and the non-profit sectors. As an analyst at the IOD, her work is focused on identifying and utilizing survey data sets that capture a representative picture of how people with disabilities are doing with respect to employment, health, and overall well-being. Dr. Henly seeks to identify unique methods of measuring these outcomes in a manner that contributes to existing academic research and that is also practical to policymakers. In addition, her work with StatsRRTC offers support to those who serve people with disabilities in accessing and interpreting current disability statistics.



Andrew J. Houtenville, PhD Professor of Economics and Research Director

Institute on Disability / UCED University of New Hampshire Durham, NH

Andrew.houtenville@unh.edu
https://researchondisability.org

Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principle Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics (StatsRRTC).



**Allison Kolbe, PhD**ORISE Fellow

Office of Science and Data Policy,
Office of the Assist. Sec for
Planning & Evaluation
US Department of Health and
Human Services

Allison.kolbe@hhs.gov

Allison Kolbe, Ph.D. is an ORISE Fellow in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Allison is a biologist by training and currently applies her expertise of data science techniques to health policy research, with a specific interest in social determinants of health and COVID-19 outcomes.



## **Speaker**

David Mann, PhD

# **Biography**



Senior Researcher

Mathematica, Princeton, NJ

<u>DMann@mathematica-mpr.com</u>

<a href="https://www.mathematica.org/our-people/staff/david-mann">https://www.mathematica.org/our-people/staff/david-mann</a>

David Mann, who joined Mathematica in 2011 has played a key role in projects examining employment and benefit receipt for people with disabilities, especially vocational rehabilitation customers, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, and young adults with childhood onset disabilities. Mann helps oversee Mathematica's work for two Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers, which are funded by the NIDILRR to produce new knowledge that can improve the well-being of people with disabilities.



Edward O. Manyibe, PhD, CRC, LADC
Capacity Building Director and Research Associate Professor
Langston University
Oklahoma City, OK
manyibe@langston.edu

Dr. Edward O. Manyibe, Ph.D., CRC, is the Capacity Building Director and Research Associate Professor at the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Research and Capacity Building for Minority Entities, Langston University. He is the current Research Committee Chair of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE). His primary areas of research include Research Capacity Building, Rehabilitation Outcomes, and Disability Policy in Developing Countries.



Chris McLaren
Senior Economist
Office of Disability Employment
Policy
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, DC

Mclaren.christopher@dol.gov

Christopher McLaren is a Senior Economist at the U.S Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. His research focuses on stay-at-work/return-to-work policies aimed at helping newly ill and injured workers remain in the workforce and leveraging public data to identify opportunities to improve employment outcomes for people with disabilities.





## **Speaker**

## Biography



**Kirstin Painter, PhD, LCSW** Program Specialist

Office of Research Sciences National Institute on Disability, Independent Living & Rehabilitation Research

Administration for Community Living US Dept of Health and Human Services

Kirstin.Painter@acl.hhs.gov

Kirstin Painter, PhD, LCSW is a Program Specialist in the Office of Research Sciences with NIDILRR/ ACL/U.S. HSS. Dr. Painter has an extensive clinical, administrative, and research background in serious mental health problems, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and co-occurring disabilities. She has been the Principal Investigator on multiple research grants and contracts, has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals, presented at national and international research conferences, and co-authored a textbook on child and adolescent mental health.



Shreya Paul, PhD Project Director

Institute on Disability / UCED University of New Hampshire Durham, NH

Shreya.paul@unh.edu
https://researchondisability.org

Shreya Paul is a Project Director at UNH's Institute on Disability and loves using data analytics to tell stories about disability policy. At IOD, Shreya's main focus is on collecting, analyzing and interpreting data to publish the Annual Disability Statistics Compendium and its supplement. She is also involved in doing research and publishing manuscripts on topics related to disability.



Kimberly Phillips, PhD
Research Assistant Professor

Institute on Disability / UCED University of New Hampshire Durham, NH

<u>kimberly.phillips@unh.edu</u> <u>www.iod.unh.edu</u> Dr. Phillips joined the IOD in 2010. She conducts primary and secondary data research, as well as evaluation and project direction for several grantfunded efforts. Presently, Dr. Phillips serves as Principal Investigator of the CDC-funded New Hampshire Disability & Public Health Project and Co-Principal Investigator of the NIDILRR-funded Disability Statistics and Demographics RRTC. She also leads research related to the Kessler Foundation National Employment & Disability Surveys.



## **Speaker**

# **Biography**



Marisa Rafal
Project Research Specialist
Institute on Disability / UCED
University of New Hampshire
Durham, NH

marisa.rafal@unh.edu
https://researchondisability.org

Marisa Rafal received a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of New Hampshire in 2019. She then participated in a year-long Social Policy fellowship at UNH's Institute on Disability, under the supervision of Dr. Deb Brucker and Dr. Megan Henly, while completing coursework toward a Master's of Public Policy and founding the New Hampshire Toy Library Network.



Shelley Reeves, MA
ADA National Network Program
Coordinator and Section 21
Program Coordinator

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research Washington, DC

Shelley.Reeves@acl.hhs.gov

Shelley Reeves is a Rehabilitation Program Specialist with the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). She works in the Office of Research Sciences where she has primary responsibility for NIDILRR's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) National Network Program and Section 21 Capacity-Building Program for Underserved Populations.



Amanda Reichard
Project Specialist

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research Washington, DC

amanda.reichard@acl.hhs.gov http://acl.gov Amanda Reichard, Ph.D., began working at NIDILRR as a project officer in 2016. Dr. Reichard has over 20 years of experience researching disability and health, wellness promotion, and health services. Using nationally representative survey data and Medicare and state Medicaid administrative claims data, she has examined health care access, health care utilization, public health surveillance, and disparities among people with disabilities of many types. She is passionate about health equity and mental health parity.



## **Speaker**

# Biography



Andre Washington
Research Assistant Professor &
Technical Coordinator

Langston University Rehabilitation Research & Training Center on Research and Capacity Building for Minority Entities

Langston University Oklahoma City, OK

andre.washington@langston.edu

Andre Washington, Ph.D., CRC is currently serving dual roles as a Co-Principal Investigator and Technical Assistance Coordinator at the LU-RRTC and Research Assistant Professor within the Rehabilitation Counseling Program. Dr. Washington is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and have over 19 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation counseling as an advocate, practitioner, educator, researcher.



Julie D. Weeks, PhD

Chief, Aging and Chronic Disease Statistics Branch

National Center for Health Statistics

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Hyattsville, MD

<u>iweeks@cdc.gov</u>

https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdiseas e/index.htm Julie Weeks, Ph.D. serves as the Chief of the Measures Research and Evaluation Research Branch in the Division of Analysis and Epidemiology. Dr. Weeks' research focuses on all aspects of disability and functioning, including measurement and analysis, and incorporating standard measures into both national and international data collections, and population aging. Her current work also includes leading the Quality of Life and Well-Being work group for DHHS' Healthy People initiative, as well as membership on both the Disability and Health and Older Adults work groups.



**David Wittenburg, PhD**Director of Health Division,
Princeton

Disability Area Leader Mathematica Policy Research Princeton, NJ

dwittenburg@mathematicampr.com

https://www.mathematica.org/ourfocus-areas/health/disability David Wittenburg is an expert in leveraging data to inform policy development through the use of rigorous evaluation designs. He has worked on several large evaluation projects over the past 20 years for several federal agencies, where he has led research using a combination of survey, administrative, and qualitative data for the Social Security Administration, Health and Human Services, and Department of Labor. A focal point of this research has been to identify options to improve service delivery and enhance incentives that will allow people with disabilities to live independently.



