National Trends in Disability Employment

# Lunch & Learn Series

## Season 11, Episode 12 nTIDE –

## Title: Disability and Employment in the Late Working Years: What We Can Learn from the Health and Retirement Study

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Welcome to the National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Lunch & Learn series. On the first Friday of every month, in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs report, we offer a live broadcast via Zoom webinar to share the latest nTIDE findings. In addition, we will provide news and updates from the field of Disability Employment and host an invited panelist to discuss current disability-related findings and events.

**AGENDA**

| Time | Item |
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| **12:00 P.M.** | Introduction and Welcome<br>Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire |
| **12:10 P.M.** | Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release<br>John O'Neill, Kessler Foundation<br>The Numbers<br>Andrew Houtenville, University of New Hampshire |
| **12:15 P.M.** | Announcements from the field of disability employment<br>Kim Knackstedt, AUCD |
| **12:30 P.M.** | Guest Presenter<br>Jody Schimmel Hyde, University of Michigan |
| **12:45 P.M.** | Questions and Answers for Attendees |

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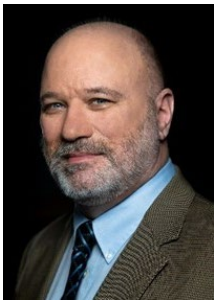
PRESENTERS

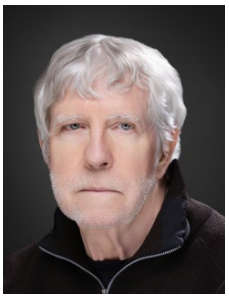


Jody Schimmel Hyde, PhD, is a research scientist in the Survey Research Center (SRC) of the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan (UM).
Dr. Schimmel Hyde is a co-investigator and an associate director of the Health and Retirement Study, a large nationally representative longitudinal survey of adults over the age of 50 in the United States. Her research focuses on financial independence, employment, and public programs to support self-sufficiency and community living for people with disabilities and older adults. She is interested in survey measurements of disability and the value of survey-administrative data linkages to understand participation in and outcomes for participants in income support programs.
Prior to joining SRC, Dr. Schimmel Hyde was a senior fellow at Mathematica and the managing director of its Center for Studying Disability Policy. While at Mathematica, she was involved in research projects for federal agencies including the Social Security Administration, the Administration for Children and Families, the Administration for Community Living, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.



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 on disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the principal investigator at the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his doctorate in economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1999 and was a

National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University from 1998 to 1999.



John O'Neill, PhD, is the director of employment and disability research at Kessler Foundation and has more than 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 principal investigator or co-principal investigator on six NIDILRR-funded, five-year research and training centers focusing on TBI and community integration, disability statistics, the disability employment service system, and how individual and contextual factors relate to employment outcomes among people with disabilities.



Kimberly Knackstedt, PhD, is executive director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and has nearly two decades of experience in accessibility and disability policy. As a person living with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and other chronic illnesses, she brings valuable lived experience to her work in accessibility and policy.
Before joining AUCD, Kim founded and led Unlock Access LLC, a disability and accessibility strategy consulting firm. She previously served as the first director of disability policy for the Biden-Harris Administration's Domestic Policy Council, disability policy advisor to Chairman Bobby Scott in the U.S. House of Representatives, senior disability policy advisor to Sen. Patty Murray in the U.S. Senate, and a Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Public Policy Fellow.
Dr. Knackstedt earned a bachelor's degree in special education and elementary education from Gonzaga University, a master's degree in special education from the University of Kansas, and a doctorate in special education and policy from

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the University of Kansas.

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