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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

Associate Director of the Hamilton Project, 2022-present

Fellow in Economic Studies, 2018-present

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Economic Studies, 2017-2018

Visiting Fellow in Economic Studies, 2016-2017

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Special Assistant in the Office of the Secretary, 2009-2010

OBAMA/BIDEN PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Research Associate, 2008-2009

OBAMA FOR AMERICA

Research Associate, 2007-2008

TAMMY DUCKWORTH FOR CONGRESS

Research Director, 2006

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY • Evanston, Illinois

PhD: Human Development and Social Policy with a Certificate in Education Sciences, 2016

MA: Human Development and Social Policy, 2013

BA: History, 2005

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Cabrera, Natasha, David Deming, Veronique de Rugy, Lisa A. Gennetian, Ron Haskins, Dayna Bowen Matthew, Richard V. Reeves, Isabel V. Sawhill, Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, Kosali Simon, Katharine B. Stevens, Michael R. Strain, Ryan Streeter, James Sullivan, W. Bradford Wilcox, and **Lauren Bauer**. “Rebalancing: Children First. A Consensus Report of the AEI-Brookings Working Group on Childhood in the U.S.” 2022. Washington D.C.: American Enterprise Institute.

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Bauer, Lauren, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “States should replace grab-and-go school meals with cash to families.” The Hill. April 15, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Who stands to lose if the final SNAP work requirement rule takes effect?” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. April 6, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, and Schanzenbach, Diane. “Food security is economic security is economic stimulus.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. March 9, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. “New SNAP rule change just made it harder to combat future recessions.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. December 4, 2019.

Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. “How Do Work Requirement Waivers Help SNAP Respond to a Recession?” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. April 10, 2019.

Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. Comment to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in response to NPRM on SNAP Work Requirement Waivers. *Unpublished*. April 1, 2019.

Bauer, Lauren. “Workers could lose SNAP benefits under Trump’s proposed rule.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. December 20, 2018.

- Bauer, Lauren,** and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Rates of child experience of and exposure to food insecurity remain high.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. November 28, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren,** and Shambaugh, Jay. “Health conditions keep many SNAP participants out of the labor force.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. November 1, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren,** and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Who loses SNAP benefits if additional work requirements are imposed? Workers.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. August 9, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren,** and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Employment status changes put millions at risk of losing SNAP benefits for years.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. July 27, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren.** “Reducing food insecurity among households with children is still a challenge for the United States.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. July 25, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren,** and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Children’s exposure to food insecurity is still worse than it was before the Great Recession.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. June 29, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren.** “School attendance: A building block of student achievement.” Brookings Upfront blog. April 25, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren.** “Penny wise and pound foolish: Proposed SNAP budget cuts will reduce outcomes.” Brookings Upfront blog. February 13, 2018.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W. and **Bauer, Lauren.** “Food insecurity among children in 2015.” Brookings Upfront blog. June 19, 2017.
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EDUCATION

- Bauer, Lauren,** Veronica Clevestine, Wendy Edelberg, Elisabeth Raczek, and Winnie Yee. “Has COVID disrupted the postsecondary pipeline?” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. October 14, 2021.
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- Bauer, Lauren**, Liu, Patrick, Moss, Emily, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “All School and No Work Becoming the Norm for American Teens.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. July 2, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren**. “Does Head Start Work? The Debate over the Head Start Impact Study, Explained.” Brookings Brown Center Chalkboard. June 14, 2019.
- Gibbs, Chloe, **Bauer, Lauren**, Bassok, Daphna, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. Comment to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in response to NPRM on Head Start Duration Requirements. *Unpublished*. May 28, 2019.
- Chang, Hedy, **Bauer, Lauren**, and Byrnes, Vaughan. “The value of public scrutiny: Lessons learned after the release of Data Matters.” Attendance Works. January 9, 2019.
- Chang, Hedy N., **Bauer, Lauren**, and Byrnes, Vaughan. “Data Matters: Using Chronic Absences to Accelerate Action for Student Success.” Attendance Works and Everyone Graduates Centers at The Johns Hopkins University Report. September 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, and Portman, Becca. “First Look: Where chronic absence is a problem and strategies to make progress.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. August 31, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, Jordan, Phyllis, Chang, Hedy N., and Balfanz, Robert. “Taking attendance seriously in the new Civil Rights Data Collection.” Brookings Brown Center Chalkboard. June 18, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, Liu, Patrick, Schanzenbach, Diane W., and Shambaugh, Jay. “Reducing Chronic Absenteeism under the Every Student Succeeds Act.” The Hamilton Project Strategy Paper. April 25, 2018.
- Shambaugh, Jay, **Bauer, Lauren**, and Breitwieser, Audrey. “Returning to Education: The Hamilton Project on Human Capital and Wages.” The Hamilton Project Framing Paper. February 27, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, and Mann, Elizabeth. “Repealing ESSA rule raises implementation, transparency concerns. Brown Center Chalkboard. February 16, 2017.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., **Bauer, Lauren** and Nunn, Ryan. “Early Childhood Investments Are Vital.” The economy in 2016 – and what to expect in 2017 series. December 22, 2016.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., **Bauer, Lauren**, and Mumford, Megan. “Lessons for Broadening School Accountability under the Every Student Succeeds Act. The Hamilton Project Strategy Paper. October 28, 2016.
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Schanzenbach, Diane W., Mumford, Megan, and **Bauer, Lauren**. “Who Has Access to Charter Schools?” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. March 17, 2016.

LABOR

Bauer, Lauren, Aidan Creeron, Joy Dada, and Luiza Macedo. “Nurse licensure compacts before, during, and after COVID.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. February 8, 2023.

Barnes, Mitchell, **Lauren Bauer**, Wendy Edelberg, and Sara Estep. “The labor market needs to soften – but not as much as some think. The Hamilton Project Research Brief. November 3, 2022.

Bauer, Lauren, Wendy Edelberg, and Sara Estep. “A closer look at a hot labor market.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. October 27, 2022.

Bauer, Lauren, Aidan Creeron, Wendy Edelberg, and Sara Estep. “Can a hot but smaller labor market keep making gains in participation?” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. August 4, 2022.

Bauer, Lauren, and Wendy Edelberg. “Labor market exits and entrances are elevated: Who is coming back?” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. December 14, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren, Sara Estep, and Winnie Yee. “Time waited for no mom in 2020.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. July 22, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren, Arindrajit Dube, Wendy Edelberg, and Aaron Sojourner. “Examining the uneven and hard-to-predict labor market recovery.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. June 3, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren. “Mothers are being left behind in the economic recover from COVID-19.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. May 6, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren, Edelberg, Wendy, and Lu, Stephanie. “There are too many ways to lose unemployment compensation.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. December 3, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Lu, Stephanie, and Moss, Emily. “Teen disengagement is on the rise.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. October 1, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Edelberg, Wendy, and Parsons, Jana. “Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits will lapse too soon without policy changes.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. August 6, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Edelberg, Wendy, O’Donnell, Jimmy, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Who are the potentially misclassified in the Employment Report?” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. June 30, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, and Moss, Emily. “Caregiving, labor, search, and leisure: The time use of prime-age adults.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. January 2, 2020.

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Shambaugh, Jay, Nunn, Ryan, and **Bauer, Lauren**. “Independent workers and the modern labor market.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. June 7, 2018.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., **Bauer, Lauren**, Nunn, Ryan, and Mumford, Megan. “Who is Out of the Labor Force?” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. August 17, 2017.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, **Bauer, Lauren**, Breitwieser, Audrey. “The Closing of the Jobs Gap: A Decade of Recession and Recovery.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. August 4, 2017.

HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

Bauer, Lauren, Veronica Clevestine, and Moriah Macklin. “Examining the economic status of same-gender relationship households.” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. January 20, 2022.

Barnes, Mitchell, **Lauren Bauer**, Wendy Edelberg, Sara Estep, Robert Greenstein, and Moriah Macklin. “The social insurance system in the US: Policies to protect workers and families.” The Hamilton Project Framing Paper. June 23, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren, Moss, Emily, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Who was poor in the US in 2018?” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. December 5, 2019.

Bauer, Lauren. “Who was poor in the United States in 2017?” The Hamilton Project Research Brief. January 3, 2019.

Bauer, Lauren. “Behind the numbers: Millions seeking a path out of poverty.” Spotlight on Poverty. September 12, 2018.

Shambaugh, Jay, **Bauer, Lauren**, and Breitwieser, Audrey. “Who is Poor in the United States? A Hamilton Project Annual Report.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. October 12, 2017.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Mumford, Megan, Nunn, Ryan, and **Bauer, Lauren.** “Money Lightens the Load.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. December 12, 2016.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., **Bauer, Lauren** and Nunn, Ryan. “An update on who is poor in the United States.” Brookings Upfront blog. September 26, 2016.

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ECONOMIC FACTS

Mitchell Bauer, **Lauren Bauer**, and Wendy Edelberg. “Nine facts about the service sector in the United States. The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. September 28, 2022.

Barnes, Mitchell, **Lauren Bauer**, and Wendy Edelberg. “Eleven facts on the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. September 29, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren, Buckner, Eliana, Estep, Sara, Moss, Emily, and Welch, Morgan. “Ten Economic Facts on how Mothers Spend their Time.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. March 30, 2020.

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Schanzenbach, Diane W., **Bauer, Lauren**, and Breitwieser, Audrey. “Eight Economic Facts on Higher Education.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. April 26, 2017.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, **Bauer, Lauren**, Breitwieser, Audrey, Mumford, Megan, and Nantz, Greg. “Twelve Facts about Incarceration and Prisoner Reentry.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. October 20, 2016.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, **Bauer, Lauren**, Mumford, Megan and Breitwieser, Audrey. “Seven Facts on Noncognitive Skills from Education to the Labor Market.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. October 4, 2016.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, **Bauer, Lauren**, Boddy, David, and Nantz, Greg. “Nine Facts about the Great Recession and Tools for Fighting the Next Downturn.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. May 17, 2016.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., **Bauer, Lauren**, and Nantz, Greg. “Twelve Facts about Food Insecurity and SNAP.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. April 21, 2016.

DATA INTERACTIVES AND VIDEOS

Bauer, Lauren. “Chronic absence across the United States, 2017-18 School Year.” Data interactive. February 2, 2021.

Bauer, Lauren, Lu, Stephanie, and Moss, Emily. “Teen disengagement is on the rise.” Data interactive. October 1, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren. “Raise the SNAP maximum benefit to reduce food insecurity.” Brookings Creative Lab video. September 30, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Who stands to lose if the final SNAP work requirement rule takes effect?” Data interactive. April 6, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren. “Chronic Absence: School and Community Factors.” Data interactive. September 10, 2019.

Bauer, Lauren and Portman, Becca. “Share of Children Living in Food-Insecure Households, by State.” Data interactive. November 28, 2018.

Bauer, Lauren, and Portman, Becca. “Chronic Absence across the United States, 2015-16 School Year.” Data interactive. August 31, 2018.

Bauer, Lauren, Breitwieser, Audrey, Nunn, Ryan, Portman, Becca, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Where work pays: Occupations & Earnings across the United States.” Data interactive. July 9, 2018.

Bauer, Lauren. “Chronic absenteeism in the United States.” Brookings Creative Lab video. April 25, 2018.

Bauer, Lauren, Mumford, Megan, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Chronic School Absenteeism in the United States.” Data interactive. October 28, 2016.

Bauer, Lauren, Mumford, Megan, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Share of Students with Access to Charter Schools, by State.” Data interactive. March 17, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

Member, Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee, 2021-present

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Research Advisory Council, 2017-present

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

- Heide Fellowship, 2015
- Institute for Policy Research, Graduate Research Assistant, 2010-15
- Institute for Education Sciences, Multidisciplinary Program in Education Sciences Fellow, 2011-14

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board Appointed Member, 2011

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Award for Outstanding Service, 2010

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

- Co-PI, AEI-Brookings Working Group on Child Outcomes (\$730,700), 2019-2022
- Co-PI, Healthy Eating Research Grant for The Effect of Pandemic EBT on Food Hardship and Family Well Being (\$43,000), 2022-current