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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.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SOCIAL INSURANCE

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- Bauer, Lauren, and Chloe N. East. "A primer on SNAP work requirements." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 5, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Molly Kinder. "The coming end of federal child care funding threatens working mothers' gains." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 26, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, Krista Ruffini, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach. "The case for and challenges of delivering in-kind nutrition assistance to children." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. March 1, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, Krista Ruffini, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach. "Food security shouldn't take a summer vacation." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. August 26, 2022.
- Bauer, Lauren, Veronica Clevestine, and Moriah Macklin. "Examining the economic status of same-gender relationship households." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. January 20, 2022.
- Bauer, Lauren, Krista Ruffini, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach. "An update on the effect of Pandemic EBT on measures of food hardship." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 29, 2021.
- Bauer, Lauren. "A healthy reform to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Updating the Thrifty Food Plan." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. August 19, 2021.
- 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 at Brookings. June 23, 2021.
- Bauer, Lauren. "Hungry at Thanksgiving: A fall 2020 update on food insecurity in the U.S." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. November 23, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Parsons, Jana. "Why extend Pandemic EBT? When schools are closed, many fewer eligible children receive meals." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 21, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, Pitts, Abigail, Ruffini, Krista, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. "The effect of Pandemic EBT on measures of food hardship." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. July 30, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren. "About 14 million children in the US are not getting enough to eat." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. July 9, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren. "The COVID-19 crisis has already left too many children hungry in America." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. May 6, 2020.

- 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 at Brookings*. April 6, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Schanzenbach, Diane. “Food security is economic security is economic stimulus.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. March 9, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, Moss, Emily, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Who was poor in the US in 2018?” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. December 5, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. “New SNAP rule change just made it harder to combat future recessions.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. December 4, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren, Parsons, Jana, and Shambaugh, Jay. “How do work requirement waivers help SNAP respond to a recession?” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. 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. “Who was poor in the United States in 2017?” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. January 3, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren. “Workers could lose SNAP benefits under Trump’s proposed rule.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. December 20, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Rates of child experience of and exposure to food insecurity remain high.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. November 28, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Health conditions keep many SNAP participants out of the labor force.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. November 1, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren. “Behind the numbers: Millions seeking a path out of poverty.” *Spotlight on Poverty*. September 12, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Who loses SNAP benefits if additional work requirements are imposed? Workers.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. 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 at Brookings*. July 27, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren. “Reducing food insecurity among households with children is still a challenge for the United States.” *The Hamilton Project at Brookings*. 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 at Brookings*. June 29, 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.
- Shambaugh, Jay, Bauer, Lauren, and Breitwieser, Audrey. “Who is poor in the United States? A Hamilton Project Annual Report.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 12, 2017.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., Mumford, Megan, Nunn, Ryan, and Bauer, Lauren. “Money lightens the load.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, and Bauer, Lauren. “The changing landscape of American life expectancy.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. June 29, 2016.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., Bauer, Lauren and Nunn, Ryan. “Who is poor in the United States?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. June 17, 2016.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, Bauer, Lauren, and Mumford, Megan. “Where does all the money go: Shifts in household spending over the past 30 years.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. June 2, 2016.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., and Bauer, Lauren. “Are nutrition policies making teenagers hungry?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. April 29, 2016.

EDUCATION POLICY

- Bauer, Lauren, Veronica Clevestine, Wendy Edelberg, Elisabeth Raczek, and Winnie Yee. “Has COVID disrupted the postsecondary pipeline?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 14, 2021.
- Bauer, Lauren. “The most cost-effective ways to increase college graduation rates.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 5, 2019.
- Chang, Hedy N, Osher, David, Schanfield, Mara, Sundius, Jane, and Bauer, Lauren. “Using chronic absence data to improve conditions for learning.” Attendance Works and American Institutes for Research. September 10, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren, Liu, Patrick, Moss, Emily, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “All school and no work are becoming the norm for American teens.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 absence 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 at Brookings. August 31, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren. "School attendance: A building block of student achievement." Brookings Upfront blog. April 25, 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 at Brookings. April 25, 2018.
- Shambaugh, Jay, Bauer, Lauren, and Breitwieser, Audrey. "Returning to education: The Hamilton Project on human capital and wages." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. October 28, 2016.
- Bauer, Lauren and Schanzenbach, Diane W. "The long-term impact of the Head Start program." The Hamilton Project at Brookings. August 19, 2016.
- Schanzenbach, Diane W., Mumford, Megan, and Bauer, Lauren. "Who has access to charter schools?" The Hamilton Project at Brookings. March 17, 2016.

LABOR

- Bauer, Lauren, Chloe N. East, and Olivia Howard. “Low-income workers experience—by far—the most earnings and work hours instability.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. January 9, 2025.
- Bauer, Lauren, Wendy Edelberg, and Eileen Powell. “The softening labor market is still growing.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. December 5, 2024.
- Bauer, Lauren, Wendy Edelberg, Olivia Howard, and Eileen Powell. “The softening labor market shows resilience and some pockets of slack.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 31, 2024.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Noadia Steinmetz-Silber. “Prime-age women are still driving the labor market recovery.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. July 26, 2024.
- Bauer, Lauren, Wendy Edelberg, Sara Estep, Brad Hershbein. “Who’s missing from the post-pandemic labor force.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. April 4, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Olivia Howard. “Comment on ‘Modernizing H-2 program requirements, oversight, and worker protections’ rule.” *Unpublished*. November 14, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, Eloise Burtis, Olivia Howard, and Sarah Yu Wang. “Which nontraditional students are also in the labor force?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. December 7, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Sarah Yu Wang. “Prime-age women are going above and beyond in the labor market recovery.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. August 30, 2023.
- Bauer, Lauren, Aidan Creeron, Joy Dada, and Luiza Macedo. “Nurse licensure compacts before, during, and after COVID.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. November 3, 2022.
- Bauer, Lauren, Wendy Edelberg, and Sara Estep. “A closer look at a hot labor market.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. August 4, 2022.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Wendy Edelberg. “Labor market exits and entrances are elevated: Who is coming back?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. December 14, 2021.
- Bauer, Lauren, Sara Estep, and Winnie Yee. “Time waited for no mom in 2020.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. June 3, 2021.
- Bauer, Lauren. “Mothers are being left behind in the economic recover from COVID-19.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. May 6, 2021.
- Bauer, Lauren, Edelberg, Wendy, and Lu, Stephanie. “There are too many ways to lose unemployment compensation.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. December 3, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, Lu, Stephanie, and Moss, Emily. “Teen disengagement is on the rise.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 1, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, Edelberg, Wendy, and Parsons, Jana. “Unemployment Insurance Extended Benefits will lapse too soon without policy changes.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. June 30, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Moss, Emily. “Caregiving, labor, search, and leisure: The time use of prime-age adults.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. January 2, 2020.
- Bauer, Lauren, Deambrosi, Santiago, Moss, Emily, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Veterans are engaged in the labor force and in the classroom.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 31, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren, Moss, Emily, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Employment, education, and the time use of American youth.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 5, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren, Liu, Patrick, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Is the continued rise of older Americans in the workforce necessary for future growth?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. April 4, 2019.
- Anderson, Stacy, Bauer, Lauren, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Women staging a labor force comeback.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. March 26, 2019.
- Bauer, Lauren, Schanzenbach, Diane W., and Shambaugh, Jay. “Work requirements and safety net programs.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. October 15, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Workers with low levels of education still haven’t recovered from the Great Recession.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 6, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren, Breitwieser, Audrey, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Where work pays: How does where you live matter for your earnings?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. July 10, 2018.

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

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Bauer, Lauren, Nunn, Ryan, and Mumford, Megan. “Who is out of the labor force?” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. August 4, 2017.

ECONOMIC FACTS

Bauer, Lauren, Eloise Burtis, Wendy Edelberg, Sofoklis Goulas, Noadia Steinmetz-Silber, and Sarah Yu Wang. “Ten economic facts about rental housing.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. March 21, 2024.

Bauer, Lauren, Wendy Edelberg, Cameron Greene, Olivia Howard, and Linsie Zou. “Eight facts about permitting and the clean energy transition.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. May 22, 2024.

Ahumada Paras, Mareldi, Lauren Bauer, Wendy Edelberg, Isabel Leigh, Michael Mastrandrea, Noadia Steinmetz-Silber, and Michael Wara. “Ten economic facts about electricity and the clean energy transition.” April 27, 2023.

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

Barnes, Mitchell, Lauren Bauer, and Wendy Edelberg. “Eleven facts on the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. March 30, 2020.

Bauer, Lauren, Broady, Kristen E., Edelberg, Wendy, and O’Donnell, Jimmy. “Ten facts about COVID-19 and the U.S. economy.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. September 17, 2020.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Bauer, Lauren, and Breitwieser, Audrey. “Eight economic facts on higher education.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. 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 at Brookings. May 17, 2016.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Bauer, Lauren, and Nantz, Greg. “Twelve facts about food insecurity and SNAP.” The Hamilton Project at Brookings. April 21, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

- Member, Board, 2024-present
- Member, Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee, 2021-present

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Research Advisory Council, 2017-2022

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), 2022-2025