

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2006-present **Fellow. Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution.**

- Manage program's research on the changing geography of poverty and opportunity in metropolitan America and federal policies that affect low-income people and places. Author and co-author publications, presentations, and commentary on topics including concentrated poverty, the suburbanization of poverty, and the impact of current and proposed tax policies targeted to low-income working families (e.g., the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit). Commission and edit publications that contribute to this portfolio, including research on suburban safety nets, intra-metropolitan trends in the location of Housing Choice Vouchers, and spatial patterns in philanthropic support for low-income populations.

Previous Brookings Positions: *Senior Research Associate (2010-2012)*; *Senior Research Analyst (2008-2010)*; *Research Analyst (2006-2008)*

June 2005 **Project Consultant. RW Ventures.**

- Assisted in the development of project methodology and scope for a multi-city study of key neighborhood characteristics and drivers of gentrification and decline. Identified potential variables, metrics, and data sources to be used for statistical modeling.

2002-2005 **Research Project Manager. IFF (Formerly known as Illinois Facilities Fund).**

- Conducted assessments of need for services targeted to low-income communities and populations, including a statewide analysis of the need for subsidized early childhood care and education. Assessments informed lending and real estate teams as they built capacity in underserved areas.
- Designed and conducted a study of the need for academically performing public schools in Chicago. Briefed Chicago Public Schools as they used study findings to inform location of school choice options in underserved neighborhoods, and developed new tracking and evaluation metrics.

Previous IFF Positions: Project Consultant/Intern (2002-2003)

EDUCATION

2003 M.P.P. University of Chicago, Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies

2000 B.A. Indiana University, History

AWARDS

2002-2003 McCormick Tribune Leadership Fellow, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

2001-2003 Dean's Fellowship, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

2000 History Department Honors Medal, Indiana University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Confronting Suburban Poverty in America. Brookings Institution Press, forthcoming spring 2013 (with Alan Berube).

Articles/Other Publications

"The Resurgence of Concentrated Poverty in America: Metropolitan Trends in the 2000s." In *The New American Suburbs: Poverty, Race, and the Mortgage Crisis*, edited by Katrin Anacker. Ashgate, forthcoming 2013 (with Carey Nadeau).

"The Re-Emergence of Concentrated Poverty: Metropolitan Trends in the 2000s." Brookings Institution, November 2011 (with Carey Nadeau and Alan Berube).

"City and Suburban Crime Trends in Metropolitan America." Brookings Institution, May 2011 (with Steven Raphael).

"Missed Opportunity: Transit and Jobs in Metropolitan America." Brookings Institution, May 2011 (with Adie Tomer, Robert Puentes, and Alan Berube).

"Poverty in New England: It's a Suburban Thing." In *Communities & Banking*. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Winter 2011.

"Responding to the New Geography of Poverty: Metropolitan Trends in the Earned Income Tax Credit." Brookings Institution, February 2011 (with Emily Garr).

"The Great Recession and Poverty in Metropolitan America." Brookings Institution, October 2010.

"The Child Tax Credit after ARRA: How Would Expiration Affect Metropolitan Families?" Brookings Institution, July 2010.

"State of Metropolitan America: Income and Poverty." Brookings Institution, May 2010 (with Emily Garr).

"March 2010: The Landscape of Recession: Unemployment and Safety Net Services Across Urban and Suburban America." Washington: Brookings Institution, March 2010 (with Emily Garr).

"The Suburbanization of Poverty: Trends in Metropolitan America, 2000 to 2008." Brookings Institution, January 2010 (with Emily Garr).

"July 2009: The Landscape of Recession: Unemployment and Safety Net Services Across Urban and Suburban America." Brookings Institution, July 2009 (with Emily Garr).

"Job Sprawl Revisited: The Changing Geography of Metropolitan Employment, 1998 to 2006." Brookings Institution, April 2009.

"Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to Benefit Families and Places." Brookings Institution, January 2009.

The Enduring Challenge of Concentrated Poverty in America: Case Studies from Communities Across the U.S. Federal Reserve System and the Brookings Institution, October 2008 (with Federal Reserve System and Alan Berube).

“Reversal of Fortune: A New Look at Concentrated Poverty in the 2000s.” Brookings Institution, August 2008 (with Alan Berube).

“Metro Raise: Boosting the Earned Income Tax Credit to Help Metropolitan Workers and Families” Brookings Institution, June 2008 (with Alan Berube and David Park).

“Bridging the Gap: Refundable Tax Credits in Metropolitan and Rural America.” Brookings Institution, April 2008.

“EITC is Vital for Working Poor Families in Rural America.” Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire, September 2007 (with William O’Hare).

“A Local Ladder for Low-Income Workers: Recent Trends in the Earned Income Tax Credit.” Brookings Institution, April 2007.

“Two Steps Back: City and Suburban Poverty Trends 1999-2005.” Brookings Institution, December 2006 (with Alan Berube).

“Here and Now: The Need for Performing Schools in Chicago’s Neighborhoods.” IFF, 2004 (principal author).

“Moving Towards a System: The Community Profiles Fact Book.” IFF, 2003 (principal author).

“Moving Towards a System: Tools, Benchmarks, and Standards: A Statewide Needs Assessment of Early Childhood Care and Education.” IFF, 2003 (principal author).

“Preview: Moving Towards a System: A Statewide Needs Assessment of Early Childhood Care and Education.” IFF, 2003 (principal author).

Selected Op-Eds/Blog Posts

“The Changing Geography of Metropolitan Poverty.” *The Atlantic Cities*, September 20, 2012.

“U.S. Poverty Continues Its Post-Recession Grip.” “The Avenue” at *The New Republic*, September 13, 2012.

“EITC Receipt Continues to Rise in Recession’s Wake.” “The Avenue” at *The New Republic*, April 17, 2012.

“New Data Show EITC Provides Economic Cushion During Recession.” *Tax Credits for Working Families*, July 22, 2011.

“Falling Crime in Cities Disproves Old Assumptions.” “The Angle” at *The Boston Globe*, June 3, 2011 (with Steven Raphael).

“America’s Cities and Suburbs Becoming Safer.” “The Avenue” at *The New Republic*, June 3, 2011.

“Needed: More, Better, AND Accessible Jobs.” “The Avenue” at *The New Republic*, May 25, 2011.

“The Who and Where of Great Recession Poverty.” “The Avenue” at *The New Republic*, September 28, 2010.

"Toward an Accurate Portrayal of American Poverty." "The Avenue" at *The New Republic*, May 14, 2010.

"America's Most Effective Anti-Poverty Program." "The Avenue" at *The New Republic*, April 15, 2010.

"The High Price of Rapid Tax Refunds." "The Avenue" at *The New Republic*, February 18, 2010.

"The Suburbanization of American Poverty." *Spotlight on Poverty and Opportunity*, October 19, 2009.

"Hard Times for Sun Belt Metros." "The Avenue" at *The New Republic*, September 30, 2009.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"When the Economy Goes Down Does the EITC Go Up? The Impact of the Great Recession on the EITC." EITC Funders Network, October 3, 2012.

"The Re-Emergence of Concentrated Poverty in Metropolitan America." Ultra-Poverty Symposium, sponsored by The George Washington University Institute for International Economic Policy, Oxford University, and the World Bank, March 23, 2012.

"The Shifting Geography of Poverty and Opportunity in Metropolitan America." Prince George's, MD County Council, February 22, 2011.

"Missed Opportunity: Transit and Jobs in Metropolitan America." New Partners for Smart Growth conference, February 4, 2012.

"The Shifting Geography of Poverty and Opportunity." National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics conference, September 14, 2011.

"The Suburbanization of the Poor: The Who and Where of America's Changing Geography of Poverty." Suburbs and the 2010 Census Conference, organized by George Mason University and Hofstra University, July 15, 2011.

"Missed Opportunity: Transit and Jobs in Metropolitan America." Mid-America Regional Council, September 13, 2011.

"The Importance of the EITC to Low-Income Workers and Their Families." Greater Twin Cities United Way, September 30, 2010.

"Using IRS SPEC Data in Research and Outreach." IRS EITC Research Forum, June 2, 2010.

"The Shifting Geography of Poverty and Opportunity in Metropolitan America." Half in Ten Hill briefing, April 9, 2010.

"Economic Recovery Through the Tax Code: The Role of Refundable Credits." National Community Tax Coalition conference, September 1, 2009.

"Using IRS Data in Tax Outreach Campaigns." Common Cents conference, September 5, 2008.

"The Importance of the EITC to Low-Income Workers and Their Families." National Conference of State Legislatures Family Economic Success Meeting, June 17, 2008.

"The Facts: The EITC in the Delaware Valley." Regional Delaware Valley EITC conference, November 8, 2007.

MEDIA

Interviews and citations in newspapers and magazines including: New York Times, The Financial Times, The Economist, TIME, Next American City, Governing, USA Today, Christian Science Monitor, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Houston Chronicle, Boston Globe, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, San Francisco Chronicle, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Baltimore Sun, Kansas City Star, Indianapolis Star, Sacramento Bee, Cincinnati Enquirer, Louisville Courier-Journal, and several other regional outlets.

Televisions, radio, and podcasts including: *CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley*; *CSPAN's Washington Journal*; *PBS NewsHour*; MSNBC; NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Marketplace*; Next American City's *Metro Matters*; numerous local public radio and network affiliate programs.