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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**BROOKINGS INSTITUTION**

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**

**FOOD INSECURITY AND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

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- Bauer, Lauren**, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Rates of child experience of and exposure to food insecurity remain high.” November 28, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Health conditions keep many SNAP participants out of the labor force.” November 1, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Who loses SNAP benefits if additional work requirements are imposed? Workers.” August 9, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**, and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “Employment status changes put millions at risk of losing SNAP benefits for years.” July 27, 2018.
- Bauer, Lauren**. “Reducing food insecurity among households with children is still a challenge for the United States.” 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.” 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.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., and **Bauer, Lauren**. “Are Nutrition Policies Making Teenagers Hungry?” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. April 29, 2016.

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## EDUCATION

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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 Becoming the Norm for American Teens.” July 2, 2019.

**Bauer, Lauren**. “Does Head Start Work? The Debate over the Head Start Impact Study, Explained.” 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.” 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.

**Bauer, Lauren** and Schanzenbach, Diane W. “The Long-Term Impact of the Head Start Program.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. August 19, 2016.

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## LABOR

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**Bauer, Lauren**. “Mothers are being left behind in the economic recover from COVID-19.” May 6, 2021.

**Bauer, Lauren**, Edelberg, Wendy, and Lu, Stephanie. “There are too many ways to lose unemployment compensation.” December 3, 2020.

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

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

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

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

**Bauer, Lauren**, Deambrosi, Santiago, Moss, Emily, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Veterans are engaged in the labor force and in the classroom.” October 31, 2019.

**Bauer, Lauren**, Moss, Emily, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Employment, Education, and the Time Use of American Youth.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. September 5, 2019.

**Bauer, Lauren**, Liu, Patrick, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Is the continued rise of older Americans in the workforce necessary for future growth?” April 4, 2019.

Anderson, Stacy, **Bauer, Lauren**, Nunn, Ryan, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Women staging a labor force comeback.” March 26, 2019.

**Bauer, Lauren**, Schanzenbach, Diane W., and Shambaugh, Jay. “Work Requirements and Safety Net Programs.” The Hamilton Project Economic Analysis. October 15, 2018.

**Bauer, Lauren**, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Workers with low levels of education still haven’t recovered from the Great Recession.” 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 Economic Analysis. July 10, 2018.

Shambaugh, Jay, Nunn, Ryan, and **Bauer, Lauren**. “Independent workers and the modern labor market.” 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.

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## HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

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**Bauer, Lauren**, Moss, Emily, and Shambaugh, Jay. “Who was poor in the US in 2018?” December 5, 2019.

**Bauer, Lauren**. “Who was poor in the United States in 2017?” 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.

Schanzenbach, Diane W., Nunn, Ryan, and **Bauer, Lauren**. “The Changing Landscape of American Life Expectancy.” The Hamilton Project Framing Paper. June 29, 2016.

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## **ECONOMIC FACTS**

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- 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.
- Bauer, Lauren**, Broady, Kristen E., Edelberg, Wendy, and O’Donnell, Jimmy. “Ten Facts about COVID-19 and the U.S. Economy.” The Hamilton Project Economic Facts. September 17, 2020.
- 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

### **ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

Co-PI, AEI-Brookings Working Group on Child Outcomes (\$730,700), 2019-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