**Elizabeth Kneebone**

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

**2017-present Research Director, UC Berkeley Terner Center for Housing Innovation**

* Provide strategic leadership on setting the Center’s research agenda. Identify research opportunities, design methodological and conceptual frameworks, contribute to and manage broader research team’s implementation of research pipeline. Develop policy recommendations and application of findings to private sector innovations.
* Identify and develop funding, partnership, and collaborative opportunities, in California and nationally.
* Promote and disseminate research and its policy and practice implications to policymakers, practitioners, academic, media, and public audiences through presentations, testimony, social media, and other avenues.

**2006-2017 *Fellow*, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution**

* Managed a community of practice focused on regional strategies to increase and diversify housing options in priority areas. Periodically convened representatives from four regions pursuing collaborative, cross-jurisdictional housing initiatives. Worked with representatives from public housing authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, entitlement communities, and other key stakeholders to facilitate peer exchange, sharing of best practices, and identification of common policy challenges, and to develop policy recommendations in response to those challenges.
* Managed the Metro Program’s research on the changing geography of poverty within the nation’s largest metropolitan areas and on ways in which the built environment shapes access to opportunity. Designed research agendas and methodologies, authored and co-authored publications, presentations, and commentary on topics including concentrated poverty, the suburbanization of poverty, the distribution of subsidized and affordable housing, the location and accessibility of employment, access to public transit and broadband, 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). Commissioned research from academic experts and edit publications that contribute to this portfolio.
* Contributed to fundraising efforts to support research and engagement activities, and help manage relationships with funders.
* Promoted and disseminated research and related policy implications and recommendations to policymakers, practitioners, media, and funders.

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 the 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**

2016 Rising Star Alumni Award, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

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

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

2000 Honors Medal, Indiana University History Department

**AFFILIATIONS**

Brookings Institution, Nonresident Senior Fellow

Contra Costa Housing Authority, Family Self Sufficiency Program Advisory Council

National Housing Conference, Board of Directors, Research Technical Advisory Committee

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Poverty and Geography Network member

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

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

**Chapters in Books**

“Suburban Poverty.” In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies,* edited by Antony Orum*.* Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2017.

“The Changing Geography of Disadvantage.” In *Building Shared Prosperity in America’s Communities*, edited by Susan Wachter and Lei Ding. Penn Press, 2016.

“New Challenges for Metropolitan Regions in America: Confronting Suburban Poverty.” In *Refitting Suburbia,* edited by Johann Jessen and Frank Roost. Städtebau Institut, Universität Stuttgart and ILS – Institut für Landes- und Stadtentwicklungsforschung, 2015.

“The Resurgence of Concentrated Poverty in America: Metropolitan Trends in the 2000s.” In *The New American Suburb: Poverty, Race, and the Economic Crisis,* edited by Katrin Anacker. Ashgate, 2014 (with Carey Nadeau).

**Articles/Other Publications**

“What the Suburbanization of Poverty Means for U.S. Counties.” In *CountyNews*, National Association of Counties, March 6, 2017 (with Cecile Murray).

“Poverty Crosses Party Lines.” Brookings Institution, November 3, 2016.

“Tackling Persistent Poverty: Three Challenges for the 10-20-30 Plan.” Brookings Institution, October 4, 2016.

“Schools’ Role in Combating Poverty.” In *School Administrator Magazine*, May 2016 (with Natalie Holmes).

“The Intersection of Race, Place, and Multidimensional Poverty.” Brookings Institution, April 21, 2016 (with Richard Reeves).

“Five Evils: Multidimensional Poverty and Race in America.” Brookings Institution, April 14, 2016 (with Richard Reeves and Edward Rodrigue).

“U.S. Concentrated Poverty in the Wake of the Great Recession.” Brookings Institution, March 31, 2016 (with Natalie Holmes).

“Housing and the Shifting Geography of Poverty and Neighborhood Opportunity.” Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago, March 4, 2016.

“Strategies to Strengthen the Earned Income Tax Credit.” Brookings Institution, December 9, 2015 (with Natalie Holmes).

“The Growing Distance Between People and Jobs in Metropolitan America.” Brookings Institution, March 2015 (with Natalie Holmes).

“Connecting EITC Filers to Affordable Care Act Premium Tax Credit.” Brookings Institution, March 2015 (with Jane Williams and Natalie Holmes).

“New Census Data Show Few Metro Areas Made Progress Against Poverty in 2013.” Brookings Institution, September 2014 (with Natalie Holmes).

“The Growth and Spread of Concentrated Poverty, 2000 to 2008-2012.” Brookings Institution, July 2014.

“Suburban and Poor: The Changing Landscape of Race and Poverty in the U.S.” In *Planning.* American Planning Association, June 2014 (with Cary Lou).

“EITC Expansion Would Strengthen Credit for Childless Workers.” Brookings Institution, March 2014.

“New Census Data Underscore Metro Poverty’s Persistence in 2012.” Brookings Institution, September 2013 (with Jane Williams).

“Suburban Poverty Traverses the Red/Blue Divide.” Brookings Institution, August 2013 (with Alan Berube and Jane Williams).

“Job Sprawl Stalls: The Great Recession and Metropolitan Employment Location.” Brookings Institution, April 2013.

“The Subprime Crisis in Suburbia: Exploring the Links Between Foreclosures and Suburban Poverty.” San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Working Paper, February 2013 (with Chris Schildt, Naomi Cytron, and Carolina Reid).

“Share of Tax Filers Claiming EITC Increases Across States and Place Types Between 2007 and 2010.” The Carsey Institute, December 2012 (with Marybeth Mattingly).

“A Note on Important Changes to EITC Interactive.” Brookings Institution, November 2012 (with Jane Williams).

“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 and Commentary**

“Suburban Poverty Is Missing from the Conversation About America’s Future.” *Las Vegas Sun*, September 15, 2016.

“Getting Help to More of the Poor in Colorado’s Suburbs.” *Denver Post*, December 13, 2013 (with Melinda Pollack).

“Changing Demographics Bring Challenge, Opportunity.” *The New Orleans Advocate,* November 30, 2013 (with Allison Plyer).

“America’s Shifting Suburban Battlegrounds.” *Politico,* August 14, 2013 (with Alan Berube).

“Cul-de-Sac Poverty.” *New York Times*, May 20, 2013 (with Alan Berube).

“Job Sprawl Creates Challenges.” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, May 8, 2013.

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

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

**Selected Blog Posts from “The Avenue” and Brookings.edu**

“Mapping Working Family Tax Credits and their Anti-Poverty Impact.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, February 21, 2017 (with Cecile Murray).

“Where Do the (Multidimensionally) Poor Live? Depends on Their Race.” “Social Mobility Memos” at Brookings, April 21, 2016 (with Richard Reeves).

“New Census Data Finds Scant Progress Against Poverty.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, September 18, 2015.

“Promise and Pitfalls of Housing Choice Vouchers Vary Across the Nation.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, August 14, 2015 (with Natalie Holmes).

“On Ferguson, Fragmentation, and Fiscal Disparities.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, April 2, 2014 (with Bruce Katz).

“Five Lessons from Leading Innovators on Confronting Suburban Poverty.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, December 17, 2014 (with Alan Berube).

“Fighting Poverty at Tax Time through the EITC.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, December 16, 2014 (with Natalie Holmes).

“Ferguson, Mo. Emblematic of Growing Suburban Poverty.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, August 15, 2014.

“Place and the Paul Ryan Poverty Plan.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, 29 2014.

“Suburban Poverty: A Year of Lessons.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, May 20, 2014 (with Alan Berube).

“Food Stamps Respond to the Changing Geography of American Poverty.” “The Avenue” at Brookings, January 29, 2014 (with Jane Williams).

“Does the Suburbanization of Poverty Mean the War on Poverty Failed?” “The Avenue” at Brookings, January 8, 2014 (with Alan Berube).

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

“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.

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

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

**CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

“The Changing Geography of Poverty in the United States.” Presented to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources, February 15, 2017.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Tale of Two Cities: Challenging Urban Disparities.” South by Southwest, March 12, 2016.

“Housing and the Shifting Geography of Poverty and Neighborhood Opportunity.” Urban America Forward: Civil Rights Roundtable hosted by the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago, September 11, 2015.

“The Changing Landscape of Poverty and Opportunity in the United States.” Reinventing Older Communities: Bridging Growth and Opportunity conference, hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, May 12, 2014.

“Confronting Poverty in America.” American Planning Association national conference, April 28, 2014.

“New Challenges for Metropolitan Regions in America: Confronting Suburban Poverty.” Refitting Suburbia conference, hosted by Städtebau Institut, Universität Stuttgart, Wuestenrot Foundation, and ILS – Institut für Landes- und Stadtentwicklungsforschung, November 22, 2013.

“Smart Growth: The Suburbanization of Poverty.” National Building Museum Smart Growth Lecture Series, July 29, 2013.

“Confronting Suburban Poverty in America.” Book release event, Brookings Institution, May 20, 2013.

“Confronting Suburban Poverty in America: Philanthropy’s Role.” Council on Foundations annual conference, April 9, 2013.

“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 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 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.

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

**MEDIA**

**Interviews and citations in newspapers and magazines including**: New York Times, The Financial Times, The Economist, TIME, USA Today, The Atlantic, Vox, Christian Science Monitor, Next City, Governing, 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 outlets.

**Televisions, radio, and podcasts** **including**: *CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley*; CSPAN’s *Washington Journal*; *PBS* *NewsHour*; MSNBC; NPR’s *All Things Considered,* *Marketplace, Morning Edition, Tell Me More,* and *The Diane Rehm Show;* Next City’s *Metro Matters*; numerous local public radio and network affiliate programs.