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- ***Surviving Job Loss: Papermakers in Maine and Minnesota***, by Kenneth A. Root and Rosemarie J. Park (see p. 1)
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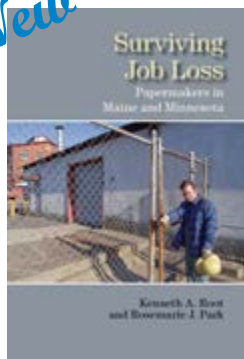
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New



Surviving Job Loss Papermakers in Maine and Minnesota

Kenneth A. Root and
Rosemarie J. Park

Root and Park examine the plight of workers displaced from two paper mills and their paths to reemployment, retirement decisions, and the personal struggles they faced as a result of their dislocations. They provide insightful, personal portraits of workers that are representative of the hundreds who lost their jobs as a result of two mill closings—one in Sartell, Minnesota, and the other in Bucksport, Maine.



In addition, the authors describe the types of assistance that were offered to the workers displaced by the mill closings, dedicate a chapter each to the plights of female workers and of spouses who were both displaced by the closings, discuss the importance of community when economic displacement occurs, compare the experience of a mill closing in Canada with the Maine and Minnesota closings, and conclude with ways that society can be more proactive in assisting workers who suffer job displacement and the economic and psychological impacts that so often occur as a result.

Overall, this book adds a human perspective to the problems facing dislocated workers, not only in the shrinking paper industry but also in other contracting industries in the United States.

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New



The Economics of Health

Donald J. Meyer, *Editor*

The choices we make concerning our health have consequences that are felt both personally and economy-wide. On the personal level, good health allows us to function freely, earn a living, interact with family, friends, and co-workers, and to generally enjoy life. Each individual's health-related decisions also play a role in the nation's healthcare economy, which now represents some 17 percent of the nation's GDP with projections that it will reach nearly 20 percent by 2024. Therefore, policies and actions that encourage healthy living, along with a streamlined healthcare system, can have positive impacts on a large and growing portion of the nation's economy.

In this timely collection, editor Donald J. Meyer leads a group of notable health economists who explore critical issues—and their economic impacts—facing the nation's healthcare system today. These include lifestyle choices and their health impacts, decisions on medical care and self-care, the fee-for-service payment model, disability and workers' compensation insurance claims, long-term care, and many various aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) impact the nation's healthcare system.

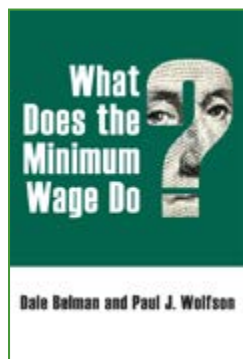
Contributors include: M. Kate Bundorf, Marcus Dillender, John H. Goddeeris, Donald J. Meyer, Edward C. Norton, and Charles E. Phelps.

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What Does the Minimum Wage Do?

Dale Belman
and Paul J. Wolfson

Winner of the William G. Bowen Award as “the book making the most important contribution toward understanding public policy related to industrial relations and the operation of labor markets.”

Belman and Wolfson perform an exhaustive review of the last dozen years of academic research on the minimum wage. The result is a comprehensive, evidence-based assessment that informs the ongoing debate over the effects of raising the minimum wage on, among other things, employment, wages, and poverty and inequality.

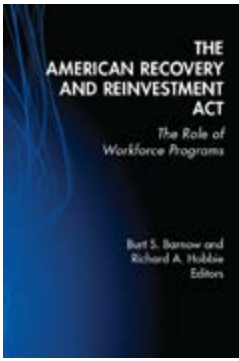
“Belman and Wolfson have done labor economists and the policy world a huge favor of compiling, summarizing, and evaluating an incredibly large amount of empirical research on the minimum wage. We now have a guidebook through the empirical evidence.”—Perspectives on Work

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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act The Role of Workforce Programs

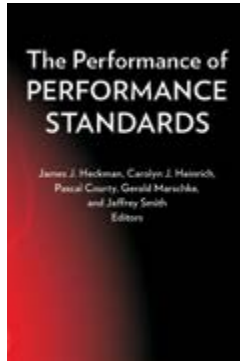
Burt S. Barnow and
Richard A. Hobbie,
Editors

As the Great Recession deepened, state labor exchange agencies faced serious challenges in meeting the needs of the growing number of job seekers. The Unemployment Insurance (UI) system was similarly taxed. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provided funding to agencies that allowed them to hire additional staff and expand eligibility and services. Whether those additional funds—funneled through the Employment Service and the UI system—were adequate to meet the significant challenges facing the agencies, and whether the agencies used the funding in a timely and efficient manner, are the central issues addressed in this book.

Barnow and Hobbie gather a group of experienced researchers who measure the progress agencies made in implementing the workforce and UI provisions of the ARRA, highlight new and promising practices, and provide guidance to the Employment and Training Administration, states, and local workforce investment areas. Overall, this book serves as an important state-by-state reference on the workings of a system that, stretched as it was, helped many despite the unprecedented challenges it faced.

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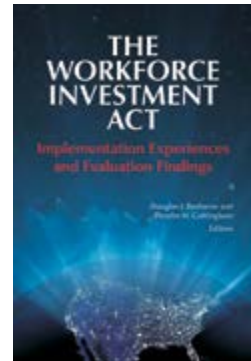
The Performance of Performance Standards

James J. Heckman,
Carolyn J. Heinrich,
Pascal Courty,
Gerald Marschke, and
Jeffrey Smith, *Editors*

While investigating the formal incentive structures and organizational behavior within U.S. employment and training programs, the contributors to this volume address six fundamental questions relevant to both the intended and unintended impacts of performance standards and measures. Helping set this collection apart is the fact that the contributors make use of data that are superior in scope and detail to data used in prior studies of performance standards.

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The Workforce Investment Act Implementation Experiences and Evaluation Findings

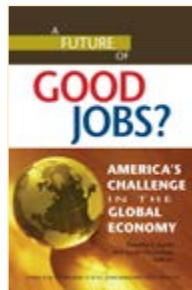
Douglas J. Besharov and
Phoebe H. Cottingham,
Editors

This volume examines WIA's objectives and the evidence of its program performance and impact. The chapters address five broad issues: 1) understanding WIA, 2) program implementation, 3) performance management, 4) impact evaluations, and 5) future evaluation choices.

“There is something here for everyone, ranging from practitioners to hard-core applied econometricians.”—Journal of Regional Science

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A Future of Good Jobs? America's Challenge in the Global Economy

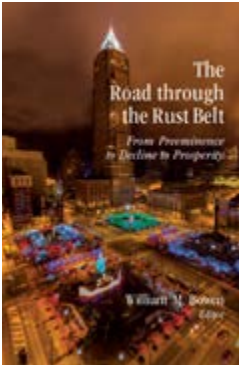
Timothy J. Bartik and
Susan N. Houseman, *Editors*

Contributors include Katharine G. Abraham, Timothy J. Bartik, Susan N. Houseman, Lori G. Kletzer, Robert I. Lerman, Paul Osterman, and Steven Raphael.

“For readers who are interested in clear-eyed analysis as well as shrewd policy advocacy, this book offers an excellent starting place for thinking about solutions to the problem of lousy jobs and lousy pay.”—Gary Burtless, Senior Fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution

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The Road through the Rust Belt From Preeminence to Decline to Prosperity

William M. Bowen, *Editor*

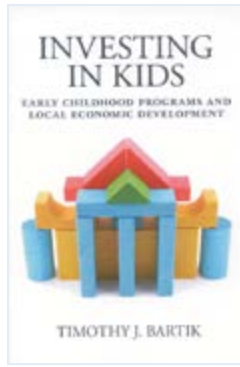
The story is familiar: A once-booming midwestern city whose growth was fueled by manufacturing is now struggling with a lack of jobs, declining population, abandoned properties, creaky infrastructure, and bleak finances. Inhabitants often flee to areas offering economic opportunity and better schools. Yet others stay, seeking and often finding entrepreneurial opportunities that help restore lost prosperity.

The contributors to this insightful collection discuss the reasons for the decline of Rust Belt cities, including globalization, energy policy-related issues, and even the impact of air conditioning on location decisions. They also detail many of the entrepreneurial efforts undertaken in cities like Cleveland that are helping to reinvigorate once-depressed areas, offer suggestions related to investments in workforce training and current energy policy, critique the use of economic development subsidies, discuss the success of clusters at reviving old industrial cities, and provide cultural insights on business practices in China.

Overall, this book offers a multitude of ideas that could be used to help stimulate entrepreneurship and generate prosperity.

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Investing in Kids Early Childhood Programs and Local Economic Development

Timothy J. Bartik

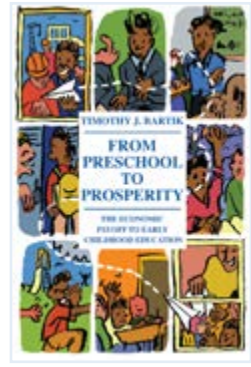
As state and local governments struggle with budget shortfalls, policymakers have begun to question the wisdom of offering large tax breaks to corporations as the primary means of incentivizing economic investment. In *Investing in Kids*, Timothy J. Bartik says that in order to bolster local and regional economic development efforts and boost the earnings potential of a community's local workforce, officials should consider an effective public investment strategy that is founded in early childhood education.

"Tim Bartik has written a thoughtful book on the value of a local approach to financing and creating early interventions to foster child development . . . In an era of stringent federal budgets, Bartik offers a plan for raising the support needed to put effective programs into place."—James J. Heckman, Nobel Prize-winning economist, University of Chicago

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Investing in Kids blog:
<http://investinginkids.net/>

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From Preschool to Prosperity The Economic Payoff to Early Childhood Education

Timothy J. Bartik

Bartik shows that investment in high-quality early childhood education has several long-term benefits, including higher adult earnings for program participants.



"The economic benefits of investing in high-quality early childhood education are clear and backed by an impressive amount of research, as laid out in Tim Bartik's book."—Arthur J. Rolnick, former Senior Vice President and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

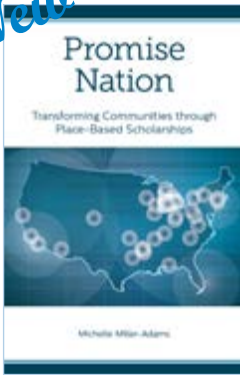
"This new book makes a comprehensive and compelling case for a strong public commitment to early childhood education."
—Nancy Folbre, Professor of Economics Emerita, University of Massachusetts Amherst

"Tim Bartik explains how early learning investment can strengthen the national economy and address economic inequality by increasing economic opportunity. Are there today any two economic topics more crucial than these?"
—Robert Dugger, Managing Partner, Hanover Provident Capital

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Promise Nation Transforming Communities through Place-Based Scholarships

Michelle Miller-Adams

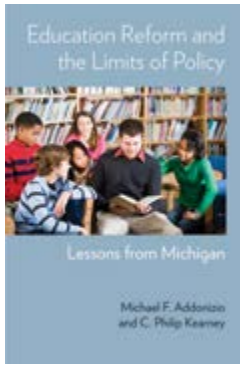
Michelle Miller-Adams presents the most accessible and comprehensive overview available of the emergence and development of the Promise movement nationwide as well as an up-to-date assessment of available research on the impacts of such programs.



“Promise Nation” convincingly confirms and documents the power of a simple, elegant guarantee of a free college education to transform lives and revitalize communities. As the experience of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and the dozens of communities across the country now developing their own versions of the Kalamazoo Promise show, not only can Promise programs achieve their direct goal of helping more students earn postsecondary degrees and credentials, they can also help communities realize goals that have long frustrated policymakers: reversing outmigration, stabilizing populations and housing values, and driving new economic development.”
—John Austin, President, Michigan State Board of Education

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Education Reform and the Limits of Policy Lessons from Michigan

Michael F. Addonizio
and C. Philip Kearney

“[This book] provides an in-depth look at the history of the Michigan school system and the educational reform movement in a clear and convincing style that doesn’t get lost in confusing statistics or complicated formulas. Any individual who is interested in the formation of the Michigan school system and/or the negative impact that school reform policies have had on the very systems they seek to reform should consider reading this excellent book.”—Monthly Labor Review

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Student Loans and the Dynamics of Debt

Brad Hershbein and
Kevin M. Hollenbeck,
Editors

This volume presents the most current research and knowledge available about student loans and repayment. It serves as a valuable reference for researchers and policy-makers who seek a deeper understanding of how, why, and which students borrow for their postsecondary education; how this borrowing may affect later decisions; and what measures can help borrowers repay their loans successfully.

“Academic administrators and researchers will gain insights into trends and problems involved in student loans and their repayment; policymakers will find the conclusions in the text particularly interesting. Summing Up: Recommended.”—Choice

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The Power of a Promise Education and Economic Renewal in Kalamazoo

Michelle Miller-Adams

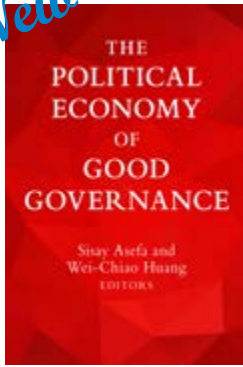
“Michelle Miller-Adams captures the truly unique story of the Kalamazoo Promise without losing sight of the universal lessons it offers us. [This book] is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the future of economic and community development in

our country.”—Governor Jennifer Granholm, State of Michigan

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New



The Political Economy of Good Governance

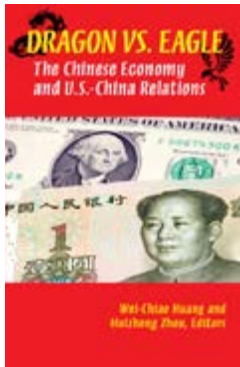
Sisay Asefa and Wei-Chiao Huang, *Editors*

The contributors describe several of the key dimensions of good governance, as well as what deleterious and negative consequences may arise in its absence. They draw analysis and solutions from diverse sectors such as economics, public administration, management, and political science, and connect the importance of education, health, climate change, and poverty to address the challenges of creating a world where more countries embrace good governance policies to benefit their peoples.

Contributors include Carolyn J. Heinrich, John Ishiyama, Susan J. Linz, Seema Jayachandran, Stephen C. Smith, Sisay Asefa, and Wei-Chiao Huang.

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Dragon vs. Eagle The Chinese Economy and U.S.-China Relations

Wei-Chiao Huang and Huizhong Zhou, *Editors*

The relationship between China and the United States is particularly complex, especially when discussing the economic relationship between the two countries. One reason is that Westerners may not fully understand the nuances of the Chinese economy. Is it capitalist or communist? A superpower or a developing nation? A nation defined by its growing urban middle class or large rural population? And what are the impacts of its great internal migration? These are just some of the themes covered in the chapters presented in this thought-provoking volume.

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Measuring Globalization Better Trade Statistics for Better Policy

Susan N. Houseman and Michael Mandel, *Editors*

The chapters in this two-volume set identify biases and gaps in national statistics, examine the magnitude of the problems they pose, and propose solutions to address significant biases and fill key data gaps.

Shifts in the location of production and associated trade patterns have been driven to a large degree by lower prices in emerging economies. The research in the first volume focuses on biases in price indexes that may arise from the growth of globalization.

The second volume extends the analysis to several other measurement issues arising from the growth of globalization, including the fragmentation of production that has given rise to so-called factory-less goods producers. Chapters in the second volume also examine the classification of output of multinational corporations in national statistics and, with the advent of the Internet, the explosion of international trade in data.

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The Economics of Natural and Unnatural Disasters

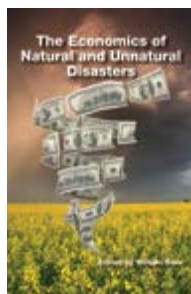
William Kern, *Editor*

The contributors to this timely volume cover a wide range of events and delve into the human and economic impacts disasters impose on populations worldwide.

“Kern has done an admirable job of assembling an interesting read that should help stimulate discussion in this interesting and increasingly relevant field.”—The Journal of Risk and Insurance

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Guild-Ridden Labor Markets The Curious Case of Occupational Licensing

Morris M. Kleiner

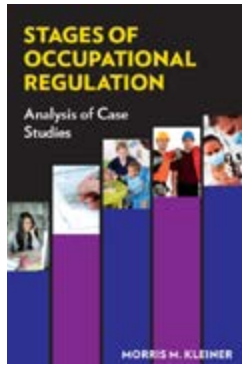
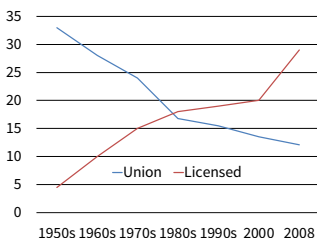
Kleiner examines why the institution of occupational licensing has had such a curious evolution and influence in the United States, the European Union, and China. He also discusses the many similarities it has to guilds.



“No one has done more to put the issue of occupational licensing firmly on the policy agenda than Morris Kleiner. This careful book brings together his path-breaking scholarship on the issue, effortlessly combining economics, history, law, statistical analysis, and a keen understanding of the politics involved. Kleiner is the world’s leading scholar of occupational licensing, and this book should stand as a reference for decades to come.”—Justin Wolfers, University of Michigan

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117 pp. 2015
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Percentage of Union and Licensed Workers in the U.S., 1950–2008



Stages of Occupational Regulation Analysis of Case Studies

Morris M. Kleiner

This book expands our knowledge of occupational regulation by showing how varying stages of regulation impact those in the occupations, closely related occupational practitioners, and, ultimately, consumers through the quality and cost of services provided.

“Occupational licensure as an interference in free markets gets less attention than its importance for both good and ill warrants. Morris Kleiner is our foremost expert on this important topic, and this book shares what he has learned. Whatever your policy instincts, this book provides important new insights. It is a great and valuable accomplishment.”
—Lawrence Summers, Harvard University

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Employment Growth from Public Support of Innovation in Small Firms

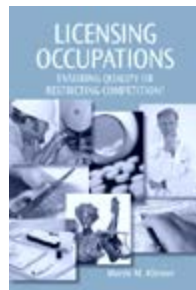
Albert N. Link
and John T. Scott

Link and Scott provide a statistical assessment of the employment growth associated with public support of R&D in small, entrepreneurial firms through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. While on the surface the SBIR program is generally intended to stimulate innovation leading to commercialization (this is how government and scholars have historically judged the program), the authors suggest that it may be assessed from a different perspective. To them, the extent to which long-term job creation results from public support of R&D should be evaluated.

“This book represents a major step toward assessing SBIR’s employment growth effects.”—Economic Development Quarterly

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Licensing Occupations Ensuring Quality or Restricting Competition?

Morris M. Kleiner

“Morris Kleiner has produced the most thorough evaluation of the effects of occupational licensing in years, perhaps ever.”
—Alan B. Krueger, Princeton University

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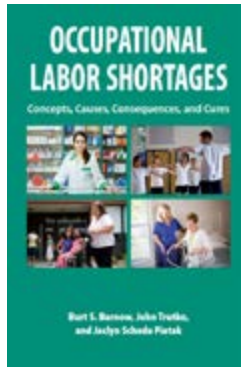
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- **Two-Tier Compensation Structures: Their Impact on Unions, Employers, and Employees**, by James E. Martin
- **Growth in Disability Benefits: Explanations and Policy Implications**, Kalman Rupp and David C. Stapleton, Eds.
- **Unemployment, Vacancies, and Local Labor Markets**, by Harry J. Holzer
- **Labor Unions and the Economic Performance of Firms**, by Barry T. Hirsch
- **Human Capital and Economic Development**, Sisay Asefa and Wei-Chiao Huang, Eds.
- **Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?**, by Timothy J. Bartik
- **Program Applicants as a Comparison Group in Evaluating Training Programs: Theory and a Test**, by Stephen H. Bell, Larry L. Orr, John D. Blomquist, and Glen G. Cain
- **Plant Closings and Economic Dislocation**, by Jeanne Prial Gordus and Paul Jarley
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Occupational Labor Shortages: Concepts, Causes, Consequences, and Cures

Burt S. Barnow,
John Trutko, and
Jaclyn Schede Piatak

Even during the Great Recession, jobs in certain sectors of the labor market went unfilled. Employers in those sectors spoke of shortages of workers possessing the skills necessary to successfully fill those positions. Were there shortages of qualified workers? Do these shortages persist?

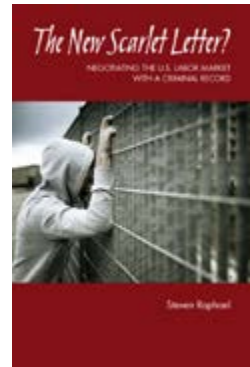
Barnow, Trutko, and Piatak focus on whether persistent occupation-specific labor shortages lead to inefficiencies in the U.S. economy, and they describe why shortages arise, how to ascertain whether a shortage is present, and how to assess strategies to alleviate the shortage.

They also refer to “conventional economic theory” to explain why occupations experience a shortage. On finding exceptions to this theory, they introduce a number of alternative models and definitions of labor shortages that help broaden our understanding of such shortages.

The authors close by discussing potential uses for occupational shortage data—including as help in determining immigration policy—and the limited nature of the occupational data currently collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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The New Scarlet Letter? Negotiating the U.S. Labor Market with a Criminal Record

Steven Raphael

Of those who spend time in prison, the overwhelming majority will be released back into society, thereby becoming potential participants in the U.S. labor market. But the barriers they confront are substantial, leading policymakers to focus on ways to facilitate reentry to work for this growing population.



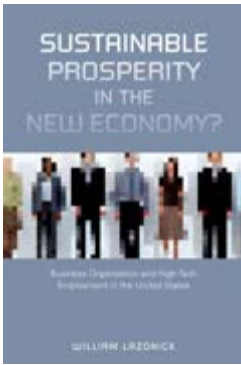
Raphael presents an empirical portrait of the inmate population, recently released inmates, and the youth who eventually enter the prison system as young adults. He reviews what is known about how employers use criminal histories in screening job applicants and the empirical research on the effects of a criminal record on labor market outcomes; he then describes programs designed to help inmates enter the labor force that show positive results. Raphael concludes with a set of policy recommendations aimed at addressing the concerns of employers and preparing inmates for the labor force as they exit the prison system.

“This book should be required reading for anyone who cares about prisoner reintegration, labor markets, and crime policy.”

—Joan Petersilia, Adelbert H. Sweet Professor of Law, Stanford Law School

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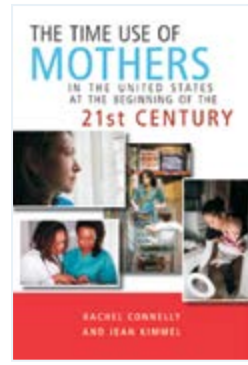
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The Time Use of Mothers in the United States at the Beginning of the 21st Century

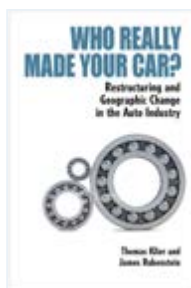
Rachel Connelly and Jean Kimmel

Basing their analysis on the American Time Use Survey, Connelly and Kimmel delve into the time use of mothers of preteenaged children in the United States and connect their time uses with their children's development. This leads to interesting findings that should inform policymakers addressing issues related to taxation, education, and child care subsidies.

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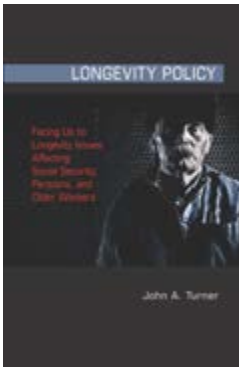
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Longevity Policy Facing Up to Longevity Issues Affecting Social Security, Pensions, and Older Workers

John A. Turner

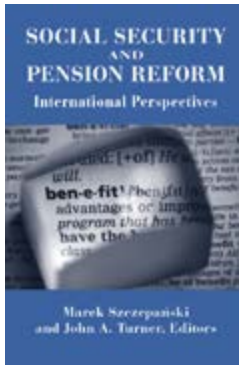
Turner makes the case that longevity policy should be recognized as a distinct area of research that unifies issues related to older age, Social Security, and pensions while recognizing the interrelationships among these areas.

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Marek Szczepański and
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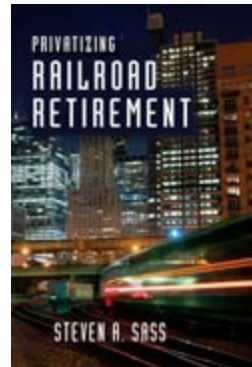
Countries around the world are reforming their social security and pension systems. These reforms are motivated in part by aging populations, but they are also occurring in response to economic development in Africa, China, and elsewhere, and are due to changing views about how retirement income should be provided.

This book highlights trends among some countries, such as the adoption of fluctuating automatic mechanisms for maintaining social security solvency, raising the minimum age for eligibility, and implementation of policies to postpone retirement. The contributors also discuss a range of financing mechanisms, benefit levels, privatization, governance, the various types of employer-provided plans, mandatory accounts for social security, and financial literacy.

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Steven A. Sass

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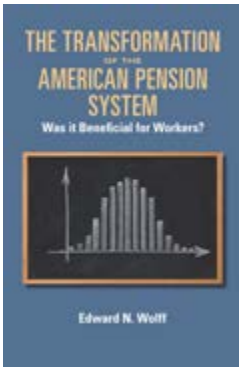
begins by examining the history of the program, including actions taken over the decades to keep it afloat, and then discusses the growing interest in investing fund assets in private equities. Proponents say such investments would yield higher rates of return, thereby strengthening the program.

This concept came to a head in the 1990s as railroad management and labor developed and promoted such a proposal for Railroad Retirement assets. Congress demanded a few key compromises, and the amended proposal was adopted in 2001. These compromises include the assurance that the government would have as little involvement as possible in the fund's investment decisions, and the adoption of an automatic adjustment mechanism. Sass then describes the impacts of this reform on the railroad companies and workers.

Are there lessons policy-makers could glean from the Railroad Retirement program that might be used should they decide to invest Social Security assets in equities? According to Sass, yes there are, with the three most important relating to 1) dealing with risk, 2) governance of trust fund investment, and 3) budgetary accounting.

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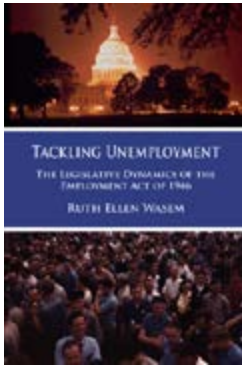
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The Legislative Dynamics of the Employment Act of 1946

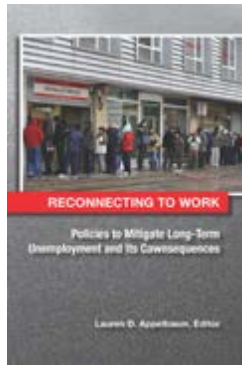
Ruth Ellen Wasem

"[This book] provides valuable background for the establishment of twenty-first century employment policy. It is a well-written and cogent corrective for some common misconceptions about the forces transforming the Full Employment bill of 1945 into the Employment Act of 1946, as well as for advocates' tendency to underestimate the importance of legislation that, in their view, is less than perfect."—Ray Marshall, University of Texas; former Secretary of Labor

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Reconnecting to Work

Policies to Mitigate Long-Term Unemployment and Its Consequences

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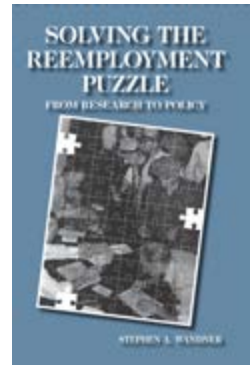
By all accounts, the Great Recession had a devastating impact on the U.S. labor market—both in the short and long term. Relatively high unemployment lingers, millions are either underemployed or have voluntarily dropped out of the labor market, and the economy is growing but not at the pace needed to return the nation to prerecession employment levels any time soon. The result is that millions of workers have experienced the persistent and painful economic and psychological consequences that result from experiencing long-term unemployment.

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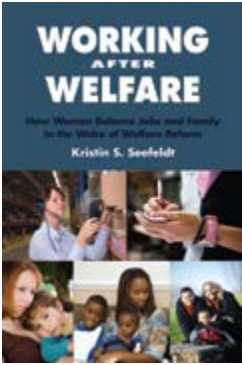
Winner of the Richard A. Lester Award as the most "Noteworthy Book in Industrial Relations and Labor Economics for 2010."

Wandner reveals that rigorous scientific research can, but sometimes doesn't, influence federal workforce policy and legislation. However, when policymakers use research results as a prominent ingredient in policymaking, they are more likely to develop cost-effective policy that works.

"Steve Wandner writes insightfully from his uniquely intimate vantage point inside the U.S. Department of Labor while also drawing on his extensive interactions with top researchers, program officials, congressional staff, the OMB, and the White House. He shares his play-by-play analysis of just how and where rigorous research succeeded in driving policy and, importantly, where it did not, and where it was suppressed or badly misused. [This book] should be read by every current—and would-be—researcher and policymaker. It's a great read."—Christopher T. King, Ray Marshall Center, University of Texas at Austin

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Working after Welfare

How Women Balance Jobs and Family in the Wake of Welfare Reform

Kristin S. Seefeldt

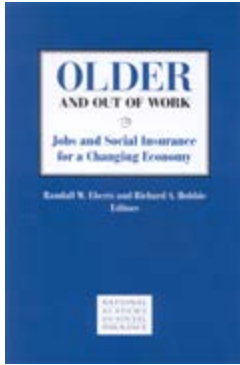
How to balance work and family issues has become a major issue for women across the country in all income classes, but especially so for single mothers who were formerly on welfare. This book explores the lives of women in an urban Michigan county who left welfare for work and the role their family decisions play in their labor market decisions.

Seefeldt includes a discussion of the existing policies and programs aimed at assisting low-wage workers and welfare recipients and the limitations of some of these approaches. She then proposes a set of policies aimed at expanding the current government focus, from one aimed at supporting work to one aimed at supporting workers. This can be accomplished, she says, by creating a more flexible workplace and working hours, more accessible educational opportunities, and basic universal health care.

“Seefeldt’s book is a timely reminder that while PRWORA may have changed the circumstances of low-income families, more could be done to improve their conditions.”
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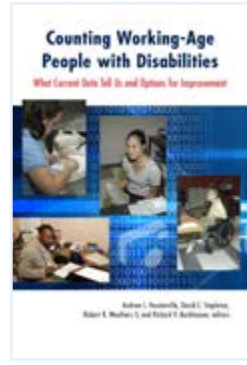
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“The chapters in the book address a wide range of topics related to low-income workers, age discrimination, labor market experience post employment, disability, and health insurance coverage. The background chapters are informative and easy to comprehend, especially for those not versed in the field, but the chapters on what to do about the aging population as it pertains to continuation of work get into the real issues.”—Journal of Pensions, Economics, and Finance

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II, and Richard V.
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This book provides a systematic review of what current statistics and data on working-age people with disabilities can and cannot tell us, and how the quality of the data can be improved to better inform policymakers, advocates, analysts, service providers, administrators, and others interested in this at-risk population.

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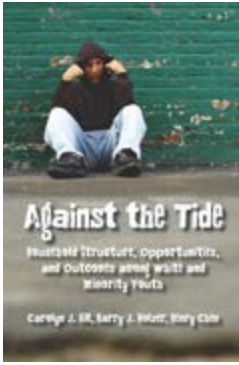
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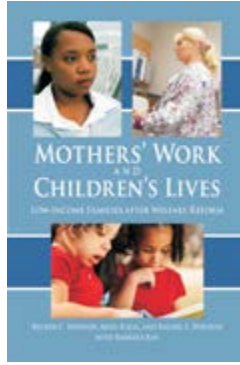
Hill, Holzer, and Chen examine the effects of household structure on young adults and how these effects might have contributed to the negative trends in outcomes observed for young minorities over time. In addition to studying these links, they also provide a better understanding of the means through which growing up in a single-parent household could affect youth outcomes, and they reveal other factors that might either reinforce or counteract these household effects.

“The many strengths of [this book] include careful documentation of trends in household structure and youth outcomes, and a logically organized set of descriptive analyses that are explained clearly and interpreted carefully.”

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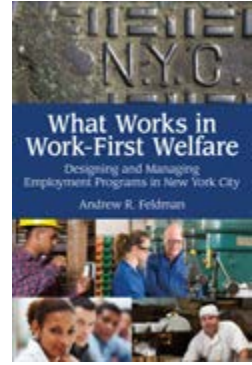
Rucker C. Johnson,
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The authors provide evidence of the links between maternal work experiences and longer-run trajectories of child well-being. When a working mother is on an irregular work schedule, has hours that fluctuate from week to week, or works at a full-time job that presents limited wage growth and menial tasks, her children's behavior is more likely to deteriorate. Similar results are seen for those who bounce from job to job or are laid off or fired, since this churning often leads to frequent residential moves. The unique WES data allow the authors to examine aspects of child well-being such as externalizing and internalizing behavioral problems, disruptive behavior at school, school absenteeism, grade repetition, and placement in special education.

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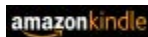
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