



National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

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12 PM to 1 PM EST

nTIDE Deeper Dive

Employment for People with Visual Impairments

Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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- 12:00 PM:** Welcome and Purpose of this Deeper Dive
- 12:05 PM:** Updated numbers pertaining to today's area of focus
- 12:20 PM:** Guest Speakers: Arielle Silverman, Sarahelizabeth Baguhn,
American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

Presenters:

Andrew Houtenville, Institute on Disability/UNH
Elaine Katz, Kessler Foundation
Arielle Silverman, Saraelizabeth Baguhn, AFB
Denise Rozell, AUCD

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Presenter Bios:



Arielle Silverman, PhD, joined American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) as Research Specialist in September 2021, after having previously served as an independent contractor contributing to several AFB research projects, including studies related to Workplace Tech, Blind Leaders Development, and Guide Dogs for the Blind. In 2022, she was promoted to the title of Director, Research. Prior to joining AFB, Dr. Silverman served as an independent research and training consultant specializing in disability research and inclusion training. She has also worked as a technical writer for the National Rehabilitation Information Center and as a postdoctoral fellow and research scientist at the University of Washington Department of

Rehabilitation Medicine. Dr. Silverman has authored or co-authored more than a dozen peer-reviewed research articles, and she is experienced with conducting both quantitative and qualitative research related to blindness and visual impairment. She has also presented inclusion workshops to nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, and professional associations.



Sarahelizabeth Baguhn, PhD, serves as a Research Specialist on AFB's Public Policy and Research team since joining in June 2022. She is responsible for contributing to research design, data collection, analysis, interpretation, and reporting. Prior to her role at AFB, Dr. Baguhn started her career in Special Education in Wisconsin before transitioning to teaching blindness and low vision skills as a TVI/COMS. She then spent five years at Western Michigan University, focusing on teaching preservice professionals in their TVI, VRT, O&M, and AT blindness and low vision studies programs. She has published peer-reviewed research articles on topics of echoidentification and assessments and has given over 20 presentations at vision conferences in the USA and abroad. Notably, she has presented at conferences such as the International Mobility Conference and the AER International Conference. Dr. Baguhn also serves on the board of directors for ACVREP, the board of directors for the Michigan Blind Athletic Association, on the subject matter expert committee for Assistive Technology with ACVREP, as well as the advisory council for Audio Description.



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Andrew Houtenville, PhD, is a Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principal Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1997 and was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999.



Elaine E. Katz, MS, CCC-SLP is Senior Vice President of Grants and Communications at Kessler Foundation. Elaine Katz oversees the Foundation's comprehensive grantmaking program and its communications department. During her tenure, the Foundation has awarded more than \$49 million in grant support for national and community-based employment programs. For more than 25 years, Elaine has worked with non-profit organizations in the areas of board development, fundraising, marketing, and business development. Elaine often speaks about innovative practices for employing people with disabilities, authors/co-authors articles and papers on related topics, and is a member of several aligned organizations.



Denise M. Rozell, JD is the Director of Policy Innovation at the AUCD. Prior to joining AUCD, she spent fifteen years as Assistant Vice President for State Government Relations with Easter Seals. Denise was the primary resource to Easter Seals 75 affiliates in building capacity to increase awareness of and support for Easter Seals in state government. Prior to that, Denise was the Executive Director of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, an international membership organization for the professionals serving individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Denise holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College in Los Angeles and a juris doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California in Berkeley.

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