



# National Trends in Disability Employment Lunch & Learn Series

**July 19, 2024**

**12 PM to 1 PM EST**

## nTIDE Deeper Dive

*A Personal Reflection on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*

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 Speaker: Brittany Potvin, Strafford County Public Health Network, New Hampshire

Presenters:

Hyun Ju Kim & Shreya Paul, Institute on Disability/UNH  
Brittany Potvin, Strafford County Public Health Network, NH  
John O'Neil & Elaine Katz, Kessler Foundation  
Denise Rozell, AUCD

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## Presenter Bios:



**Brittany Potvin, MPH**, is a Community Health Worker for the Strafford County Public Health Network (SCPHN), based out of Goodwin Community Health in New Hampshire. Brittany wears many hats as she advocates for herself and others and passionately supports several different communities. She works with the Indonesian Community Connect, Inc., in Somersworth, NH. She is a board member for the Greater Rochester Community Health Foundation, which provides grant opportunities to non-profits throughout Strafford County. At the Institute on Disability/UNH, Brittany is on the Disability and Health Advisory Work Group, a health-related project. Brittany

is also the first “Engaged Scholar”, a new program rolling out under the StatsRRTC project. Brittany is especially interested in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as it impacts her personally. Brittany is someone who navigates through life with visible and invisible disabilities.



**Hyun Ju Kim, PhD**, is a Project Director III at UNH’s Institute on Disability (IOD) whose research interest includes quantitatively evaluating Social Security disability programs with a focus on economic mobility and financial security for vulnerable populations by race/ethnicity, gender, and immigrant status. When she joined IOD as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate in 2022, she analyzed the impact of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) on poverty during economic shocks comparing the Great Recession and the COVID pandemic recession. She intends to expand her research to investigate the food security among participants of SSI and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), barriers and facilitators of using Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE)

accounts among SSI recipients and ethnic network effects among immigrant populations with disabilities in applying for SSDI/SSI. Prior to joining IOD, Dr. Kim worked at the World Bank as a consultant and conducted research on structural profiles of informality in the labor markets of the Middle East and North African region.



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**Shreya Paul, MPA**, is a Project Director at UNH's Institute on Disability who's passionate about using data analytics to convey compelling narratives in the field of disability policy. After earning her undergraduate degree in Mathematics, she pursued a master's degree in public affairs (MPA) from Indiana University. Shreya's research interests encompass various public policy areas, including disability, health, and education policies. Her research centers on the analysis of nationally representative survey data from sources like the American Community Survey and Current Population Survey, with a focus on issues such as employment, health, and programs that affect the lives of individuals with disabilities.



**John O'Neill, PhD** is the director of employment and disability research at Kessler Foundation and has over 28 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation as a rehabilitation counselor educator, disability employment researcher, and advisor to state vocational rehabilitation agencies. Dr. O'Neill has been a PI or co-PI on six NIDILRR funded, five-year research and training centers focusing on TBI and community integration, disability statistics, disability employment service system, and how individual and contextual factors relate to employment outcomes among people with disabilities.

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**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.