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Employment History

- Jan 2026 - present 📌 **Senior Economist.** [Economic Innovation Group \(EIG\)](#), Washington, D.C.
Help shape and prioritize EIG's research pipeline by generating new ideas, assessing fit with strategic priorities, and tracking key economic, academic, and policy developments. Lead end-to-end research projects: frame questions, select data, design and defend identification strategies, run quantitative analysis, and write publication-ready outputs with institutional rigor. Serve as a public-facing representative of EIG by presenting findings to policymakers, researchers, and media and translating technical work for broad audiences. Support fundraising and external partnerships by cultivating relationships with funders, contractors, and vendors. Mentor and develop junior staff with hands-on support for coding, data best practices, quality norms, and team development.
- Sep 2024 - Jan 2026 📌 **Economist.** [Economic Innovation Group \(EIG\)](#), Washington, D.C.
Economic research with large datasets; advanced statistical and spatial analysis. Translate empirical results into policy writing, data visualization, and stakeholder outreach.
- Jan 2023 - Sep 2024 📌 **Associate Economist.** [Economic Innovation Group \(EIG\)](#), Washington, D.C.
Applied empirical methods to EIG research on labor markets, place-based policy, and economic mobility. Supported report production, data engineering, and policy communication for public-facing publications.
- 2021 - 2022 📌 **Postdoctoral Research Scientist.** [Center on Poverty and Social Policy](#), [Columbia University](#), New York, NY
Empirical analyses of major U.S. social policies and reforms. Work on intergenerational poverty, material hardship, and employment impacts of the Child Tax Credit.
- 2020 - 2021 📌 **Dean's Research Assistant.** University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Supported faculty transition to technology-enhanced learning. Conducted DEI and course design assessments; developed action plans informed by interviews and surveys.
- 2020 📌 **Predoctoral Instructor.** University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Primary instructor for a section of the core MPA microeconomics and public policy course.
- 2018 📌 **Short-Term Consultant.** World Bank Group, Seattle, WA
Expenditure analysis across household surveys in Malawi, Tanzania, Ghana, Peru, and Cote d'Ivoire. Developed seasonality estimates using parametric, semi-parametric, and machine learning approaches.

Education

- 2016 - 2021  **Ph.D. and M.Sc., Public Policy & Management** Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Dissertation: The Impact of Public Policy on Nonstandard Work Arrangements. Research: labor-market regulation and worker classification; benefits and nonstandard work; minimum wage, overtime, employer-provided health insurance, monopsony, and tax evasion. Skills: quantitative and econometric analysis; policy evaluation; interdisciplinary communication; project management.
- 2012 - 2016  **B.A., Economics** Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Thesis: The Chinese Hukou System: Structural Change and Political Reform. Research: political reform, urbanization, and structural change in modern China.

Research Publications

Journal Articles and Written Work

- 1 B. Glasner and A. Ozimek, "How to end low-wage work forever: An 80-80 wage subsidy proposal," Economic Innovation Group, Tech. Rep., Sep. 2025.
- 2 B. Glasner, A. Ozimek, and J. Lettieri, "The impact of opportunity zones on housing supply," Economic Innovation Group, Tech. Rep., Mar. 2025.
- 3 E. Ananat, B. Glasner, C. Hamilton, Z. Parolin, and C. Pignatti, "Effects of the expanded child tax credit on employment outcomes," *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 238, p. 105 168, 2024.  DOI: [10.1016/j.jpubeco.2024.105168](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2024.105168)
- 4 K. Fikri, S. Eckhardt, and B. Glasner, "The great "transfer"-mation: How american communities became reliant on income from government," Economic Innovation Group, Tech. Rep., Sep. 2024.  URL: <https://eig.org/great-transfermation/>
- 5 A. Ozimek, J. Lettieri, and B. Glasner, "The american worker project: Toward a new consensus," Economic Innovation Group, Tech. Rep., Jun. 2024.
- 6 K. Fikri and B. Glasner, "Are opportunity zones working? what the literature tells us," Economic Innovation Group, Tech. Rep., Oct. 2023.
- 7 B. Glasner, "The effects of noncompete agreement reforms on business formation: A comparison of hawaii and oregon," Economic Innovation Group, Tech. Rep., Mar. 2023.
- 8 B. Glasner, "The minimum wage, self-employment, and the online gig economy," *Journal of Labor Economics*, vol. 41, no. 1, pp. 103-127, 2023.  DOI: [10.1086/719690](https://doi.org/10.1086/719690)
- 9 B. Glasner, R. B. Mincy, Z. Parolin, and C. Wimer, "The effectiveness of the food stamp program at reducing racial differences in the intergenerational persistence of poverty," Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Tech. Rep., May 2023.
- 10 M. Maury, S. Collyer, B. Glasner, Y. Jia, C. Wimer, and C. Yera, "Liquid assets, financial shocks, and entrances into material hardship," Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University (Robin Hood Poverty Tracker Spotlight), Tech. Rep., Aug. 2023.
- 11 B. Glasner, O. Jiménez-Solomon, S. Collyer, I. Garfinkel, and C. Wimer, "No evidence the child tax credit expansion had an effect on the well-being and mental health of parents," *Health Affairs*, vol. 41, no. 11, pp. 1607-1615, 2022.  DOI: [10.1377/hlthaff.2022.00730](https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2022.00730)
- 12 B. Glasner, "The impact of public policy on nonstandard work arrangements," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Washington, 2021.
- 13 B. Glasner, *The chinese hukou system: Structural change and political reform*, Senior thesis, Vassar College, 2016.

Agglomerations Writing Index

- 2025-12-22  [How to end low-wage work forever, Part 2: the FAQ](#)
- 2025-12-17  [The jobs chart that really has us worried](#)
- 2025-12-08  [How many manufacturing workers are there?](#)
- 2025-11-03  [Where any SNAP lapse will bite hardest](#)
- 2025-10-08  [Fat Bear Week and the Fate of the World](#)
- 2025-10-03  [Abundance: the Missing Piece](#)
- 2025-09-22  [How to end low-wage work forever](#)
- 2025-05-15  [Tariffs and Manufacturing Jobs: Three Big Problems](#)
- 2025-03-11  [Opportunity Zones: A Quiet Revolution in Housing Policy](#)
- 2025-02-07  [Transfers, deficits, and your community: How will you know?](#)
- 2025-01-21  [No, we are not producing too many STEM graduates](#)
- 2024-11-15  [The economic geography of the 2024 elections](#)
- 2024-11-08  [An inflation puzzle of the 2024 election](#)
- 2024-10-03  [Who's left out of America's retirement savings system?](#)

Code Example

- Profiles  [bnglasner | EIG-Research](#)
- 2026  **[Reproducible Research Pipeline and GitHub Standards at EIG](#)**
Economic Innovation Group (EIG)
Implemented a rigorous, fully transparent, and replicable data and analysis pipeline for public-facing economic research, and built and trained staff workflows for GitHub collaboration, code review, documentation, and reproducibility best practices.
[EIG-Research](#), [bnglasner](#)
 - 2025  **[The Impact of Opportunity Zones on Housing Supply \(Repository\)](#)**
GitHub (EIG-Research)
Difference-in-differences analysis using HUD USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies. Estimates suggest Opportunity Zones increased new residential addresses in treated low-income communities.
[Code](#), [Website](#), [PDF](#)
 - 2024  **[The Great "Transfer"-mation \(Repository\)](#)**
GitHub (EIG-Research)
County-level analysis of the growth of government transfer income as a share of personal income since 1970. Data and replication code supporting EIG's report and interactive.
[Code](#), [Website](#), [PDF](#)

Awards and Honors

- 2020  **[Pi Alpha Alpha Doctoral Manuscript Award.](#)**
recognizes outstanding student research, methodological rigor, and originality.
-  **[NASPAA Staats Emerging Scholar.](#)**
selected to present research at the NASPAA annual conference.
- 2016  **[The Agnes Reynolds Jackson Prize.](#)**
awarded for the best senior seminar paper at Vassar College.

Community Outreach

- Public Policy
- 📌 **Public Policy Advisor.** Seattle Mayor's Office & advisory team for Senator Mark Warner
Strategic advice on local legislation governing nonstandard work arrangements and the online gig economy. Consultation on COVID-19 impacts on local labor markets, independent contracting, and unemployment insurance.
 - 📌 **Public Policy Advisor.** Utah Legislative Session report on SB 233 (Flexible Benefits Working Group)
Co-developed the executive summary for an assessment of Utah's SB 233 portable benefits law. Identified key implementation challenges and recommendations to strengthen incentives and legal clarity.
- New Tools
- 📌 **Data Tools & Methodology Developer.** Washington State Employment Security Department & World Bank
Contributed to administrative data tools (including work supporting the Seattle Minimum Wage project). Developed and delivered a random forest methodology to improve analysis of incomplete survey data.

Policy, News, and Media

- Television
- 📌 CBS MoneyWatch — "More than half of U.S. workers don't have access to employer-sponsored retirement plan"
- Podcasts
- 📌 Money with Katie (Morning Brew)
 - 📌 The Ross Kaminsky Show
 - 📌 Spotlight on Poverty & Opportunity
 - 📌 Political Economy Forum Podcast (University of Washington)
- Print / Online
- 📌 New York Times; Wall Street Journal; Financial Times; Washington Post; Bloomberg; CBS News; Yahoo Finance; MarketWatch; and others.