

Presenters

Vulnerable Populations in the Pandemic Labor Market

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Purvi Sevak, Mathematica

Purvi Sevak, a labor economist and senior researcher at Mathematica, has spent nearly two decades studying the employment decisions of vulnerable populations and the role of public policy in shaping those decisions. Dr. Sevak will present information culled from national statistics to show the breadth of labor market changes and to highlight signals about which populations might be of particular concern, focusing on workers with disabilities.



Teresa Ghilarducci, The New School for Social Research

Teresa Ghilarducci, a nationally recognized expert in retirement security, will discuss the effects of the COVID-19 labor market on older workers and their prospects for a financially secure retirement. Dr. Ghilarducci is the Bernard L. and Irene Schwartz professor of economics at The New School for Social Research and the director of the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis and [The New School's Retirement Equity Lab \(ReLab\)](#).



Kelly Pavic, [Bridges from School to Work](#)

Kelly Pavich is the managing director of operations for Bridges from School to Work, a program designed to help young adults receiving special education services successfully transition into the labor force as they leave school. The Bridges program operates in 12 urban labor markets across the country, and Bridges staff have seen firsthand the effects of the recent labor market changes on the youth they serve and their families.



David Wittenburg, Mathematica

David Wittenburg, a director of disability policy research director at Mathematica, will moderate the discussion. Dr. Wittenburg brings more than 20 years of experience in developing and evaluating policies and interventions aimed at improving employment outcomes of people with disabilities. Through this work, he has gained insights into what works in improving employment outcomes.

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