

Anne Polivka to receive 2024 Julius Shiskin Award



Anne Polivka, Research Chief in the BLS Office of Employment and Unemployment Statistics (OEUS) at the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has been selected as the recipient of the 2024 Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. The Shiskin Award recognizes unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics in interpreting the economy. Dr. Polivka is recognized for her leadership in developing the Contingent and Alternative Work Arrangements Supplement (CWS) to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CWS is a crucial source of data on the growth of alternative work arrangements, including the relatively recent growth of platform-mediated work in the gig economy. Dr. Polivka is also recognized for her leadership of the modernization of the Current Population Survey (CPS), which provided improved insight into work activity, hours of work, and earnings, and for her contributions to our understanding of the labor market impacts of Katrina and Covid-19 and of the effects of manufacturers' increased use of staffing agency employees on standard measures of manufacturing employment and productivity.

Dr. Polivka is the 54th recipient of the Shiskin Award; she will be honored at events hosted by the three sponsors of the award: the Washington Statistical Society, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Section of the American Statistical Association. Dr. Polivka joined BLS as a research economist in 1987 and has been research chief in OEUS since 2004. She received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.