

## **Speakers Bios:**

### **“Assessing COVID Economic Relief: What Worked, What’s Next”**

#### **Moderator, Dr. Pia Orrenius**

Orrenius is an economist working on the labor market impacts of immigration, unauthorized immigration, and U.S. immigration policy. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Demography*, among others. She is coauthor of Beside the Golden Door: U.S. Immigration Reform in a New Era of Globalization (2010, AEI Press). Orrenius is based in Dallas, where she is Vice President at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and heads up the Micro/Regional group in the Research Department. She is executive editor of the Dallas Fed’s regional publication *Southwest Economy* and co-edited Ten Gallon Economy: Sizing up Economic Growth in Texas (2015, Palgrave MacMillan). Dr. Orrenius is also adjunct scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, Research Fellow at The Tower Center and Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center (both at Southern Methodist University) and at the IZA Institute for the Study of Labor in Bonn. Orrenius was senior economist on the Council of Economic Advisers in the Executive Office of the President, Washington D.C., in 2004–05, where she advised the Bush administration on labor, health and immigration issues. She received her Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Los Angeles and B.A. degrees in economics and Spanish from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

#### **Panelists**

##### **Dr. Marianne Bitler**

Marianne Bitler is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of California, Davis; a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research; an affiliate of the University of Wisconsin's Institute for Research on Poverty, and a Research Fellow at IZA. She received her PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1998. Her research focuses on the effects of the US social safety net on poverty, income, human capital, and health; economics of the family; economics of education; and health economics. Her work has been funded by National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, United States Department of Agriculture, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, JPal, and the National Institute on Aging. She is currently a co-editor of the *Journal of Human Resources*.

##### **Dr. Greg Duncan**

Dr. Duncan holds the title of Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of California, Irvine. He received his PhD in economics from the University of Michigan. Duncan’s recent work has focused on estimating the role of school-entry skills and behaviors on later school achievement and attainment and the effects of increasing income inequality on schools and children’s life chances. He is part of a team conducting a random-assignment trial assessing impacts of income supplements on the cognitive development of infants born to poor mothers in four diverse U.S. communities. Duncan was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2010.

**Dr. Kristen Harknett**

Dr. Harknett is a Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences and a faculty affiliate of the of Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. She previously served as a faculty member in the Sociology department at the University of Pennsylvania and a Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research at UC Berkeley. She received her PhD in Sociology and Demography from Princeton University. Kristen co-directs The Shift Project, a large-scale survey and research study of low-wage workers in the service sector, which maps the connections between schedule instability and other working conditions and worker health and wellbeing. Her research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, and the U.S. Department of Labor. Drawing on her research, she has provided invited testimony to inform federal, state, and local policymaking around fair workweek regulations, including the Federal Schedules That Work Act, and legislation in California, Washington State, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other localities. Her research also includes examinations COVID-19 mitigation practices and access to paid sick leave in service-sector workplaces, gender and racial/ethnic inequalities in working conditions, and the use of technology and surveillance in service sector workplaces.