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Christopher McLaren is a Senior Economist in Welch Consulting's Washington, DC office. Before joining Welch Consulting, Dr. McLaren was a Senior Economist at the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. His research focused on the employment outcomes of people with disabilities, the effectiveness of return-to-work policies, and improving access to and quality of disability data. He also managed large-scale research contracts, provided analytical guidance to internal policy teams, and worked with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy to assess the impact of regulatory changes on litigation costs.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Policy Analysis
Pardee RAND Graduate School
Santa Monica, California
2014

M.A., Economics
San Diego State University
San Diego, California
2005

B.A., Economics, with distinction
San Diego State University
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2003

Prior to that, Dr. McLaren was a Senior Researcher at the National Academy of Social Insurance where he led the workers' compensation research. He coordinated with public and private organizations to acquire data and perform statistical analyses to develop national estimates of workers' compensation benefits, costs, and coverage. Before joining the National Academy of Social Insurance, he was a Policy Advisor at the Decision Support Center, within the U.A.E. Ministry of Interior, where he analyzed labor, economic development, and public health and safety policies.

Dr. McLaren received his Ph.D. in Policy Analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School where he specialized in labor economics, and an M.A. in Economics from San Diego State University. While pursuing his doctorate he worked as an associate policy analyst at the RAND Corporation, primarily within the Institute for Civil Justice and the Center for Health and Safety in the Workforce, to provide rigorous, data-driven analyses to policymakers. Dr. McLaren is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance and the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Economist
Welch Consulting
Washington, DC
2021-Present

Senior Economist
US Department of Labor,
Office of Disability Employment Policy
Washington, DC
2018-2021

Senior Researcher
National Academy of Social Insurance
Washington, DC
2016—2018

Policy Advisor
UAE Ministry of Interior,
Decision Support Center
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
2012—2016

Associate Policy Analyst
RAND Corporation
2005—2012
Santa Monica, California

Related Publications

Litigation Cost Analysis: Application in Public Policy and Areas for Future Research (with Chip Bishop). U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy. 2021.

Access to Paid Leave for Family and Medical Reasons Among People with Disabilities (with Amy Fong, Taylor Rhodes, Savi Swick, and John Tambornino). U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy. 2021.

Employment of Persons with a Disability: Analysis of Trends During the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Taylor Rhodes, David Rosenblum, Savi Swick, and John Tambornino). U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy. 2021.

Improving Access to Data for Disability-Related Research (with Elliot Schreur). National Academy of Social Insurance. 2019.

Workers' Compensation: Benefits, Coverage, and Costs (2016 Data) (with Marjorie L. Baldwin and Leslie I. Boden). National Academy of Social Insurance. 2018.

How Effective are Employer Return to Work Programs? (with Seth A. Seabury and Robert T. Reville). International Review of Law and Economics, 52: 58-73. 2017.



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Related Publications (continued)

An Evaluation of the District of Columbia's Public Sector Workers' Compensation Program (with John F. Burton and Elliot Schreur). Prepared for the District of Columbia's Office of Risk Management. 2017.

Workers' Compensation Experience Rating and Return to Work (with Seth A. Seabury, Robert T. Reville, John Mendeloff, and Frank Neuhauser). Policy and Practice in Health and Safety, 10(1): 97-115. 2012.

The Frequency, Severity, and Economic Consequences of Musculoskeletal Injuries to Firefighters in California (with Seth A. Seabury). RAND Corporation. 2010.

Workers' Compensation Reform and Return to Work: The California Experience (with Seth A. Seabury, Robert T. Reville, Stephanie Williamson, Adam Gailey, Elizabeth Wilke, and Frank Neuhauser). RAND Corporation. 2010.

Conference Presentations

International Social Security Association Webinar. Virtual. 2021

Annual Disability Statistics Compendium. Virtual. 2021.

Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting: Society of Government Economists. Virtual. 2021.

Association of University Centers on Disabilities Annual Conference. Virtual. 2020.

Disability Management Employer Coalition Annual Conference. Washington, DC. 2019.

International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions Annual Conference. Williamsburg, VA. 2018.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference. Washington, DC. 2018.

Department of Labor State Workers' Compensation Forum. Washington, DC. 2016.

XX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work. Frankfurt, DE. 2014.

Youth and Traffic Safety: Challenges and Solutions Conference. Abu Dhabi, UAE. 2013.

Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety. Hopkinton, MA. 2012.