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Live webinar hosted via Zoom Webinar

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12:00 PM  Overview of National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Jobs Report Release
Andrew Houtenville, UNH-IOD, John O’Neill, Kessler Foundation

12:10 PM  nTIDE open Question & Answer period for attendees

12:20 PM  Announcements from the field of Disability Employment
Michael Gamel-McCormick, AUCD

12:30 PM  Announcements open Question & Answer period for attendees

12:40 PM  Panelist discussion
Portia Wu, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration in the Department of Labor

12:50 PM  Open Panelist Question & Answer period for attendees

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### Presenter Bios

**Andrew Houtenville, PhD** is an Associate Professor of Economics and Research Director of the Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Houtenville is extensively involved in disability statistics and employment policy research. He has published widely in the areas of disability statistics and the economic status of people with disabilities. He is the Principle Investigator on the NIDILRR-funded Employment Policy and Measurement Rehabilitation and Research Training Center. Dr. Houtenville received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of New Hampshire in 1997 and was a National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Fellow at Syracuse University in 1998/1999. He was also a Senior Research Associate at Cornell University and New Editions Consulting in McLean, Virginia.

**John O’Neill, Ph.D., CRC** is the Director of Employment Research at the Kessler Foundation. He currently serves as the Project Co-Director of two NIDRR-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC), “Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics” and “Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-Level Characteristics Related to Employment Among Individuals with Disabilities” He is a former principle investigator of the RRTC on the Community Integration of People with TBI, and worked for more than eight years on NIDRR-funded research to improve the quality of vocational rehabilitation services for persons with AIDS. For six years Dr. O’Neill sat on the NY Rehabilitation Council and was the Council’s representative working with the State vocational rehabilitation agency to create a comprehensive system of personnel development. Dr. O’Neill also directed the graduate program in rehabilitation counseling at Hunter College, CUNY for 25 years. He is a guest editor for the *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin* for an upcoming special issue on Disability, Person-Environment Interaction and Employment (Spring 2013). Dr. O’Neill is a national expert in the employment of individuals with disability. He recently joined KF as Director of Vocational Research. In this capacity, he will work with the NNJTBI as a co-investigator focused on dissemination activities regarding employment issues in TBI. Dr. O’Neill will additionally serve as a co-investigator on our site specific research project, assisting with the measurement of employment-related outcomes.
Michael Gamel-McCormick is the Associate Executive Director at the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). Prior to joining AUCD he was the Disability Policy Director and Senior Education Policy Analyst with the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions under the chairmanship of Senator Tom Harkin. For 17 years, Michael was professor and Dean of the College of Education and Public Policy at the University of Delaware, the interim chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, and the director of the Center for Disabilities Studies, Delaware’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. He has also been the director of a rural early intervention program, the director of health and education services at a large urban community services agency, the coordinator of an early childhood special education technical assistance center, and a preschool teacher.

Portia Y. Wu was sworn in as the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training in April 2014. She now leads the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in its mission to address our nation's workforce needs through high-quality training and employment programs. Working with States and territories, municipalities, labor management organizations, employers, educational institutions, fellow Federal agencies, and other partners, ETA strives to assist workers in gaining the skills and credentials needed to enter good jobs in promising industries that offer opportunities for advancement. ETA also addresses the needs of workers and businesses through the Unemployment Insurance program, which provides critical support to millions of Americans as they search for work, and through the Office of Foreign Labor Certification programs.

Wu has worked in the public, non-profit, and private sectors on a wide variety of labor issues and policies including job training, wage standards, work and family policy, immigration, pensions and retirement, and worker safety. Most recently, she served at the White House Domestic Policy Council as Special Assistant to the President for Labor and Workforce policy. From 2003 to 2010, Wu held several positions, including Labor Policy Director and General Counsel, advising Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee.

Wu is a graduate of Yale Law School and Yale College and holds a Master's Degree from Cornell University. She is originally from Albany, New York and she and her family live in Washington D.C.