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Contact information

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Education

- 2007 Rutgers University – New Brunswick, NJ
PhD Urban planning & public policy
Qualifying fields of study: Health policy, disability policy
Dissertation: *Disability, substance abuse and public disability benefits*
- 1995 University of Delaware
Master of Public Administration
Concentration: Social policy
- 1991 University of Delaware
B.A. Psychology & criminal justice

Research experience

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| 2019-present | Research associate professor | University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability |
| 2016-2019 | Research assistant professor | University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability |
| 2014 | Visiting scholar | University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research on Poverty (March 2014) |
| 2011-2016 | Project director | University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability |
| 2010-2011 | Researcher (remote) | Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Princeton, NJ |
| 2008-2009 | Research consultant (remote) | Boston University, Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation |
| 2006-2010 | Data and research manager | State of Maine, Office of Substance Abuse |
| 2005 | Summer research associate | Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ |
| 2002-2005 | Associate director | Rutgers University, Program for Disability Research, New Brunswick, NJ |
| 2001-2002 | Research associate | Rutgers University, Program for Disability Research, New Brunswick, NJ |
| 2000-2001 | Planning and evaluation chief | State of Vermont, Welfare Department |
| 1998-2000 | Research/statistics analyst | State of Vermont, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs |

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1996-1998	Project researcher	Research Triangle Institute (based in State of Maine)
1993-1995	Graduate research assistant	University of Delaware
1994	Summer research consultant	State of Maine
1994	Legislative fellow	Delaware General Assembly

Teaching experience

2018-2019	Online lecturer	Northwestern University, Speech language pathology doctoral program
2010-present	Online lecturer	Northwestern University, School of Professional Studies
2010-2011	Online lecturer	South University
2009	Lecturer	Bowdoin College, Psychology department
2008	Lecturer	University of New England, Political science department

Field experience

1991-1993	Senior family service specialist	Delaware Child Protective Services, Wilmington, DE
1989-1991	Psychiatric technician	Ramapo Ridge Psychiatric Hospital, Wyckoff, NJ

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

- 2019 42. **Brucker, D.L.** & Henly, M. Job quality for Americans with disabilities. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 50(2), 121-130. DOI: 10.3233/JVR-180994. In print April 2, 2019.
- 2019 41. **Brucker, D.L.** & Rollins, N. Commuting time and wages of American workers with disabilities. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 50(1), 13-21. DOI: 10.3233/JVR-180984. Online December 12, 2018. In print March 19, 2019.
- 2019 40. **Brucker, D.L.** & Doty, M. Community mental health worker attitudes about employment for persons with serious mental illness. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 42(1), 32-40. DOI: 10.1037/prj0000326. Online October 8, 2018. In print March 2019.
- 2019 39. **Brucker, D.L.** Variations in poverty by family characteristics for working-age adults in the United States. Forthcoming in *Family Relations*. Accepted March 15, 2019.
- 2019 38. **Brucker, D.L.** & Helms, V. Health, health behaviors, and health care utilization among adults with serious psychological distress who receive federal housing assistance. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*. DOI: 10.1007/s11414-018-09647-z. Online January 25, 2019.

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- 2019 37. Lauer, E., Henly, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Prescription opioid behaviors among adults with and without disabilities – United States, 2015-2016. *Disability and Health Journal*. DOI: 10.1016/j.dhjo.12.001. Online December 15, 2018.
- 2018 36. **Brucker, D.L.** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participation among working-age adults with disabilities who experience employment exits and entries. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*. DOI: 10.1080/19329248.2018.1537870. Online October 30, 2018.
- 2018 35. Sevak, P., O'Neill, J., Houtenville, A.J. & **Brucker, D.L.** State and local determinants of employment outcomes among individuals with disabilities. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 29(2), 119-128. Online July 11, 2018. In print September 2018. DOI: 10.1177/104420731878676.
- 2018 34. Reichard, A., Stransky, M., **Brucker, D.L.** & Houtenville, A.J. The relationship between employment and health among U.S. working-age adults with and without disabilities. *Journal of Disability and Rehabilitation*. (Online May 2018). DOI: 10.1080/09638288.2018.1465131.
- 2019 33. Sundar, V. & **Brucker, D.L.** Personal and organizational determinants of job satisfaction for workers with disabilities. *Rehabilitation Counselling Bulletin*, 62(3), 170-179. DOI: 10.1177/0034355218770272. Online April 2018. In print April 2019.
- 2018 32. **Brucker, D.L.**, Helms, V. & Souza, T. Health and health care access among adults with disabilities who receive federal housing assistance. *Housing Policy Debate*, 28(2), 248-266. Online August 2017. DOI: 10.1080/10511482.2017.1357048. Online August 2017.
Featured in: *How Housing Matters*, September 28, 2017.
<https://howhousingmatters.org/articles/many-adults-disabilities-receive-hud-assistance/>
- 2017 31. **Brucker, D.L.**, Rollins, N., & Houtenville, A.J. Striving to work. *Social Indicators Research*, 139(2), 541-558. (Online August 2017). DOI: 10.1007/s11205-017-1730-1. August 2018.
- 2017 30. **Brucker, D.L.** & Helms, V. Measuring disability. *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research*, 19(7), 257-266. July 2017. Available:
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscape/vol19num2/article18.html> .
- 2017 29. **Brucker, D.L.** & Coleman-Jensen, A. Food insecurity across the adult lifespan for persons with disabilities. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 28(2), 109-118. DOI: 10.1177/1044207317710701. June 2017.
Featured in: *OPEN MINDS weekly news wire*, October 1, 2017.
<https://www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/news/people-disabilities-2-6-times-likely-experience-food-insecurity/>.
- 2017 28. **Brucker, D.L.** The association of food insecurity with health outcomes for adults with disabilities. *Disability & Health Journal*, 10(2), 286-293. DOI: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2016.12.006. April 2017.
- 2017 27. Mitra, S. & **Brucker, D.L.** Income poverty and multiple deprivations in a high-income country: The case of the United States. *Social Science Quarterly*, 98(1), 37-56. DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12291. March 2017.
- 2017 26. **Brucker, D.L.**, Botticello, A., O'Neill, J. & Kutlik, A. Variations in social capital among vocational rehabilitation applicants. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 46, 187-194. DOI: 10.3223/JVR-160854. February 2017.
- 2016 25. **Brucker, D.L.** & Nord, D. Food insecurity among young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities: Evidence from the National Health Interview Survey. *American Journal on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, 121(6), 520-532. DOI: 10.1352/1944-7558-121.6.520. November 2016.

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- 2016 24. Sundar, V., **Brucker, D.L.**, Pollack, M. & Chang, H. Community and social participation among adults with mobility impairments: A mixed methods study. *Disability and Health Journal*, 9(4), 682-691. DOI: dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2016.05.006. October 2016.
- 2016 23. **Brucker, D.L.** & Rollins, N. Trips to medical care for persons with disabilities: Evidence from the National Household Travel Survey. *Disability and Health Journal*, 9(3), 539-543. DOI: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2016.01.001. July 2016.
- 2016 22. **Brucker, D.L.** Food security among young adults with disabilities in the United States: Findings from the National Health Interview Survey. *Disability and Health Journal*, 9(2), 298-305. DOI: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2015.10.003. April 2016.
- 2015 21. **Brucker, D.L.** & Scally, C. Linking public housing, employment and disability benefits for working-age persons with disabilities. *Housing & Society*, 42(2), 126-147. DOI: 10.1080/08882746.2015.1076130. August 2015.
- 2015 20. **Brucker, D.L.** Perceptions, behaviors and satisfaction related to public safety for persons with disabilities in the United States. *Criminal Justice Review*, 40(4), 431-448. DOI: 10.1177/0734-16815584997. August 2015.
- 2015 19. **Brucker, D.L.** Social capital, employment and labor force participation for persons with disabilities. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 43(1), 17-31. DOI: 10/3233/JVR-150751. August 2015.
- 2015 18. Sevak, P., Houtenville, A.J., **Brucker, D.L.** & O'Neill, J. Individual characteristics and the disability employment gap. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 26(2), 80-88. DOI: 10.1177/1044207315585823. June 2015.
- 2015 17. **Brucker, D.L.** & Houtenville, A.J. People with disabilities in the United States. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, 96(5), 771-774. DOI: 10.1016/apmr.2015.02.024. May 2015.
- 2015 16. **Brucker, D.L.**, Mitra, S., Chaitoo, N., & Mauro, J. More likely to be poor whatever the measure: Working-age persons with disabilities in the United States. *Social Science Quarterly*, 96(1), 273-296. DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12098. May 2015.
Cited in *United Nations Flagship Report on Disability and Development*, December 3, 2018.
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/12/UN-Flagship-Report-Disability.pdf>.
- 2015 15. **Brucker, D.L.**, Houtenville, A.J. & Lauer, E.A. Using sensory, functional and activity limitation data to estimate employment outcomes for working-age persons with disabilities in the U.S. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 27(3), 131-137. DOI: 10.1177/1044207315578949. April 2015.
- 2014 14. **Brucker, D.L.** & Houtenville, A.J. Living on the edge: Assessing the economic impacts of potential disability benefit reductions for Social Security disability beneficiaries. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 41(3), 209-223. DOI: 10.3233/JVR-140714. November 2014.
- 2013 13. Houtenville, A.J. & **Brucker, D.L.** Participation in safety-net programs and the utilization of employment services among working-age persons with disabilities. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 25(2), 91-105. DOI: 10.1177/1044207312474308. February 2013.
- 2012 12. Hagner, D., Kurtz, A., Arakelian, C., Cloutier, H., **Brucker, D.L.**, & May, J. Outcomes of a family-centered transition process for students with autism spectrum disorders. *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities*, 27(1), 40-48. DOI: 10.1177/1088357611430841. March 2012.

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- 2011 11. **Brucker, D.L.** & Stewart, M. Performance-based contracting within a state substance abuse treatment system: A preliminary exploration of differences in client access and client outcomes. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, 38(3), 383-397. DOI: 10.1007/s11414-010-9228-5. July 2011.
- 2010 10. **Brucker, D.L.** Exploring the relationship between access and retention among substance abuse treatment admissions. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 40(3), 553-576. July 2010.
- 2009 9. **Brucker, D.L.** Social construction of substance abuse and disability within public disability programs. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 20, 418-423. September 2009.
- 2008 8. **Brucker, D.L.** Prescription drug abuse among persons with disabilities. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 29(2), 105-115. December 2008.
- 2007 7. **Brucker, D.L.** Estimating the prevalence of substance use, abuse and dependence among Social Security disability benefit recipients. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 18(3), 148-159. December 2007.
- 2007 6. **Brucker, D.L.** Substance abuse treatment participation and employment outcomes for public disability beneficiaries with substance use disorders. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, 34(3), 290-308. July 2007.
- 2007 5. Gervery, R., Ratemo, M., Halper, A., Berkowitz, M., & **Brucker, D.L.** Ticket-to-Work project: Evaluation of an assertive outreach campaign to increase ticket assignment and use of the One-Stop system by SSA beneficiaries in an urban county in New Jersey. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 26(1), 79-88. January 2007.
- 2006 4. **Brucker, D.L.** Re-entry to recovery: A promising return-to-work approach for certain offenders with mental illness. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 17(3), 302-313. September 2006.
- 2006 3. Honeycutt, T. & **Brucker, D.L.** Developing a screening tool to predict disability program participation. *Journal of Rehabilitation*, 72(2), 21-31. April 2006.
- 2004 2. **Brucker, D.L.** Informing the development of employment programs for persons with disabilities: A case study analysis of the definitions, uses and implications of the idea of suitable employment. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 21(3), 137-147. December 2004.
- 2004 1. Mitra, S. & **Brucker, D.L.** The Early Intervention project: An innovative initiative to return disability insurance applicants to work. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 15(3), 159-167. December 2004.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

- 2019 Jajtner, K., Mitra, S. & **Brucker, D.L.** "Disability and poverty". In Disability in American Life: An Encyclopedia of Concepts, Policies, and Controversies edited by Tamar Heller, Sarah Parker Harris, Carol Gill, and Robert Gould. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. January 2019.
- 2019 **Brucker, D.L.** & Botticello, A. "Disability and social capital". In Disability in American Life: An Encyclopedia of Concepts, Policies, and Controversies edited by Tamar Heller, Sarah Parker Harris, Carol Gill, and Rob Gould. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. January 2019.
- 2006 **Brucker, D.** & Schmitz, R. "Chapter 1: Introduction – An overview of the legislative and labour market context for disabled workers." In Economic and social costs and benefits to employers of retaining, recruiting and employing disabled people and/or people with health conditions or an injury: A review of the evidence. (Submitted to Department of Work and Pensions, United Kingdom). Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. Available: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2005-2006/rrep400.pdf>.

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Manuscripts under review

- 2019 Jajtner, K., **Brucker, D.L.** & Mitra, S. Mid-life predictors of healthy aging and longevity: Evidence from the Panel Study on Income Dynamics. Under review with *American Journal of Public Health*.
- 2019 Mitra, S. & **Brucker, D.L.** Trends in multidimensional poverty in the U.S. Revised and resubmitted to *Economic Bulletin*.
- 2019 Henly, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Transportation patterns demonstrate inequalities in social, independent living and economic participation for working-age Americans with disabilities. Being revised for resubmission to *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice*.
- 2019 **Brucker, D.L.** & Henly, M. American workers with activity limitations are less likely to hold good quality jobs. Under review with *Industrial Relations Journal*.
- 2018 Helms, V., Coleman-Jensen, A., Gray, R. & **Brucker, D.L.** Household food insecurity and U.S. federal housing assistance, 2011-2012. Revised and resubmitted to USDA Economic Research Service.
- 2018 Sundar, V. & **Brucker, D.L.** "Today I felt like my work meant something": A pilot study on job crafting, a coaching based intervention for people with disabilities. Under review with *Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

Working papers

- 2016 Mitra, S. & **Brucker, D.L.** Income poverty and multiple deprivations in a high-income country: The case of the United States. Fordham University, Department of Economics, Discussion Paper No: 2014-05. SSRN http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2445543.

Papers under development

- 2019 **Brucker, D.L.** & Helms, V. Employment, labor force participation, and financial security for working-age persons with disabilities who reside in federally-assisted rental housing.
- 2019 Henly, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Job quality among college graduates with and without disabilities.
- 2019 Sundar, V., & **Brucker, D.L.** Job crafting among workers with disabilities.
- 2019 Mitra, S., **Brucker, D.L.** & Jajtner, K. Successful aging among persons with disabilities: Evidence from the Panel Survey on Income Dynamics. Being prepared for submission to *Journal of Aging & Health*.
- 2018 Mitra, S., **Brucker, D.L.** & Jajtner, K. Successful aging through a capability and human development lens. Being prepared for submission to *Disability and Health Journal*.

Peer-reviewed book reviews

- 2006 **Brucker, D.L.** Reviewed in *Journal of American Planning Association*, 72(1): 121-122.

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Health and Inequality: Geographical Perspectives
Curtis, S., Sage, 2004

Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor
Kim, JY, Irwin, A., Milken, J. & Gershman, J., Editors, Common Cause Press, 2000

2006 **Brucker, D.L.** Reviewed in *American Review of Public Administration*, 36(1):117-119.

How Management Matters: Street-level Bureaucrats and Welfare Reform
Riccucci, N., Georgetown University Press, 2005

Grants and contracts

- 2019-2021 Understanding food-related hardships among older Americans, University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research (funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service) (\$49,015)
Role: PI
- 2018-2023 Disability statistics and demographics rehabilitation and research training center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (\$4,374,993)
Role: Co-investigator
- 2018-2021 HUD-assisted adults with disabilities, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (\$73,039)
Role: PI
- 2018-2021 State youth behavioral health treatment implementation, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health (\$560,000)
Role: Co-investigator
- 2017-2020 Career self-management through job crafting for people with physical and mild cognitive disabilities
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (\$600,000)
Role: Co-PI, with Vidya Sundar
- 2017 Measuring community mental health staff attitudes about employment as a key component of recovery for adults with serious mental illness, UNH College of Health and Human Services (\$20,000)
Role: PI
- 2017 Workforce development plan for state youth behavioral health treatment, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health (\$90,000)
Role: Co-investigator
- 2017-2018 Successful aging among persons with disabilities and health conditions, National Institute on Aging (\$35,000)
Role: Co-investigator
- 2016 Single subject study to evaluate the effectiveness of a job crafting intervention for individuals with physical disabilities, UNH College of Health and Human Services (\$5,025)
Role: Co-investigator

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2015-2020	Employment policy and measurement rehabilitation research and training center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, Rehabilitation and Research (\$4,250,000) Role: Changed from Co-Investigator to PI in Summer 2016
2015-2018	The association of food security with economic and health outcomes for persons with disabilities, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (\$100,000) Role: PI
2014-2016	Disability, food security and SNAP participation among transition age youth (age 18-25), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (\$75,000) Role: PI
2013-2018	Disability statistics and demographics rehabilitation and research training center, U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (\$4,374,993) Role: Co-PI, with Andrew Houtenville
2010-2015	Employment policy and measurement rehabilitation and research training center, U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (\$4,250,000) Role: Project director
2008-2010	Harold Rogers prescription drug monitoring program, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$398,445) Role: Project director
2009-2010	National all schedules prescription electronic reporting, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (\$40,514) Role: Project director
2006-2009	Strengthening treatment through access and retention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (\$974,837) Role: Data coordinator
2006-2008	Advancing recovery, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$355,660) Role: Data coordinator
2006-2008	Harold Rogers prescription drug monitoring program, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$285,958) Role: Project director
2005	Early intervention: Year 5, University of Illinois, Disability Research Institute (\$84,925) Role: Project director
2003	Defining suitable employment goals for the SSDI program, University of Illinois, Disability Research Institute (\$23,760) Role: Co-PI, with Monroe Berkowitz

Grant applications (under review)

2019	Opioid use disorder among persons with disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (\$2.5 million for five years) Role: PI
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Grant applications (not funded)

- 2018 Opioid use disorder among persons with disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (\$1,461,872 for three years)
Role: PI
- 2018 Rural disability (\$400,000 over 5 years)
Submitted to University of South Dakota as a sub-contractor on a federal grant proposal
Role: PI of University of New Hampshire subcontract
- 2017 Intergenerational transmission of food insecurity among child SSI recipients (\$39,917)
Submitted to University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research
Role: PI
- 2016 Improving employment outcomes for individuals with psychiatric disabilities (\$2,500,000)
Submitted to: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
Role: PI
- 2016 Cross-state variations in food security among households that include a person with a disability (\$75,000)
Submitted to: University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research
Role: PI
- 2015 New Hampshire public mental health survey (\$122,831)
Submitted to: NH Bureau of Behavioral Health
Role: PI
- 2015 Criminal victimization among persons with disabilities (\$40,000)
Submitted to: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute on Justice
Role: PI
- 2015 The association of food security with economic and health outcomes for persons with disabilities (\$75,000)
Submitted to: University of Kentucky
Role: PI
- 2014 New Scholars award (\$19,202)
Submitted to: Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality 2014-2015
Role: PI
- 2014 Measuring the well-being of persons with disabilities (\$596,506)
Submitted to: U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
Role: PI
- 2014 Public housing authority supports for persons with disabilities (\$596,008)
Submitted to: Submitted to: U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
Role: PI
- 2014 Food security and food assistance participation among persons with disabilities in different geographic areas (\$35,000)

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- Submitted to: Purdue University
Role: PI
- 2014 Working-age persons with disabilities: Variations in food security and food assistance program participation by disability type (\$40,000)
Submitted to: University of Wisconsin
Role: PI
- 2014 Disability beneficiaries and disparities in household food behavior and SNAP participation (\$37,415)
Submitted to: University of Kentucky
Role: PI
- 2013 Multidimensional poverty and safety net participation (\$19,361)*
Submitted to: Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality 2013-2014 New Scholars Grant Competition
Role: PI
*Full grant was not funded, but travel money was provided to support participation in Scholar workshops at Stanford University during 2013-2014
- 2013 Measuring the well-being of persons with disabilities (\$600,000)
Submitted to: U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
Role: PI (with Sophie Mitra)
- 2013 Labor force participation and poverty levels of workers with disabilities (\$25,000)
Submitted to: University of California-Davis 2013-2014 Small Grants Competition
Role: PI
- 2012 Impact of medical marijuana use on health care and prescription drug costs for qualifying diseases and conditions (\$631,464 for UNH)
Submitted to: National Institute on Drug Abuse
Role: Co-PI (with Anne Rogers)

Technical reports/other publications

- 2017 **Brucker, D.L.** Community mental health center staff attitudes about employment among persons with serious mental illness. Durham, NH: University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability. November 2017.
- 2017 Coleman-Jensen, A. & **Brucker, D.L.** Adults with disabilities, especially mental health disabilities, are at a higher risk for food insecurity. *Amber Waves*. Available: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/amber-waves/2017/september/adults-with-disabilities-especially-mental-health-disabilities-are-at-a-higher-risk-for-food-insecurity/> September 2017.
- 2016 Houtenville, A.J., **Brucker, D.L.** & Lauer, E.A. Annual Compendium of Disability Statistics: 2015. Durham, NH: University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability.
- 2015 Dooha, S., **Brucker, D.L.** & Rollins, N. ADA at 25: Many bridges to cross. New York, NY: Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York.
- 2014 Houtenville, A.J., **Brucker, D.L.**, & Lauer, E.A. Annual Compendium of Disability Statistics: 2014. Durham, NH: University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability.

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- 2013 Goodman, N., Morris, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Use of the Earned Income Tax Credit among people with disabilities. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University. [http://www.researchondisability.org/docs/publications/eitc-paper-\(final\)F70500126FE0.pdf?sfvrsn=4](http://www.researchondisability.org/docs/publications/eitc-paper-(final)F70500126FE0.pdf?sfvrsn=4).
- 2008 Rangarajan, A., Wittenburg, D., Honeycutt, T., & **Brucker, D.L.** Programmes to promote employment for disabled people: Lessons from the United States. (Submitted to Social Policy Institute, United Kingdom). Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep548.pdf>.
- 2007 **Brucker, D.L.** Substance abuse trends in Maine: July – December 2006. Augusta, ME: Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2005 Piekes, D., **Brucker, D.** and Dale, S. The Florida Freedom Initiative: Literature review and logic model. (Submitted to US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation). Princeton, NJ: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
- 2005 **Brucker, D.** Early Intervention: Year Four final report. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2004 **Brucker, D.** Theoretical and practical implications of using screening tools within a new Early Intervention disability determination system. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2004 Berkowitz, M., Szymendera, S., & **Brucker, D.** Revolutionizing disability determination. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2004 **Brucker, D.** & Findley, P. Returning private disability insurance claimants to work. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2004 **Brucker, D.** & Berkowitz, M. A case study analysis of the idea of suitable employment: Definitions, uses, and implications. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2003 Honeycutt, T. & **Brucker, D.** Developing a screening tool to predict disability program participation. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2003 **Brucker, D.** Early Intervention: Year Three final report. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 2002 **Brucker, D.** Early Intervention: Year Two final report. (Submitted to Disability Research Institute). New Brunswick, NJ: Program for Disability Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
- 1998 Bonito, A., Stahl, M., Dunn, H., **Brucker, D.**, Rachal, J., Ogden, J., & Faust, M. State of Maine substance abuse treatment needs assessment, study 2: Treatment needs among adult arrestees. Augusta, ME: Office of Substance Abuse, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, State of Maine.
- 1998 Bonito, A., Stahl, M., Dunn, H., **Brucker, D.**, Rachal, J., Ogden, J., & Faust, M. State of Maine substance abuse treatment needs assessment, study 1: Alcohol and other drug household estimates. Augusta, ME:

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Office of Substance Abuse, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, State of Maine.

- 1995 **Brucker, D.** & Raffel, J. Substance use and abuse patterns of Delaware youth: Implications for treatment services planning. (Prepared for State of Delaware, Department of Health and Human Services). Newark, DE: College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware.
- 1994 **Brucker, D.** Quality assurance practices of Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation service providers. (Prepared for Office of Research, Quality Assurance, and Information Services, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, State of Maine). Augusta, ME: Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.
- 1993 Bracken, T., **Brucker, D.**, McLeod, L., Poling, M., & Wilson, R. The Village Project: Process evaluation for year two. (Prepared for Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, State of Delaware). Newark, DE: College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware.
- 1993 Bracken, T., **Brucker, D.**, McLeod, L., & Wilson, R. Final evaluation report: The Delaware community clusters against substance abuse project. (Prepared for Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families, State of Delaware). Newark, DE: College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy, University of Delaware.

Teaching

Graduate courses

- 2018-present Health and education policy (Northwestern University, Doctorate of Speech-Language Pathology, on-line)
- 2014-present Biostatistics (Northwestern University, Master of Health Informatics, on-line)
- 2013 Research methods (Northwestern University, Master of Public Policy and Administration, on-line)
- 2012-2014 Introduction to statistical analysis (Northwestern University, Master of Predictive Analytics, on-line)
- 2010-present Statistics for research (Northwestern University, Master of Public Policy and Administration on-line)
- 2011 Program evaluation (South University, Master of Public Administration, on-line)
- 2010-2011 Research and data analysis (South University, Master of Public Administration, on-line)
- 2010-2011 Public policy analysis (South University, Master of Public Administration, on-line)
- 2010-2011 State and local government (South University, Master of Public Administration on-line)
- 2010 Public and non-profit budgeting and accounting (South University, Master of Public Administration, on-line)

Undergraduate courses

- 2009 Data analysis (statistics and SPSS lab) (Bowdoin College, Psychology department), Brunswick, Maine
- 2008 Social policy and planning (University of New England, Political science department), Biddeford, Maine

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Guest lectures

2015 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability policy. Presented to undergraduate Health Policy and Public Policy class, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2015.

Course design

2018 Statistics workshop (Northwestern University, School of Professional Studies, on-line)

2018 Health and education policy (Northwestern University, Doctorate of Speech-Language Pathology, on-line)

2015 Statistics for research (Northwestern University, Master of Public Policy and Administration on-line)

2008 Social policy and planning (University of New England, Political Science department), Biddeford, Maine

Presentations

2019 Henly, M., & **Brucker, D.L.** Satisfaction with intrinsic qualities of work among college graduates with disabilities. Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, MA. March 2019.

2019 Henly, M., & **Brucker, D.L.** Job quality and considering expanding employment measures for workers with disabilities. Paper presented at the State of the Science meeting, Employment Policy and Measurement Disability Statistics, Washington, DC. February 2019.

2019 **Brucker, D.L.** Using linked Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rental housing assistance administrative data and National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) data to inform disability, employment, health, and housing policy. Review of investments incorporating administrative data for employment research, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research Washington, DC. February 2019.

2019 **Brucker, D.L.** January 2019 National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Lunch and Learn webinar. Durham, NH. February 2019.

2018 **Brucker, D.L.** & Henly, M. Job quality among Americans with disabilities. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Washington, DC. November 2018.

2018 **Brucker, D.L.** October 2018 National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Lunch and Learn webinar. Durham, NH. November 2018.

2018 **Brucker, D.L.** September 2018 National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Lunch and Learn webinar. Durham, NH. October 2018.

2018 **Brucker, D.L.** National, state and local disability employment statistics. U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration workforce development webinar: Understanding and applying disability data. (On-line). Durham, NH. May 2018.

2018 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability employment statistics. National Governors Association Learning Lab: Building an employment pipeline for persons with disabilities. Madison, WI. May 2018.

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- 2018 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability employment statistics. U.S. Department of Labor, Disability Employment Initiative project leads administrative meeting. (On-line). Durham, NH. April 2018.
- 2018 **Brucker, D.L.** & Doty, M. Community mental health center staff attitudes about employment among persons with serious mental illness. UNH College of Health and Human Services Research Conference. Durham, NH. February 2018.
- 2017 **Brucker, D.L.** December 2017 National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Lunch and Learn webinar. Durham, NH.
- 2017 **Brucker, D.L.** September 2017 National Trends in Disability Employment (nTIDE) Lunch and Learn webinar. Durham, NH.
- 2017 **Brucker, D.L.**, Helms, V., & Souza, T. Health and health services access among adults with disabilities who receive rental housing assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Presented at the Disability Statistics and Demographics State of the Science conference, Washington, DC. February 2017.
- 2016 **Brucker, D.L.** Social capital among vocational rehabilitation applicants. Presented at the Mathematica Center for Studying Disability Policy webinar: Barriers and supports to employment for state vocational rehabilitation clients, Washington, DC.
- 2015 **Brucker, D.L.** National and state disability statistics. Presented to the Maine Medical Center Vocational Rehabilitation Services annual meeting, Gorham, ME.
- 2015 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability and employment statistics. Presented to Commission on Disability and Employment, Maine Workforce Investment Board, Augusta, ME.
- 2015 **Brucker, D.L.** Food insecurity among transition age youth with disabilities. Presented at NARRTC Annual Conference, May 2015, Alexandria, VA.
- 2015 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability statistics compendium: 2014. Presented at Institute on Disability professional development session, April 2015. Durham, NH.
- 2015 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability statistics compendium: 2014. Presented at Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) membership call, January 2015.
- 2014 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability statistics compendium: 2014. Presented at Interagency Committee on Disability Statistics quarterly meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2014 **Brucker, D.L.** Disability statistics compendium: 2014. Presented at 6th Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Annual Briefing, Washington, DC.
- 2014 **Brucker, D.L.** Social capital and employment outcomes. Presented at the State of the Science conference (part of the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-level Characteristics Related to Employment among Individuals with Disabilities), Bethesda, MD.
- 2014 **Brucker, D.L.**, Lauer, E., & Houtenville, A.J. The effect of self-care and independent living limitations on the probability of employment. Presented at the State of the Science conference (part of the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Individual-level Characteristics Related to Employment among Individuals with Disabilities), Bethesda, MD.

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- 2014 **Brucker, D.L.** Food security among people with disabilities. Presented at the University of Wisconsin RIDGE food assistance seminar series, Institute for Research on Poverty, Madison, WI.
- 2014 **Brucker, D.L.** Multidimensional poverty and safety net participation. Presented at the Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality New Scholars conference, Stanford, CA.
- 2013 **Brucker, D.L.** (For Andrew Houtenville). Disability statistics compendium: 2013. Presented at 5th Annual Disability Statistics Compendium Annual Briefing, Washington, DC.
- 2013 **Brucker, D.L.** & Houtenville, A.J. Living on the edge: Estimating the potential impact of reductions in Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income benefits on beneficiaries. Presented at Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management annual conference, Washington, DC.
- 2012 **Brucker, D.L.**, Mitra, S., Chaitoo, N., & Mauro, J. Poverty and disability among working-age adults: New evidence using different poverty measures. Presented at Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management annual conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2012 Houtenville, A. & **Brucker, D.L.** Safety net and employment services participation for low-income working age persons with disabilities. Presented at State of the Science conference (part of the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Disability Statistics and Demographics), Bethesda, MD.
- 2011 Houtenville, A. & **Brucker, D.L.** Program participation after job loss and the role of disability. Presented by Andrew Houtenville at the Southern Economic Association annual meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2011 Houtenville, A. & **Brucker, D.L.** Safety net program participation and employment activities among working-age persons with disabilities. Presented at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management annual conference, Washington, DC.
- 2011 Houtenville, A. & **Brucker, D.L.** Safety net program participation for working-age persons with disabilities. Presented by Andrew Houtenville at the Mathematica Policy Forum webinar Number 15: Federal Spending for People with Disabilities: Continuing Society's Commitment While Reducing the Deficit.
- 2010 **Brucker, D.L.** Integrated approach to opiate misuse in Maine. Presented to Maine Association of Substance Abuse Providers board meeting, Augusta, ME.
- 2010 **Brucker, D.L.** Integrated approach to opiate misuse in Maine. Presented to State of Maine Child Welfare/Substance Abuse Committee, Augusta, ME.
- 2009 **Brucker, D.L.** Performance-based contracting in Maine: Differences in access and retention. Presented at Addiction Health Services Research annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **Brucker, D.L.** Performance-based contracting and changes in client engagement, retention, and completion of substance abuse treatment. Presented at the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME.
- 2009 **Brucker, D.L.**, Jiorle, K., & Churchill, J. Using process improvement in prevention. Presented at Maine Prevention Convention conference to prevention professionals. Orono, ME.
- 2009 **Brucker, D.L.** An integrated approach to addressing opiate abuse in Maine. Presented at the International Symposium on Pharmaceuticals in the Home and Environment. Northport, ME.
- 2009 **Brucker, D.L.**, Jiorle, K., & Churchill, J. Using process improvement in prevention. Presented at Healthy Maine Partnerships annual conference to public health community coalition members. Orono, ME.

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- 2008 Frazier, L. & **Brucker, D.L.** Performance-based contracting. Strengthening Treatment through Access and Retention national substance abuse treatment leadership conference call and webinar.
- 2008 **Brucker, D.L.** & Eccher, D. Benzodiazepine data trends: Comparisons between Maine's Prescription Monitoring Program and Treatment Data System. Presented at the 2008 International Symposium on pharmaceuticals in the home and environment: Catalysts for change. S. Portland, ME.
- 2005 **Brucker, D.L.** Early Intervention: An innovative solution to the problem of returning Social Security disability insurance recipients to the workforce. Presented at the Industrial Relations Research Association 57th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004 Honeycutt, T. & **Brucker, D.L.** Early intervention for disability benefit applicants: Lessons from designing and implementing a pilot project. Presented by Todd Honeycutt at the American Public Health Association annual conference, Washington, DC.
- 2004 **Brucker, D.L.** Re-entry to recovery: A promising return-to-work approach for certain offenders with mental illness. Presented at the Center for Mental Health Services and Criminal Justice Research "Re-entry to recovery: People with mental illness coming home from prison or jail" conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Berkowitz, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Early Intervention process demonstration project. Presented to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel. Washington, DC.
- 2003 Berkowitz, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Early Intervention process demonstration project. Presented to the Social Security Administration Advisory Board. Washington, DC.
- 2002 Berkowitz, M. & **Brucker, D.L.** Designing an Early Intervention demonstration project. Presented at the Disability Research Institute Annual Symposium, Washington, DC.
- 2000 **Brucker, D.L.** & Uerz, L. Program self-evaluation. Training presented to substance abuse prevention community coalitions. Burlington, VT.
- 1999 **Brucker, D.L.** & Uerz, L. Logic model and basic evaluation strategies. Training presented to substance abuse prevention community coalitions. Burlington, VT.

Posters

- 2018 **Brucker, D.L.**, Houtenville, A. & Henly, M. Employment policy and measurement Rehabilitation Research and Training Center. Presented at the at the NIDILRR 40th Anniversary celebration, Washington, DC.
- 2018 **Brucker, D.L.**, Helms, V., & Souza, T. Health and health services access among adults with disabilities who receive federal housing assistance. Presented at the NIDILRR 40th Anniversary celebration, Washington, DC.
- 2016 **Brucker, D.L.** & Rollins, N. Trips to medical care for persons with disabilities: Evidence from the National Household Travel Survey. Presented at the Transportation Research Board Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- 2015 Reichard, A., Stransky, M., **Brucker, D.L.**, & Houtenville, A. Employment and health among working-age adults with and without disabilities. Presented at APHA annual conference, Chicago, IL.

Graduate student mentoring

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University of New Hampshire, Psychology PhD program

2015-2016 Kimberly G. Phillips: “Navigating barriers at work: Exploring the perceptions of employees with disabilities” (Brucker: Committee member)

Northwestern University, Master of Public Policy and Administration program

2018 Natalie Denning: “Fixing Part D: How improving access to medications for Medicare beneficiaries requires a fundamental shift in how America insures its population and regulates prices” (Brucker: Thesis advisor/primary reader)

2016 James T. Williams: “Predictive traffic enforcement: Can predictive analytics technology lead to a reduction in traffic fatalities?” (Brucker: Thesis advisor/Primary reader)

2014-2015 Kate Ellis: “Density, destinations, and health outcomes: Spatial inequalities and corresponding Type II diabetes prevalence in Toronto neighborhoods” (Brucker: Thesis advisor/Primary reader)

2013 Aileen McEldowney: "Measuring the effects of active living: How policy change can be a vital link between physical activity and health" (Brucker: Thesis advisor/Primary reader)

Northwestern University, Master of Medical Informatics program

2017 Ellen Lis: “Empowering Cancer Patients with Information Technology-Tailored Interventions” (Brucker: Second reader)

2015 Mary Aldrich: “Can medical device integration facilitate healthcare interoperability? A perspective from the intensive care unit” (Brucker: Second reader)

Invited participant

2016 Building a better infrastructure for measuring poverty in the United States. Stanford University.

2009 Education and policy makers panel member. Prescription drugs: From health to hazard conference. Waterville, ME.

2008 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Technical consultation group participant. Developed recommendations for national efficiency measures for substance abuse treatment. Rockville, MD.

2005 National Council on Disability Consensus Validation Conference. Discussant on topic paper: Early intervention and diversion strategies as a means for stemming the growth in Social Security disability programs. Washington, D.C.

Honors

2017 University of New Hampshire, College of Health and Human Services, Excellence in Collaboration award

2014 University of New Hampshire Research and Engagement Academy participant

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2013	National Poverty Center scholarship to attend summer SIPP workshop, University of Michigan
2005-2006	Russell Tuition Award (merit-based), Rutgers University
2004-2005	Bloustein Award (merit-based), Rutgers University
1995	Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society member
1993-1995	Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Delaware

University service

2019	Scholarly Coach for the Research and Engagement Academy at University of New Hampshire
2017-2018	Member of University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability Strategic Team
2012	Master of Public Policy and Administration committee, Northwestern University

Professional service

2019	Peer review: <i>Social Security Bulletin</i>
2019	Proposal review: Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management international conference
2019	Peer review: <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>
2018-present	Peer review: <i>Public Health Nutrition</i>
2018-present	Peer review: <i>Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice</i>
2018-present	Peer review: <i>Journal of Adolescence</i>
2018	Grant review: U.S. DHHS, Health Research Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy
2018-present	Peer review: <i>Social Problems</i>
2017-present	Peer review: <i>Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin</i>
2017-present	Peer review: <i>Health Services Research</i>
2017-2018	Chair of Research Committee, National Association of Rehabilitation Research & Training Centers
2017-present	Editorial board member: <i>Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation</i>
2016-present	Peer review: <i>Housing Policy Debate</i>
2016-present	Peer review: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, <i>Economic Information Bulletin</i>
2015-present	Peer review: <i>British Journal of Industrial Relations</i>

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2015-2017	Committee member: Federal Interagency Committee on Disability Research
2015-present	Grant review: U.S. DHHS, National Institute on Disability, Ind. Living and Rehab. Research
2015-present	Peer review: <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i>
2015-present	Peer review: <i>International Journal of Human Resource Management</i>
2015	Grant review: U.S. DHHS, Health Research Services Administration
2014-present	Peer review: <i>Journal of Labor Research</i>
2014-present	Advisory Committee member: AUCD PROMISE technical assistance grant
2014-present	Peer review: <i>Journal of Disability Policy Studies</i>
2011-2014	Grant review: U.S. DOE, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research
2011	Committee member: National Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers research committee
2009-present	Peer review: <i>Journal of Substance Use</i>
2008-present	Peer review: <i>International Journal of Drug Policy</i>
2004-present	Peer review: <i>Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research</i>

Public service

2017-present	Maine Medical Center's Department of Vocational Services, Business Advisory Committee member
2012-2014	Maine State Vocational Rehabilitation Council
2012-2014	Commission on Disability and Employment, Maine Workforce Investment Board
2008-2013	Fresh Air Fund host family (Summers 2008-2013)
2008-2009	Wayside Soup Kitchen volunteer - Portland, ME
2003	Hillsborough, NJ Township Youth Services Committee member

Memberships

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management

Population Association of America