

A National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) Virtual Event  
*Employment Innovation: Improving Work for People with Disabilities*  
October 28, 2020  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

## Agenda

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:05 p.m.**      **Welcome**  
*Kristi Hill, Ph.D., Acting Director, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research*
- 12:05 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**      **Opening Remarks**  
*Lance Robertson, Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging Administration for Community Living*
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**      **Overview of the Day & Introduction of First Panel**  
*Leslie Caplan, Ph.D., Former Project Officer, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research*
- 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**      ***“Looking Back on Looking Forward”: How Yesterday’s Research Innovations Inform Today’s State of the Science in Disability Employment***
- Moderator:** *Leslie Caplan, Ph.D., Former Project Officer, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research*
- Presenters:**
- *Paul Wehman, Ph.D.*  
*Professor, School of Education’s Counseling and Special Education Director, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Virginia Commonwealth University*
  - *Judith A. Cook, Ph.D.*  
*Professor & Director, Center on Mental Health Services Research & Policy University of Illinois at Chicago*
  - *James Krause, Ph.D.*  
*Associate Dean, Research in the College of Health Professions Medical University of South Carolina*
  - *Michele McDonnall, Ph.D.*  
*Research Professor and Director National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision Mississippi State University*
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.**      **Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator:** *Leslie Caplan, Ph.D.*
- 2:20 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.**      **Break**
- 2:35 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.**      ***“Looking Forward After Looking Back”: Promising New Research Innovations in Disability Employment***

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**Presenters:**

- *Marianne Farkas, Sc.D.*  
*Director of Training, Dissemination and Technical Assistance; Clinical Professor*  
*Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation*  
*Boston University College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College*
- *Laysha Ostrow, Ph.D.*  
*Founder and CEO, Live & Learn, Inc.*
- *Peter Blanck, Ph.D., J.D.*  
*Professor, Syracuse University*  
*Chairman, Burton Blatt Institute*
- *Jill Houghton*  
*President and CEO*  
*Disability:IN*

**4:05 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion**

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**4:25 p.m.**

**Closing Remarks**

*Paul Junod*

*Vice President & Strategic HR Partner*

*Bon Secours Mercy Health*