

## Lunchtime Data Talk

# Federal Reserve Surveys of the Economic Well-Being of US Households

### Speaker Biographies



**David Buchholz** is assistant director of the Federal Reserve Board's Division of Consumer and Community Affairs in Washington, DC. He oversees the division's consumer and community development research, information management, and policy analysis units. He joined the board in 2007. Previously, he was director of applied research and innovation at the Corporation for Enterprise Development, where he managed work on financial security, affordable housing, small business, and tax policy. He was also vice president at the Self-Help Ventures Fund, where he directed a \$2-billion secondary market program that expanded responsible, affordable financing to low-income homebuyers. He was also executive director of Good Work, a North Carolina nonprofit providing loans and technical assistance to entrepreneurs. He holds a BA from Augustana College, and an MA and PhD in political science from Duke University.



**Laurie Goodman** is the center director for the Housing Finance Policy Center at the Urban Institute. This center is dedicated to providing policy makers with data-driven analysis of housing finance policy issues that they can depend on for relevance, accuracy, and independence. Before joining Urban, Goodman spent 30 years as an analyst and research department manager at a number of Wall Street firms. From 2008 to 2013, she was a senior managing director at Amherst Securities Group, LP, a boutique broker dealer specializing in securitized products. Her strategy effort became known for its analysis of housing policy issues. From 1993 to 2008, Goodman was head of Global Fixed Income Research and manager of US Securitized Products Research at UBS and predecessor firms. The UBS Securitized Products Research group was ranked number one by Institutional Investor for 11 straight years. Before that, Goodman held positions as a senior fixed income analyst, a mortgage portfolio manager, and a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She has published more than 200 articles in professional and academic journals and coauthored and coedited five books. She serves on the board of directors of MFA Financial, and is a member of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Financial Advisory Roundtable, and the New York State Mortgage Relief Incentive Fund Advisory Committee. Goodman has a BA in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, and a MA and PhD in economics from Stanford University.



**Jeff Larrimore** is a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Board in the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs. He received his PhD in economics from Cornell University in 2010 and worked for the US Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation before joining the Federal Reserve Board in 2014. His primary research focuses on public economics, income measurement, and economic inequality.



**Jeff Thompson** is a principal economist in the Microeconomic Surveys section of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. He conducts research on several topics, works on policy issues related to household finances, and is part of the team of economists that carries out the Survey of Consumer Finances. Thompson's current research projects include evaluating the contribution of income volatility at the top of the distribution to rising top income shares, exploring the racial wealth gap, evaluating different approaches to estimating unrealized capital gains, examining the role of increased top-end income inequality on increased borrowing in the rest of the income distribution, and imputing consumption into the Survey of Consumer Finances.