

DATA TALK

HOUSING SUPPLY CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Speaker Biographies



Brian Asquith is an applied microeconomist specializing in labor, urban/regional, and public economics. His research interests include the aging of the American workforce, machine learning applications in economics, housing and rent control, and the decline of mobility in the United States. Asquith's dissertation included one paper on housing regulations and mobility, one on rent control, and one on grandchildren's influence on their grandparents' labor force attachment. His rent control paper won two national awards, including the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association's Homer Hoyt Doctoral Dissertation Award. Currently, he researches why older workers, who face rising financial distress and job displacement, are increasingly less likely to relocate; the long-run consequences of antipoverty policies on disadvantaged neighborhoods; and trade and employment. He joined the W.E. Upjohn Institute of Employment Research in 2018 after being an Alfred P. Sloan postdoctoral fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Asquith received his doctoral degree in economics from the University of California, Irvine, in 2017 and studied mathematics and economics at Brandeis University as an undergraduate.



Mark Fleming serves as the chief economist at First American Financial Corporation, a leading provider of title insurance, settlement services, and risk solutions for real estate transactions. In his role, he leads an economics team responsible for analyzing, commenting on, and forecasting trends in the real estate and mortgage markets. Fleming's research interests primarily include real estate and urban economics, applied econometrics, and mortgage risk. He has published research in academic journals and in the book *Advances in Spatial Econometrics*, and he is a US patent author. Fleming has 20 years of experience in the mortgage and property information business. Before joining First American, he developed insights and analytical products for CoreLogic and property valuation models at Fannie Mae. Fleming graduated from the University of Maryland with a master's and doctoral degrees in agricultural and resource economics, and he holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Swarthmore College.



Laurie Goodman is a vice president at the Urban Institute and codirector of its Housing Finance Policy Center, which provides policymakers with data-driven analyses of housing finance policy issues that they can depend on for relevance, accuracy, and independence. Goodman spent 30 years as an analyst and research department manager on Wall Street. From 2008 to 2013, she was a senior managing director at Amherst Securities Group LP, a boutique broker-dealer specializing in securitized products, where 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, which were ranked first by *Institutional Investor* for 11 years. Before that, she held research and portfolio management positions at several Wall Street firms. She began her career as a senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Goodman was inducted into the Fixed Income Analysts Hall of Fame in 2009 and serves on the board of directors of MFA Financial, Arch Capital Group Ltd., and DBRS Inc. and is an adviser to Amherst Capital Management. She has published more than 200 journal articles and has coauthored and coedited five books. Goodman has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania and master's and doctoral degrees in economics from Stanford University.



Sam Khater is vice president and chief economist at Freddie Mac. As chief economist for the government-sponsored enterprise, he leads its researchers in providing insights and analysis on economic trends and policy issues affecting Freddie Mac and the housing market. Khater has more than 20 years of experience in housing finance research and economic forecasting expertise. Previously, he spent 11 years at CoreLogic as vice president of research and deputy chief economist. Khater oversaw producing original research and advising clients, regulators, policymakers, and investors on real estate and mortgage market trends. Before joining CoreLogic, Khater was a senior economist at Fannie Mae and an economist at the National Association of Realtors. Khater holds a master's degree in network economics from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from George Mason University.