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CAREER BRIEF

Laudan (Laudy) Aron is a Senior Fellow the Urban Institute's Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population and also co-directs Urban's cross-center initiative on the Social Determinants of Health. She has over 25 years of professional experience conducting and managing research and policy analysis on a wide range of social welfare issues relating to vulnerable populations, including: health, behavioral health, and disability; housing and homelessness; child welfare and at-risk youth; education and training, special education, and alternative education for vulnerable youth; and family violence, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking.

Her work has involved conceptualizing, implementing, and disseminating both qualitative and quantitative research that is designed to be of greatest use to policymakers, program officials, and other interested stakeholders. Drawing on diverse research methods, she has conducted national program evaluations, field research, survey designs, data analyses, and reviews of the literature for many foundations and federal agencies, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the National Council on Disability, the Social Security Administration, the National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, Justice, and Housing and Urban Development.

Laudy has been with the Urban Institute since 1992. In 2007 she was recruited by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to lead a major evaluation of publicly-funded mental health services, and in 2009 she joined the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) at the National Academy of Sciences where she directed several high-profile studies, including a study of District of Columbia public schools (for the city of Washington, DC) and a cross-national study of health in high-income countries (for the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research at the National Institutes of Health). She returned to the Urban Institute in late 2012. In 2013 she was appointed to the first Board of Visitors of Howard University's School of Education. She holds degrees in Mathematics (BSc) from McGill University and Demography (MA) from the University of Pennsylvania and is fluent in French and Farsi.

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- 2009 - 2012 Senior Program Officer and Study Director, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, The National Academies (www.nas.edu)
- 2007 - 2009 Director of Policy Research, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Arlington, VA (www.nami.org)
- 1992 - 2007 Senior Research Associate, Center on Labor, Human Services and Population, The Urban Institute, Washington, DC (www.urban.org)
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