

THE POWER OF EVICTION DATA: PUTTING RESIDENTIAL INSTABILITY NUMBERS INTO PUBLIC HANDS

Speaker Biographies

Matthew Desmond is a professor in the Department of Sociology at Princeton University. After receiving his PhD from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, he joined the Harvard Society of Fellows as a junior fellow. He is the author of four books, including *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Carnegie Medal, and the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction. The principal investigator of the Eviction Lab ([@evictionlab](https://evictionlab.org)), Desmond focuses on poverty in America, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography. He is the recipient of a MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship, the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award, and the William Julius Wilson Early Career Award. A contributing writer for the *New York Times Magazine*, Desmond was listed in 2016 among the Politico 50, one of “50 people across the country who are most influencing the national political debate.”

Diana Elliott is a senior research associate in the Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population at the Urban Institute. Her work focuses on families’ financial security and economic mobility and the programs and policies that support them, including housing affordability, apprenticeships, and financial empowerment. She was previously research manager of the Pew Charitable Trusts’ work on financial security and economic mobility, where she was instrumental in fielding a major national survey on American family finances and publishing numerous reports and briefs about the state of financial well-being and economic mobility in the United States. Before joining Pew, Elliott was a family demographer in the fertility and family statistics branch in the Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division at the US Census Bureau. Elliott holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Carlos Manjarrez is director of the Office of Data Governance and Analysis at the Legal Services Corporation. He manages a team that gathers and analyzes data to monitor civil legal aid and identify gaps in service for vulnerable populations. Previously, Manjarrez was principal of NovaKultura Consulting, an arts and culture consulting firm. He is the founding director of the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation at the Institute of Museum and Library Studies. Manjarrez also was a research associate at the Urban Institute, where he worked for the Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center and the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, which is teaching the community development field to look more closely at cities to focus scarce resources and measure impact. He has a BA in sociology and Latino studies from the University of Michigan, an MA in sociology from Northwestern University, and a PhD in urban and regional planning from the University of Maryland.

Johanna Shreve is the chief tenant advocate of the District of Columbia. She created this government agency, whose primary mission is the legal protection of District tenants, created educational products, and designed and coordinated community-based programs. In addition, the office is responsible for administering a citywide emergency housing program.

Margery Austin Turner is senior vice president for program planning and management at the Urban Institute, where she leads efforts to frame and conduct a forward-looking agenda of policy research. A nationally recognized expert on urban policy and neighborhood issues, Turner has analyzed issues of residential location, racial and ethnic discrimination and its contribution to neighborhood segregation and inequality, and the role of housing policies in promoting residential mobility and location choice. Among her recent publications is the book *Public Housing and the Legacy of Segregation*. Before joining Urban, Turner was deputy assistant secretary for research at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from 1993 through 1996, focusing HUD's research agenda on the problems of racial discrimination, concentrated poverty, and economic opportunity in America's metropolitan areas. During her tenure, HUD's research office launched three major social science demonstration projects to test different strategies for helping families from distressed inner-city neighborhoods gain access to opportunities through employment and education. Turner has a BA in political science from Cornell University and an MA in urban and regional planning from the George Washington University.