

Disability Law and Policy, Present and Future

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Reviewing previous research efforts, this session sets out a blueprint for the role of research, policy, and law in advancing the civic, economic and social participation of persons with disabilities in a global society. It reviews past public policy efforts and research findings regarding workers with disabilities. It discusses current and future research initiatives on the cutting edge of promoting successful employment outcomes for people with disabilities. The discussion presents promising research methodologies in multidisciplinary field disability and employment research. Finally, our presenter will put forth challenges and opportunities for research, policy, and legal initiatives, framing a blueprint for the next quarter century.

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- I. Past Research on Employment and People with Disabilities
 - A. The Medical and Civil Rights Models of Disability
 - B. The Supply and Demand Sides of Employment for People with Disabilities
- II. Present Research on Employment and People with Disabilities
 - A. Employer Demand
 - B. Technology: Updating the Social-Civil Rights Model
 1. IT Works
 - a) Accessible Open Source Software for Business
 - b) Technical Support Jobs
 - c) Media and Communications Initiatives
 2. Technology for Independence
 3. Technology Enhanced Learning Communities
- III. Promising Methodological Paradigms for Disability Research
 - A. Participatory Action Research
 - B. Experimental Research Efforts
 - C. Attitudes Toward Persons with Disabilities and Employment
Discrimination: Field-Based, Experimental BBI Research
- IV. A Blueprint for the Next 25 Years
 - A. Research
 - B. Policy
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Conclusion