

Janelle Jones

Work Experience

Groundwork Collaborative

October 2018 – present

Managing Director of Policy and Research

- Member of executive leadership team building and leading Groundwork Collaborative staff to advance an economic vision that delivers meaningful opportunity and prosperity.
- Develop strategy, create organizational policy, and conduct original research to support a progressive coherent worldview of the economy. Author of high-level research reports cited by members of Congress and in media outlets including *NPR*, *The New York Times*, *Vox*, among others.
- Mentor, guide, and develop policy and data analysts to support the research and policy needs of our advocacy campaigns.
- Manage a team of between 3 and 5, senior and junior, level staff.
- Manage the organizational budget of more than \$5 million with other members of executive leadership team and solely responsible for separate project budgets of up to \$1 million.
- Manage the workflow of the policy and research team, provide strategic input on team projects and workplans, and develop new ideas for projects.

Economic Policy Institute

August 2016 – October 2018

Economic Analyst

- Labor market analysis on a range of topics including economic justice, race and ethnic inequalities, state-wide economic agendas, etc.
- Detailed work with Current Population Survey, Survey of Consumer Finance, Quarterly Workforce Indicators, and other microdata sets in STATA and SAS.
- Experience communicating economic concepts in writing and to news outlets including *The New Yorker*, *The Economist*, *Harper's*, and *The Washington Post*.
- Mentor and teach junior level research assistants on specific projects, reports, and technical skills.

Bureau of Economic Analysis

March 2016 – August 2016

Economist

- Researcher in the Industry Economist Accounts directorate.
- Prepare annual and benchmark Input-Output accounts and the GDP by Industry statistics within Personal Services and Government branch.
- Revise and analyze Industry Accounts statistics.

Center for Economic and Policy Research

May 2011 – July 2014

Research Associate

- Work with team of economists with a focus on domestic labor-market issues.
- Responsibility for maintaining, updating, and improving organization's core data sets including the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey; also work with proprietary datasets, including establishment-level data from the American Hospital Association.
- Authored reports and issue briefs on job quality, long-term unemployment, low-wage workers, and other topics.

Peace Corps
Small Business Development Volunteer

June 2009 – May 2011

- Worked with local community in Lunahuana, Peru to strengthen infrastructure and encourage economic opportunities.
- Taught technical skills and basic business skills to local business and government leaders, youth, and community association members.
- Established a community bank with local women.
- Organized an HIV/AIDS awareness campaign for high school students and community members.

AmeriCorps*VISTA

August 2007 – August 2008

- Community Health Specialist at a Family Resource Center providing health education to low-income communities in Sacramento County, California.
- Organization liaison responsibilities included facilitating community meetings, fundraising, and leadership training.

Education

Duke University

August 2014-February 2016

Sanford School of Public Policy Doctoral Program

- Coursework included learning a core set of social science ideas relevant to public policy, such as theories of collective action, institutions and governance.
- Learned broad framework for evaluating market, political and social failures; identifying possible policy interventions; and predicting the ways in which such interventions would translate into policy outcomes.
- Study included normative and analytical bases to evaluate the public good, tradeoffs between efficiency and equity, political legitimacy and justice.
- Labor economics courses covering labor supply, labor demand, human capital, and wages with a goal to learn the empirical tools of the field and understand the literature.
- Relevant PhD Level coursework: Microeconomics, Statistics and Data Analysis, Policy Analysis, Labor Economics, Political Economy of Public Policy

Illinois State University

M.A. Applied Economics, 2010

- Concentration: Applied Community and Economic Development; GPA: 3.82/4.00
- Relevant Coursework: Fundamentals of Econometrics, Microeconometrics, Advanced Microeconomic Theory, Advanced Macroeconomic Theory, Graduate Research in Applied Economics

Duke University

Summer 2006

American Economic Association Summer Program

- Used hedonic pricing models and econometric techniques to demonstrate the relationship between racial composition and housing prices in Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).

Spelman College

B.S., Mathematics, 2006

- *Magna Cum Laude*
- Minor: Economics

Selected Publications

- Jared Bernstein and **Janelle Jones**. Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. “The Impact of the COVID19 Recession on the Jobs and Incomes of Persons of Color.” June 2020.
https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/6-2-20bud_0.pdf
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- Janelle Jones** and John Schmitt. *The Review of Black Political Economy*, vol. 42, no. 1-2 (2015). “Trends in Job Quality for African-American Workers, 1979-2011”
- John Schmitt and **Janelle Jones**. *New Labor Forum*, vol. 21, no. 2: 57-65. “America’s ‘New Class’: A Profile of the Long-Term Unemployed,” June 2012.
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- Jared Bernstein and **Janelle Jones**. *The Washington Post*. “The Federal Reserve could help make the job market fairer for black workers.” June 2020.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/06/15/federal-reserve-could-help-make-job-market-fairer-black-workers/>
- Marketplace*. “Are Black women being “centered” in this economy yet?”. November 2020.
<https://www.marketplace.org/2020/11/23/are-black-women-being-centered-in-this-economy-yet/>
- Marketplace*. “Why centering Black women in the economy could benefit everyone.” September 2020. <https://www.marketplace.org/2020/09/01/why-centering-black-women-in-the-economy-could-benefit-everyone/>
- The Indicator from Planet Money*, NPR. “Black Workers and the Fed.” June 2020.
<https://www.npr.org/2020/06/24/883110397/black-workers-and-the-fed>
- Code Switch*, NPR. “Location! Location! Location!” April 2018.
<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/11/601131468/location-location-location>
- FT News Briefing*, Financial Times. “Brexit optimism, coronavirus hits Senegal oil projects, targeting black unemployment in the US.” June 2020.
<https://www.ft.com/content/d60ddb7f-9da4-44ec-aa9f-9205bfcc25f5>
- Janelle Jones. *Barron’s*. “The Virus Revealed a Rot in the American Economy.” March 2020.
<https://www.barrons.com/articles/austerity-economics-wont-cure-the-coronavirus-51583766588>

Other Publication, Reports, and Commentary

- November 2020. Janelle Jones and Sabina Lee. "What Does This Economic Recession Mean for Black People?" *AphroChic*, Vol. 2, Issue 1.
<https://www.aphrochic.com/product/aphrochic-magazine-vol-2-issue-1-digital/>
- October 2020. Janelle Jones. "The Failed Economics of Care Work." *The American Prospect*.
<https://prospect.org/familycare/the-failed-economics-of-care-work/>
- July 2020. Janelle Jones. "We Are the Economy: Building from the Ashes of COVID-19." *AphroChic*, Issue #4. <https://www.aphrochic.com/product/aphrochic-magazine-issue-no-4-digital-edition/>
- July 2020. Janelle Jones. "Black Women Best." *Data For Progress*.
<https://www.dataforprogress.org/blog/2020/7/15/black-women-best>
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- May 2020. Sammi Abinder and Janelle Jones. "Four Priorities for Effective and Equitable Legislation for Economic Relief." *Groundwork Collaborative*.
<https://groundworkcollaborative.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/GWC2024-Four-Priorities.pdf>
- July 2018. Julia Wolfe, Janelle Jones, and David Cooper. "'Fair workweek' laws help more than 1.8 million workers." *Economic Policy Institute*. <https://www.epi.org/publication/fair-workweek-laws-help-more-than-1-8-million-workers/>
- July 2018. Janelle Jones and Heidi Shierholz. "Right-to-work is wrong for Missouri." *Economic Policy Institute*. <https://www.epi.org/publication/right-to-work-is-wrong-for-missouri-a-breadth-of-national-evidence-shows-why-missouri-voters-should-reject-rtw-law/>
- February 2018. Janelle Jones, John Schmitt, and Valerie Wilson. "50 years after the Kerner Commission." *Economic Policy Institute*. <https://www.epi.org/publication/50-years-after-the-kerner-commission/>
- February 2018. Valerie Wilson and Janelle Jones. "Working harder or finding it harder to work." *Economic Policy Institute*. <https://www.epi.org/publication/trends-in-work-hours-and-labor-market-disconnection/>
- February 2018. Janelle Jones and Ben Zipperer. "Unfilled promises: Amazon fulfillment centers do not generate broad-based employment growth." *Economic Policy Institute*.
<https://www.epi.org/publication/unfulfilled-promises-amazon-warehouses-do-not-generate-broad-based-employment-growth/>
- January 2018. David Cooper and Janelle Jones. "Our analysis of January 1 state minimum wage changes understated the total increase in wages for workers throughout the country." *Economic Policy Institute*. <https://www.epi.org/blog/our-analysis-of-january-1-state-minimum-wage-changes-understated-the-total-increase-in-wages-for-workers-throughout-the-country/>
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