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Christopher J. O'Leary is a senior economist at the Upjohn Institute. His research is focused on public employment policy. On unemployment insurance (UI) has examined benefit financing, experience rating, benefit adequacy, profiling, partial benefits, reemployment bonuses, personal reemployment accounts, work-sharing, and use by older workers in the United States. He has evaluated active labor market policies including job training, wage subsidies, public works, self-employment, and employment service programs for labor ministries in Brazil, Canada, China, Hungary, Poland, and Serbia. For the U.S. departments of Labor, Agriculture, and Health and Human Services he has developed targeting models for reemployment services; conducted simulations of personal reemployment accounts; and done analysis of cross program usage between UI, welfare, food stamps, and employment services. His work has relied on randomized trials in field experiments, survey data, and administrative records from Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington. His research has been sponsored by the World Bank, ILO, AARP, OECD, and the Inter-American Development Bank. His papers have been published in American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Economics of Transition, Applied Economics, Monthly Labor Review, International Labour Review, and New England Economic Review. He is co-author of Manual on Evaluation of Labour Market Policies in Transition Economies, and co-editor of research volumes on unemployment insurance, job training, and employment services. He completed undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts—Amherst and earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Arizona. In 1999, he was elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance.

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RESEARCH CONFERENCES (Organized and Hosted)

Job Training and Labor Exchange Services in the United States.

Jointly sponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and the U.S. Department of Labor, September 19–21, 2002, Augusta, MI.

Targeting Employment Services.

Jointly sponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and the U.S. Department of Labor, April 30–May 1, 1999, Kalamazoo, MI.

Unemployment Insurance in the United States: Analysis of Policy Issues.

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Upjohn Institute. Jointly sponsored by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and the U.S. Department of Labor, June 15–17, 1995, Kalamazoo, MI.

Technical Working Groups (TWG) for the U.S. Department of Labor

- 2016 Served on Technical Working Group (TWG) to design an evaluation of UI payment accuracy in the US.
- 2013–2017 Served on USDOL TWG to monitor a Mathematica survey to study the adequacy UI benefit payments and reemployment wages after UI.
- Served on USDOL TWG to monitor an Impaq evaluation study of UI and public employment programs for older workers.

STUDY TOURS (Organized and Hosted)

- May 2005 Six employment policy experts from the Republic of Serbia to Hungary. For the Serbians to learn about the implementation and operation of the Hungarian system for performance indictor which has operated continuously since 1994 and is now harmonized with European Union standards. This tour was organized in cooperation with the Hungarian National Employment Office (NEO) and paid for directly by the World Bank loan to the Serbian employment fund.
- April 1996 Five employment policy experts from Hungary to Washington, DC and Michigan. This tour is summarized in "Learning About Employment Policy in North America: Study Tours by Hungarian Experts," a report to the Hungarian Minster of Labor, Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. This tour was provided under a grant from the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, to "Develop Methods for Cost Effective Use of Employment Programs in Hungary."
- June 1995 Three employment policy experts from Hungary visited (among other places): The Ministry of Human Resources Development and Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada; the W.E. Upjohn Institute, Kalamazoo, MI; and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Chicago, IL. This tour was provided under a grant from the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor to "Develop Methods for Cost Effective Use of Employment Programs in Hungary."
- Nov. 1994 Four employment policy experts from Poland visited (among other places): the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI; Human Resources Development Canada, Ottawa, Canada; and the U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC. Funding was provided by the Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy using money from a World Bank loan, under the contract to "Develop Guidelines for a Management Information System for Employment Programs."
- May 1993 Four employment policy experts from Poland spent two months in Kalamazoo, MI, attending employment policy seminars at the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research and enrolled as graduate students at Western Michigan University studying Management Information Systems Architecture and English as a second language. Funding was provided by the Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy using money from a World Bank loan, under the contract to "Develop Guidelines for a Management Information System for Employment Programs."

Sept. 1992 Four employment policy experts from Hungary visited (among other places): the U.S. Department of Labor, the Bureau of Labor Statistics; the U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC; and the Ministry of Employment and Immigration, Ottawa, Canada. This tour was provided under the grant from the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, to "Develop Methods for Cost Effective Use of Employment Programs in Hungary."

COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT

Labor Economics, Econometrics, Money and Banking, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Survey of Economic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, and Business Statistics I and II.

OCCASIONAL REFEREE

American Economic Review
American Economist
Applied Economics
European Economic Review
Industrial and Labor Relations
Review Journal of Human Resources

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association
Association for Public Policy Management and Analysis
National Academy of Social Insurance [elected to membership in 1999]

SCHOLARHIPS

Fall 1973–Spring 1977 Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Undergraduate Scholarship

Fall 1977-Spring 1984 University of Arizona, Graduate Assistant tuition waiver

Summer 1986 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Special Summer Program Scholarship

[Courses attended: Discrete Choice Analysis: Theory and Applications;

Instructors:

Daniel McFadden, Moshe Ben-Akiva, and Steven Lerman.]

COMMUNITY SERVICE

May 1994-present 501 Alliance-U

Member,

501 Alliance—Unemployment Service for Non-Profit Agencies, Michigan. Board of Directors, Member of the executive committee and chair of the rate

committee.

1994–1998 Industrial Relations Research Association, Southwestern Michigan Chapter.

Member, Executive Committee President, 1997

March 1992–1998 Kalamazoo Governmental Employees Federal Credit Union. Member, Board of

Directors