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LeaAnne DeRigne's area of research expertise is in paid sick leave, flexible work, vacation time, and pensions.

Biography

LeaAnne DeRigne earned her Ph.D. and MSW in social work from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, as well as a B.S. degree in psychology from Missouri State University. She taught as a visiting professor from 2006-2008 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis after completion of her Ph.D. in 2006. She worked as a lobbyist and policy analyst in Washington, D.C. and the Missouri State Capitol for five years following completion of her MSW. DeRigne is an expert on paid sick leave and its impact on the health and financial security of individuals, families and public health in general. Her recent research on the importance of paid sick leave benefits has received wide press coverage, and has been cited around the country by policymakers, lobbyists, and advocates pushing cities and states to mandate sick leave coverage. Key findings from the study, which are representative of the nation, showed that regardless of income, age, race, occupation, full-time or part-time work status, health status or health insurance coverage, workers without paid sick leave were three times more likely to delay medical care than were workers with paid sick leave. She also conducts research on other workplace benefits such as flexible work, vacation time and pensions. She also conducts research on other workplace benefits such as flexible work, vacation time and pensions.

Areas of Expertise

vacation time, Pensions, Health Care Policy, Labor Market Participation, Sick Leave, Flexible Work

Education

Washington University in St. Louis

Ph.D. Social Policy and Social Work

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