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## Biography

Kahn is a Professor of Economics at the University of Rochester. Her research focuses on labor economics with interests in organizations and education. Her most recent work uses data on job vacancy postings to examine whether the Great Recession accelerated technological change, exacerbating polarization of the U.S. economy. She has also developed a methodology for measuring the contributions of employer learning and productivity evolution in determining life-cycle earnings. In previous work, she examined the consequences of graduating from college in an economic downturn, finding surprisingly long-lasting, negative wage effects. That paper won the award for the best paper published in Labour economics in 2010/11. She was previously an associate professor of economics at Yale School of Management. From 2010 to 2011 Kahn served on President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers as the senior economist for labor and education policy. She has also been a visiting fellow at Brookings Institution and is currently a Faculty Research Fellow at NBER and an IZA Research Fellow.

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## Areas of Expertise

Economic Downturns, Contract Theory, Economics of Organizations

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## Affiliations

IZA Institute of Labor Economics

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## Education

**University of Chicago**
A.B. Economics

**Harvard University**
M.A. and Ph.D. Economics

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