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Chris O'Leary's research on unemployment insurance (UI) has examined experience rating, benefit adequacy, profiling, partial benefits, and reemployment bonuses. His research on bonuses and UI partial benefits has involved large field experiments with random trials in Washington State.

Dr. O'Leary has evaluated job training, wage subsidies, public works, self-employment, and employment service programs for labor ministries in Canada and the economic transition countries of Hungary, Poland, Serbia, and China.

For the U.S. Department of Labor, O'Leary developed a prototype Frontline Decision Support System for One-Stop Career Centers under the Workforce Investment Act and analyzed practical aspects of implementing personal reemployment accounts. He examined labor market information (LMI) systems for the Canadian employment ministry. His research has also been sponsored by the World Bank, the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Currently, with support from the U.S. departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture, and using data from state program administrative records, he is examining usage of the social safety net involving unemployment insurance, cash social assistance, and nutritional assistance.

Dr. O'Leary earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a PhD in economics from the University of Arizona. In 1999 he was elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance.

For the Upjohn Institute he has been coeditor of research volumes on unemployment insurance, job training, the public labor exchange, and targeting employment services.

His other publications include:

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