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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Over 25 years directing federal program evaluations, technical assistance, and policy research in disability, employment, and human services. Served as project director or principal investigator on more than 20 federally funded studies spanning disability, employment, health, and human services agencies. Managed a national disability research portfolio of up to \$80 million at Mathematica and a social policy practice of up to \$60 million at Westat, spanning federal, state, and foundation clients across multiple human services domains. Led multidisciplinary teams of up to 120 staff. Testified before the U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means (2011) on child SSI policy. Served on two National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) committees (2017–2024). Published more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles and over 50 technical reports on disability benefits policy, employment programs, and youth transitions.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Syracuse University, 1997
B.A., Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 1991

EXPERTISE, METHODS, AND PARTNERS

Topical Areas of Subject-Matter Expertise

Disability Benefits and Work Incentives; Competitive Integrated Employment; Workforce Retention and Return to Work; Youth Transition, Foster Care; Disability Statistics and Demographics; Income Support and Safety Net Programs

Methods and Technical Capabilities

Random Assignment and Quasi-Experimental Evaluation; Process and Implementation Studies; Rapid-Cycle Evaluation; Mixed-Methods Research; Survey and Administrative Data Analysis and Linkage; Technical Assistance and Expert Convening

Representative Funders and Partners

Social Security Administration; U.S. Department of Labor; Rehabilitation Services Administration; National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research; Administration for Community Living; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Railroad Retirement Board; State of California; UK Department for Work and Pensions; Peterson Center on Healthcare; American Association of Retired Persons; National Governors Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wittenburg Consulting

Strategic Advisor & Consultant

March 2026–Present

Provides independent consulting in disability policy, employment, and human services, with a focus on evaluation design, policy analysis, and organizational strategy for federal, state, and foundation partners. Draws on experience directing more than 20 federally funded studies to guide research design, program implementation, and evidence-based practice.

Westat

May 2024–March 2026

Vice President and Practice Director, Social Policy

Led a social policy practice of up to \$60 million across five program areas in disability, employment, and human services. Managed approximately 120 staff, with direct oversight of 20+ senior staff and project leaders. Directed a reorganization of the practice, clarified senior leadership roles, and built tracking systems for business development, staffing, and quality review.

Selected Projects

► **Senior Advisor, Disability Innovation Fund (DIF) Evaluation and Technical Assistance (RSA/U.S. Department of Education, 2024–2026).** Dr. Wittenburg served as senior advisor on Westat's evaluation and technical assistance contract for the RSA Disability Innovation Fund priority on Creating a 21st Century Workforce of Youth and Adults with Disabilities (Assistance Listing 84.421F), which funds model demonstration projects that transition youth and adults with disabilities to competitive integrated employment. Westat led a team including Abt Global, New Editions, and the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation to conduct mixed-methods project evaluations and develop fidelity measurement tools. The resulting tools and evidence inform RSA's national strategy for advancing CIE.

Mathematica

2005–2024

*Senior Fellow (2022–2024)**Senior Director, Disability Business Development & Area Director (2014–2022)**Senior Researcher (2005–2014)*

Advanced from senior researcher to project director on major SSA demonstrations, building a record that led to the Disability Area Director role. As area director, directed business development for disability project work across SSA, NIDILRR/ACL, RSA, and the Railroad Retirement Board. Managed a national disability research portfolio of up to \$80 million and led proposal efforts on awards of \$20–\$30 million. As senior fellow, expanded into state and foundation work, including California's Youth Behavioral Health Initiative and Peterson Foundation evaluations.

Selected Projects

► **Project Director, RETAIN (Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network) Evaluation (SSA/DOL, 2018–2024).** Dr. Wittenburg directed the RETAIN evaluation for SSA and the U.S. Department of Labor, testing early intervention approaches to keep workers with new injuries or illnesses in the labor force. He led evaluation technical assistance for state program development in Phase 1 and directed the Phase 2 evaluation of selected state programs. The evaluation demonstrated the feasibility of state-level stay-at-work/return-to-work models and identified program design features, such as employer engagement and clinical integration, associated with stronger uptake. The project continues beyond Dr. Wittenburg's tenure at Mathematica.

► **Project Director, California Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Evaluation (State of California, 2023–2024).** Dr. Wittenburg led the design phase of the CYBHI evaluation, a \$4.7 billion initiative to restructure California's youth behavioral health ecosystem. He led a team that developed data collection protocols, logic models, evaluation frameworks, and a Results-Based Accountability dashboard. The evaluation continues beyond Dr. Wittenburg's tenure at Mathematica.

► **Project Director, Promoting Opportunity Demonstration (POD) (SSA, 2015–2022).** Dr. Wittenburg directed the POD evaluation for SSA, a randomized controlled trial testing simplified work incentives and a benefit offset for over 10,000 SSDI beneficiaries. He oversaw process, participation, impact, and cost-benefit analyses across the 5-year study. The evaluation found modest gains in earnings above the substantial gainful activity threshold but also revealed persistent problems with earnings reporting and improper payments.

► **Project Director, Project Arkansas eConsultations (PARC) Evaluation (Peterson Center on Healthcare, 2022–2023).** Dr. Wittenburg directed the summative evaluation of an asynchronous eConsult system enabling primary care providers to obtain specialist input electronically. He led analysis of private

commercial claims data on participation and patient outcomes. The evaluation found that eConsults reduced specialist referral wait times and identified pathways to cost reduction in rural and underserved areas.

- ▶ **Co-Project Director, Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND) (SSA, 2010–2016).** Dr. Wittenburg co-directed the evaluation of BOND, a random assignment demonstration testing benefit offset and other work incentive changes for SSDI beneficiaries at 10 sites. He led follow-up survey design and contributed to process, participation, and impact reports. The study found that the benefit offset did not increase earnings, providing direct evidence that incremental work incentive changes alone are insufficient to change employment behavior among current beneficiaries.
- ▶ **Project Director and Principal Investigator, Accelerated Benefits Demonstration (SSA/MDRC, 2005–2011).** Dr. Wittenburg directed Mathematica's subcontract to MDRC, serving as one of three PIs on a random assignment demonstration testing early access to health insurance for new SSDI beneficiaries. The study also offered care management, employment support, and benefit counseling. The final report found that removing the 24-month Medicare waiting period increased health care utilization and reduced unmet medical needs, though employment effects were limited in the first year.
- ▶ **Senior Researcher and Evaluation Site Leader, Youth Transition Demonstration (YTD) Projects (SSA, 2005–2014).** Dr. Wittenburg worked on the 9-year YTD evaluation, which tested intensive employment supports to improve the school-to-work transition for youth with disabilities. He led site development activities in West Virginia. The final evaluation found that sites with stronger service contrast produced larger employment gains, demonstrating that the intensity and individualization of supports were the critical design factors for transition programs.
- ▶ **Principal Investigator and Senior Researcher, Disability Research Consortium (SSA, 2013–2024).** Dr. Wittenburg provided research and quality assurance support on youth disability policy across two 5-year cooperative agreements with SSA. His work focused on child SSI participation patterns, the role of schools in driving SSI applications, and the effects of continuing disability reviews on program dynamics. The research produced multiple peer-reviewed articles and working papers informing SSA's understanding of child SSI trends.
- ▶ **Principal Investigator, StatsRRTC on Disability Statistics and Demographics (NIDILRR/ACL, 2013–2023).** Dr. Wittenburg led quality reviews of reports analyzing demographic and impairment characteristics of youth and young adults using survey and administrative data. He developed annual conference summaries and disability maps. The project produced publications improving knowledge about regional variations in disability, youth outcomes, and discrepancies between survey and administrative data sources.
- ▶ **Principal Investigator, Employment Policy and Measurement RRTC (NIDILRR/ACL, 2013–2018).** Dr. Wittenburg led research on the impact of federal and state policies on employment for people with disabilities. He directed quality reviews of publications on vocational rehabilitation outcomes, ACA Medicaid expansions, insurance coverage for workers with disabilities, and responses to disability onset in late working years.
- ▶ **Principal Investigator, SSI Youth Recipient and Employment Transition Formative Research (DOL/ODEP, 2016–2018).** Dr. Wittenburg led an 18-month design project for the Office of Disability Employment Policy, documenting promising strategies to promote sustained employment for youth SSI recipients. The project identified both smaller interventions and larger demonstration approaches suitable for federal testing.
- ▶ **Senior Advisor, Benefit Payment Program Fraud Prevention/Detection Assessment (Railroad Retirement Board, 2014–2016).** Dr. Wittenburg advised on a review of RRB's benefit-paying programs, including structured interviews with RRB leadership and staff. The project documented the existing control structure, identified areas of potential weakness, and recommended prevention and detection activities.
- ▶ **Senior Advisor, The Changing Safety Net: The Role of the Child SSI Program (ASPE/HHS, 2013–2015).** Dr. Wittenburg led site selection and policy brief development on state variations in child SSI. Activities included site visits to four states and three issue briefs. The project documented substantive cross-state and cross-county variation in SSI participation, informing ASPE's understanding of program dynamics.
- ▶ **Senior Researcher, Evaluation of the Ticket to Work (TTW) Program (SSA, 2005–2007).** Dr. Wittenburg worked with a team using SSA administrative records tracking approximately 4.7 million disability beneficiaries to assess TTW's early effects on service enrollment, earnings, and benefit receipt. The evaluation found that TTW increased enrollment in employment services but did not produce detectable early earnings gains, pointing to limitations in the program's provider incentive structure.
- ▶ **Project Director, Work Incentives Simplification Pilot (WISP) Technical Advisory Panel (SSA, 2010–2012).** Dr. Wittenburg assembled and directed a seven-member TAP that reviewed SSA's plans for WISP, a

demonstration to test major simplifications to SSDI work incentives. The panel produced recommendations that informed SSA's approach to testing benefit offset alternatives.

- ▶ **Project Director and Principal Investigator, Consultative Examinations (CE) Project (SSA, 2006–2009).** Dr. Wittenburg directed the assessment of SSA's consultative examination process, a core component of disability determination. He led all project reports and collaborated with a medical team to develop a data extraction tool. The report found that most CEs met federal requirements but identified potential inefficiencies in scheduling and documentation.
- ▶ **Project Director, RRTC on Employment Policy for Persons with Disabilities (ED/NIDRR, 2006–2010).** Dr. Wittenburg directed Mathematica's subcontract to Cornell University for a cooperative agreement on employment policy research. The project produced papers on cross-state employment trend differences and transition experiences of child SSI recipients at the age-18 redetermination.
- ▶ **Senior Researcher, UK Incapacity Benefits Pilot Study (UK Department for Work and Pensions, 2005–2006).** Dr. Wittenburg developed a comparative review of U.S. return-to-work evidence and its implications for the UK's Pathways to Work pilot. He provided ongoing evaluation support bridging evidence across the two countries' disability programs.
- ▶ **Senior Researcher, RRTC on Disability Statistics and Demographics (NIDILRR/Hunter College, 2005–2009).** Dr. Wittenburg coauthored papers on employment, demographic, and wage characteristics of transition-age youth with disabilities, including estimates of wage disparities between youth with and without disabilities.

The Urban Institute

Senior Research Associate

2000–2005

Conducted disability, income support, and workforce policy research for SSA, the U.S. Department of Education, and USDA. Projects spanned national disability statistics, child SSI transitions, food program evaluation, and analyses of overlap between low-income populations and people with disabilities.

Selected Projects

- ▶ **Project Director, RRTC on Disability Demographics and Statistics (ED/NIDRR, 2003–2005).** Dr. Wittenburg directed a subcontract to Cornell University to disseminate statistics on people with disabilities. He developed a Data User Guide from the SIPP, reviewed guides from other national surveys, and presented results at disability conferences.
- ▶ **Consultant, Job Retention and Rehabilitation Pilots (UK Department for Work and Pensions, 2003–2005).** Dr. Wittenburg developed a benefit-cost analysis and provided survey input for a random assignment evaluation of three interventions designed to increase return-to-work rates for individuals off work sick for 6 weeks or more.
- ▶ **Co-Project Director and Principal Investigator, Disability Research Institute Grant on Transition Options for Youth (SSA, 2002–2005).** Dr. Wittenburg co-directed an SSA-funded grant using National Survey of SSI Children and Families data on the transition experiences of child SSI recipients. He coauthored a report and journal article documenting transition patterns.
- ▶ **Co-Project Director and Principal Investigator, Design for the Mental Health Treatment Study (SSA, 2003–2004).** Dr. Wittenburg co-directed a contract to convene an expert panel and develop a design for SSA's planned MHTS, which examined effects of outpatient mental health treatments for SSDI and SSI beneficiaries with a primary diagnosis of mental illness.
- ▶ **Task Leader, Assessing New Federalism Project (Urban Institute, 2002–2004).** Dr. Wittenburg developed an Occasional Paper and a Series Paper using NSAF data to document the overlap between low-income populations and people with disabilities and identify gaps in the existing safety net. The work found that many low-income adults with disabilities faced substantial health and employment barriers but often did not receive consistent support from disability-targeted programs.
- ▶ **Project Director, RRTC for Economic Research on Employment Policy for Persons with Disabilities (ED/NIDRR, 2000–2005).** Dr. Wittenburg developed research papers and policy briefs on the decline in adult disability employment rates, transitions onto SSA disability programs after the economic downturn, and employment barriers facing transition-age youth. The work showed that employment declines reflected both

labor market conditions and policy context, and that youth faced fragmented supports during the transition to adulthood.

- ▶ **Principal Investigator, Recommendation to the Ticket to Work Advisory Board (SSA, 2002–2004).** Dr. Wittenburg coauthored papers on creating a more work-focused disability definition and improving transition services for youth with disabilities, and presented findings to the TTW Advisory Panel. The work highlighted both the policy tradeoffs in moving toward a more work-focused disability definition and the limited access many youth SSI recipients had to services supporting a successful transition to employment.
- ▶ **Co-Project Director and Principal Investigator, Design of a Project on Job Retention Under the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) (SSA, 2002–2004).** Dr. Wittenburg co-directed a project with Westat and independent experts to develop an intervention, survey, and evaluation design for an experimental demonstration providing Job Monitors to SSI recipients who work. The project produced a detailed design for testing whether targeted job-retention supports could help working SSI recipients maintain employment and reduce job loss.
- ▶ **Senior Researcher, Adequacy of Ticket to Work Incentives Studies and Symposium (SSA, 2001–2002).** Dr. Wittenburg wrote a paper on lessons from provider strategies in serving hard-to-serve welfare populations applicable to the TTW program, and reviewed book chapters for *Paying for Results in Vocational Rehabilitation*. The work helped frame how provider incentives and payment design could affect participation and performance under TTW.
- ▶ **Principal Investigator, Evaluation of Food Stamp Research Grants (USDA, 2002–2005).** Dr. Wittenburg managed the evaluation of 18 local food stamp outreach projects across 15 states funded by USDA. He coauthored interim and final reports and briefed USDA on findings. The evaluation identified promising outreach strategies using technology and partnerships, while also highlighting the difficulty of measuring participation effects consistently across diverse local models.
- ▶ **Co-Project Director and Principal Investigator, Data Development Initiatives for Food Assistance Programs (USDA, 2001–2003).** Dr. Wittenburg developed reports on data initiatives and a plan to link food stamp administrative data to the Current Population Survey. He briefed officials at the U.S. Census Bureau and USDA. The work showed how linked survey-administrative data could substantially improve analysis of participation dynamics, underreporting, and access among eligible nonparticipants.

The Lewin Group

Senior Associate

1997–2000

Conducted health, disability, and workforce policy analysis for SSA, AARP, and DOL. Projects covered Unemployment Insurance reciprocity trends, disability economics, and the intersection of Social Security programs with aging policy.

Selected Projects

- ▶ **Principal Investigator, Raising the Age of Eligibility for Social Security and Medicare (AARP, 1998–1999).** Dr. Wittenburg organized the data analysis, wrote the final report, and briefed AARP staff. The project produced projections for how jointly raising retirement and Medicare eligibility ages would affect SSDI participation, Medicare enrollment, and Medicare expenditures.
- ▶ **Researcher, Policy Evaluation of the Overall Effects of Welfare Reform on SSA Programs (SSA, 1997–1999).** Dr. Wittenburg conducted site visits, led matched SIPP-SSA data analysis, and wrote chapters of the design and final reports for a study developing an evaluation design for the impact of welfare reforms on SSA programs.
- ▶ **Researcher, Evaluation of DA&A Legislation Effects on SSA Programs (SSA, 1997–1998).** Dr. Wittenburg wrote sections of the design report for an evaluation of legislation prohibiting disability benefits to individuals whose disability was based on drug addiction and alcoholism.
- ▶ **Principal Investigator, Analysis of Unemployment Insurance Reciprocity Rates (DOL, 1998–1999).** Dr. Wittenburg organized data analysis, wrote the report, and briefed DOL staff. The project analyzed factors behind the decline in state UI reciprocity rates in the 1980s and their persistence through the 1990s.
- ▶ **Senior Researcher, Temporary Assistance for Low-Wage Workers (National Governors Association, 1998–1999).** Dr. Wittenburg wrote a chapter for an NGA book on income support for low-wage populations, examining relationships among work, welfare, and unemployment insurance.

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND RECOGNITION

- Testified before the Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives (2011) on SSI benefits for children.
- Member, Committee on Opportunities for Improving Programs and Services for Children with Disabilities, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) (2017–2018).
- Member, Standing Committee of Medical and Vocational Experts for SSA's Disability Programs, Health and Medicine Division, NASEM (2018–2024).
- Board Member, Vice President, and Co-Chair, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Mercer-Burlington County (2015–2024); received a New Jersey Changemaker Award for leadership advancing outcomes for children and families in foster care.
- Member, National Academy of Social Insurance (2005–present).
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation (2004–present).
- Expert Reviewer, NIDILRR Annual Portfolio Assessment Expert Review (2005–present).
- Lead, Mathematica Disability Employee Resource Group (2022–2024).
- Technical Reviewer, Canada's Manitoba Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities (2005); Canada's Summative Evaluation of the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities (2004).
- Referee for: Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Evaluation and Program Planning Journal, Industrial Relations Journal, International Journal of Disability Development and Education, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation, Policy Studies Journal, Social Science Review, Southern Economics Journal.

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2024–2026

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- Levere, M., Hemmeter, J., & Wittenburg, D. C. (2025). Local declines in child SSI applications and awards during COVID. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, online first. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10442073241289090>
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- Levere, M., Wittenburg, D. C., & Jones, J. T. (2025). Can changes in disability insurance work incentives influence beneficiary employment? Evidence from the Promoting Opportunity Demonstration. *Journal of Public Economics*, 245, 105370.
- Levere, M., Hemmeter, J., & Wittenburg, D. C. (2024). The importance of schools in driving children's applications for disability benefits. *Journal of Public Economics*, 239, 105239. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2024.105239>
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2022–2023

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- Doherty, M., Heintz, J., Leader, A., Wittenburg, D. C., Ben-Shalom, Y., Jacoby, J., Castro, A., & West, S. (2023). Guaranteed Income and Financial Treatment Trial (GIFT Trial or GIFTT): A 12-month, randomized controlled trial to compare the effectiveness of monthly unconditional cash transfers to treatment as usual in reducing financial toxicity in people with cancer who have low incomes. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 14, 1179320.

2020–2021

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- Shogren, K. A., & Wittenburg, D. C. (2020). Improving outcomes of transition-age youth with disabilities: A life course perspective. *Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals*, 43(1), 18–28.

2017–2019

- Wittenburg, D. C., Hemmeter, J., Matulewicz, H., Glassman, L., & Schwartz, L. (2018). When every dollar counts: Comparing reported earnings of social security disability program beneficiaries in survey and administrative records. *Social Security Bulletin*, 78(4).
- Cobb, J., Wittenburg, D. C., & Stepanczuk, C. (2018). Possible state intervention options to serve transition age youth: Lessons from the West Virginia Youth Works Demonstration Project. *Social Security Bulletin*, 78(3).

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2013–2016

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- Ben-Shalom, Y., & Wittenburg, D. C. (2015). Working toward success: Current evidence on employment outcomes for people with disabilities. *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 26(2), 67–69.
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2009–2012

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- Davies, P., Rupp, K., & Wittenburg, D. C. (2009). A life-cycle perspective on the transition to adulthood among children receiving supplemental security income payments. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 30, 133–151.
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1996–2008

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- Wittenburg, D. C., Hemmeter, J., & Levere, M. (2024, November). Explaining variation in child SSI receipt: The role of medical CDRs. APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C., Dale, S., Bologna, J., Rose, T., & Prisament, S. (2023, September). Project Arkansas eConsultations: Summative Report. Briefing presented to the Peterson Center on Healthcare, Washington, DC.

2019–2022

- Wittenburg, D. C. (2022, November). Lessons learned from SSA demonstrations involving youth. APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2022, October). Closing commentary. Annual Disability Statistics Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2021, June). Youth transition: Lessons learned. Lessons Learned from SSA Demonstrations: A State of the Science Meeting, Virtual.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2021, February). Closing commentary. Annual Disability Statistics Conference, Virtual.

- Wittenburg, D. C. (2020, June). Vulnerable populations in the pandemic labor market. Center for Studying Disability Policy, Virtual.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2020, February). Conference summary remarks on 2020 disability statistics. RRTC State of the Science Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2019, December). Leveraging data to inform policy and program development. 2019 Autism Speaks Health Equity Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2019, October). Autism Speaks thought leadership. 2019 Autism Speaks Thought Leadership Summit on Transition to Adulthood, Washington, DC.

2013–2018

- Wittenburg, D. C. (2018, March). Potential for behavioral interventions and evaluations to improve employment outcomes of people with disabilities. National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training, Arlington, VA.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2017, February). When every dollar counts: Comparing reported earnings of Social Security Disability program beneficiaries. Statistics RRTC State of the Science Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2016, November). State variation in benefit receipt and work outcomes for SSI child recipients after the age 18 redetermination. APPAM Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2015, February). Comparison of the U.S. and Dutch disability experience. Secretary's Innovation Group, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2014, December). Better data, incentives, and coordination: Policy options for transition-age child SSI recipients. American Enterprise Institute and Brookings Institution Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2014, November). Implications of Social Security Disability Insurance work incentive simplification approaches. APPAM Research Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2013, September). Creativity, measurement, and knowledge dissemination: Addressing challenges to implementing evidence-based practices (keynote address). Annual Vocational Rehabilitation Summit, Providence, RI.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2013, April). Balancing reform options for child SSI recipients. Disability: Inherent Problems, Practical Solutions, and Action for Reform, Brookings Institution and American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

2009–2012

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- Wittenburg, D. C. (2011, October). Testimony for hearing on Supplemental Security Income benefits for children. U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2011, September). A work first fix for the failing disability system. American Enterprise Institute Round Table, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2010, June). Best practices in providing employment supports for people with disabilities. Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2009, November). Preliminary findings from the Accelerated Benefits Demonstration. APPAM Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

2000–2008

- Wittenburg, D. C. (2008, September). Measuring employment of people with disabilities. Disability Research Forum on Employment and Work Aspirations, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2006, September). Evidence from evaluations of U.S. programmes on disability and employment. Department of Work and Pensions, Pathways to Work Evaluation Meeting, London.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2005, January). Government Accountability Office briefing on emerging disability issues. Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2003, November). Safety net or tangled web? Urban Institute's First Tuesday Policy Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Wittenburg, D. C. (2000, November). Trends in SSA programs by younger populations. Society of Government Economists, Washington, DC.

1996–1999

Wittenburg, D. C. (1999, November). Summary of findings from a literature review and empirical analysis of unemployment insurance reciprocity rates. Employment Security Agencies Interstate Conference, St. Louis, MO.

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