

LERA 21th Annual PhD Student Consortium on “Alternative Work”

(Held in conjunction with the 71st Annual Meeting of the Labor and Employment Relations Association)

All interested doctoral students are invited to attend the 21st Annual PhD Student Consortium to be held the morning of Saturday, June 15, prior to the LERA Presidential Luncheon, at the Westin Cleveland Downtown. The consortium has been a strong tradition that allows doctoral students from top universities to share their research interests and experiences and to develop relationships with others in the field. Past programs have highlighted the most current topics in labor and employment relations, and the format of the consortium allows students to both creatively discuss their perspectives on these topics, but also learn from academic and practitioner experts.

This year’s consortium will broadly highlight “Alternative Work” through the lens of alternative working arrangements—such as contracting and gig work—as well as alternative worker organizations—such as co-ops and online platforms for worker organizing. Both lenses intersect with the wider LERA annual meeting theme, “Ahead of the Curve: Challenges Posed by Technology and the New Work Force”. Planned events at the consortium include several speakers to share the academic and practitioner perspectives on alternative work, including David Weil, dean of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, as the keynote. The agenda will also include a panel of early career scholars who will discuss career and publication issues by outlining the “journey” of a paper from an early draft through submission and publication. The panel will also include the perspective of editors of industrial relations and related journals, including Rosemary Batt, editor of *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*.

Students will have the chance to register for the PhD Student Consortium at the time of registration for the annual meeting. Students who attend the consortium may be reimbursed for the \$125 early-bird student rate (deadline March 25, 2019). Additional details about the schedule and location of the consortium will be forthcoming on the LERA annual meeting website: <https://lera.memberclicks.net/phd-student-consortium-2019>.

The PhD Student Consortium cannot take place without the generous support of University programs and other funders. To sponsor the consortium, or for any additional information, please contact the consortium co-chairs: Jenna Myers (jemyers@mit.edu), Benjamin Kreider (benk77@brandeis.edu), Hyesook Chung (hc329@cornell.edu), and Bulin Zhang (bz128@scarletmail.rutgers.edu).