

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Working Group Meeting
∞ Women Working Longer ∞
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Claudia Goldin is the Henry Lee Professor of Economics at Harvard University and the director of the NBER's Development of the American Economy program. Goldin's research spans many areas, including the economic history of women, education, and inequality. In 2013/14, she was the president of the AEA. Her recent work concerns the increased employment of older women and women in the undergraduate economics major.

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Alex Gelber is Assistant Professor at the UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy. Before coming to Berkeley, Gelber worked in various roles at the U.S. Treasury Department and was an Assistant Professor at the Wharton School. His research focuses on the economic effects of public sector programs, including those that affect older Americans such as Social Security. He has also written on Head Start and taxation of married couples.

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Larry Katz is Elizabeth Allison Professor of Economics at Harvard University, a Research Associate at the NBER, co-Scientific Director of J-PAL NA and editor of the *QJE*. His long-term research program has focused on the wage structure, labor markets and social problems more generally, including an evaluation of the MTO project. He and Goldin are jointly working on several projects, including the increase of female participation at older ages.

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After 25 years at Cornell University, Phyllis Moen accepted a McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair and is Professor of Sociology at the University of Minnesota, co-directing the Flexible Work and Well-Being Center. She has published numerous books and articles on wide ranging topics including careers, retirement, health, gender, policy and families as they are institutionalized, transforming and intersecting over the life course. Moen is currently writing a book on Boomers.

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