Peter Philips is a labor economist specializing in the construction labor market. He is the nation’s recognized expert on the economics of prevailing wage laws and one of the foremost experts on the construction labor market, generally. Philips has related interests in worker safety, health economics and economic history. He received his BA from Pomona College and his MA and PhD from Stanford University. He is Professor and Chair of the Economics Department at the University of Utah. His most recent books are *Building Chaos: An International Comparison of the Effects of Deregulation on the Construction*, (with Gerhard Bosch, 2003) and *The Economics of Prevailing Wage Laws*, (with Hamid Azari-Rad and Mark Prus, 2005). Philips' most recent journal articles are "Health Insurance and Worker Retention in the Construction Industry," *Journal of Labor Research*, (with JaeWhan Kim, February 2010) and "Effect of Multiemployer Collective Bargaining on Employer-Provided Health Insurance in the Construction Industry," *Journal of Labor Research*, (with JaeWhan Kim, July 2010).

- JaeWhan Kim and Peter Philips, "Socio-Economic Factors Influencing the Failure to Measure the Blood Pressure of Children During Routine Clinical Examinations".
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- JaeWhan Kim and Peter Philips, "Remuneration and Absenteeism on a Large Construction Site".
- JaeWhan Kim and Peter Philips, "The Effect of Prevailing Wage Regulations on Contractor Bid Participation and Behavior: A Comparison of Palo Alto, California with Four Nearby Prevailing Wage Municipalities".
- Sheng Li and Peter Philips, "Do Entrant and Incumbent Bidders Exhibit Different Aggressive Characters in the Construction Procurement Auction?".

Philips has received many awards for his teaching including the prestigious University of Utah Presidential Teaching Scholar and the University of Utah, Graduate Student & Postdoctoral Scholar Distinguished Mentor.

Philips has qualified as an expert on labor economics and testified in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (written testimony), United States District Court (Utah) and state courts in California, Utah and Idaho. In the winter of 2010, Philips provided written testimony to the Hawaii House Finance Committee on the local labor market impact of HB 2736, a local hire on public works regulation. Prior to this, he has testified before state or local legislative bodies regarding local labor market issues in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania.

On Dr. Philips' last sabbatical (2007-2008), he was a visiting professor in the UCLA Urban Planning Department in conjunction with the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, and the UCLA Labor Center. Philips taught the Community Scholars class leading 20 graduate students, local labor union officials and local public employment managers in a research project analyzing the economic impact of local hire agreements. Philips presented their results to the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency and the Los Angeles City Council. Of this work, the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment records:

In 2008, the Community Scholars class was offered by Professor Peter Philips from the University of Utah, and focused on the Los Angeles construction industry. A seventy-five-page report was published in summer 2008 on the research conducted by Professor Philips and the
community scholars on construction careers policies. This research was pivotal in advancing a policy that was adopted by the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Los Angeles City Council in 2008.

Dr. Philips has just completed (2010) a major study of the local employment impact of the building and operating of the biotech and pharmaceutical industry in California on behalf of the California Bio-Pharma Labor Management Association.

As of December, 2010, Professor Philips has 32 peer-reviewed journal articles; 4 non-peer-reviewed journal articles; 4 edited books and 1 co-authored book; 12 book chapters; 5 book reviews; 10 government or privately commissioned monographs; 65 conference papers; 9 extramural grants (7 PI, 2 Co-PI); 2 intramural grants.

**Teton Ranger**

In the summertime, my wife Jean and I are the Leigh Lake Patrol Cabin rangers in the Gard Teton National Park. This is the view from our shoreline dock:
Trail crew camping by our cabin

Jean, Scott (our boss) and Goldie (our other boss) on North District patrol

Jean the mule Skinner

Our cabin.

Old John Carr and me on a rainy patrol.
Our cabin in summer.

Our cabin in winter.
Bear has ringed lodgepole pine

Our new outhouse being built

Annual Northern Saskatchewan canoe trip.
My Wonderfully Graduated Daughter!