



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 former Chair of the Economics Department at the University of

Utah. His books include *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

- Peter Philips & Emma Waitzman (2021). Do Project Labor Agreements Reduce the Number of Bidders on Public Projects? The Case of Community Colleges in California. *Public Works Management and Policy*. Vol. Vol 26, Issue 4, 2021.
- Li, Zhi & Zhi Li¹, Chimedlkham Zorigtbaatar, Gabriel Pleités, Ari Fenn, and Peter Philips (2018). The Effect of Prevailing Wage Law Repeals and Enactments on Injuries and Disabilities in the Construction Industry . *Public Works Management & Policy*. Vol. Volume 24, Issue 4, 1–17. Published, 09/07/2018.
- Ari Fenn & Gabriel Pleites, Zhi Li, Chimedlkham Zorigtbaatar, Peter Philips (2018). The Effect of Prevailing Wage Repeals on Construction Income and Benefits . *Public Works Management & Policy*. Vol. Volume 23, Issue 4, 346-364. Published, 02/20/2018.

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 three sabbaticals (2007, 2014, 2021), 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 and the University of California, Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment. At UCLA, 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. At Berkeley, Philips worked on issues of renewable energy construction and policy.

Teton Ranger

In the summertime, Philips and his wife Jean Reagan are the Leigh Lake Patrol Cabin volunteer rangers in the Grand Tetons National Park. This is the view from our shoreline dock:



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Trail crew camping by our cabin

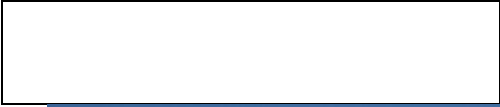
Jean the mule skinner

Our cabin.











My Wonderfully Graduated Daughter!

