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Lawrence Mishel came to the Economic Policy Institute in 1987. As EPI's first research director, and then as vice president and now president, he has played a significant role in building EPI's research capabilities and reputation. He has researched, written and spoken widely on the economy and economic policy as it affects middle- and low-income families. He is principal author of a major research volume, *The State of Working America*, (published every even-numbered year since 1988), which provides a comprehensive overview of the U.S. labor market and living standards.

A nationally recognized economist, Mishel is regularly called on to testify and provide economic briefings to members of Congress and appears regularly as a commentator on the economy in print and broadcast media. Most recently, he wrote a paper outlining a plan to stimulate the economy, which was widely adopted by policy makers in Washington and beyond.

Areas of expertise

Income distribution and poverty • Labor markets • Industrial relations • Technology and productivity • Education • Wages • Unions and collective bargaining