

Elaine Waxman

Biography

Elaine Waxman is a senior fellow in the Income and Benefits Policy Center at the Urban Institute. Her expertise includes food insecurity, nutrition, the food assistance safety net and social determinants of health disparities, as well as broader issues affecting low-income families and communities. Waxman is part of the leadership team coordinating the Institute's *From Safety Net to Solid Ground* initiative and also co-directs the Institute's cross-center initiative on the social determinants of health. Prior to joining the Institute, Waxman served for six years as the Vice President of Research and Nutrition at Feeding America, where she oversaw research on food insecurity and nutrition, federal nutrition programs, the intersection of hunger and health, and the circumstances and experiences of individuals seeking charitable food assistance. She has co-authored numerous research and policy reports and articles in scholarly journals, including *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Health Affairs*, *Social Service Review*, *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, and *Journal of Food Law and Policy*. She received her MPP and PhD from the University of Chicago, where she is currently a lecturer at the School of Social Service Administration.