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Sojourner's research focuses on (1) effects of labor-market institutions in the economy and society, (2) policies promoting development of human capital, and (3) behavioral economic approaches to consumer financial decisions. *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Policy Analysis & Management*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review (ILRR)*, *Management Science*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, *Review of Economics & Statistics* and others have published his work. He serves on the ILRR international editorial board. He received the 2015 John T. Dunlop Scholar Award from the Labor and Employment Relations Association. His research won the *PNAS* editorial board's 2020 Cozzarelli Prize for Behavioral and Economic Sciences.



Sojourner has a wide range of policy experience and community service. He is a member of the Minnesota State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Care and Education and chairs the Constellation Fund's Impact Council. Previously, he chaired the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics NLSY26's Employment and Work Arrangements content advisory board, served as senior economist for labor at the U.S. President's Council of Economic Advisers in D.C. over the 2016-'17 academic year, served on the Minneapolis Mayor's Cradle-to-K Cabinet, a director and board chair of Spring Bank, a community bank in the Bronx and Harlem, N.Y., and a fellow in the U.S. Senate's Labor Policy Office.

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