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Michael Levere is a visiting assistant professor of economics at Haverford College and will be joining the Colgate University department of economics as an assistant professor this fall. Dr. Levere is also affiliated with Mathematica as a senior researcher. His research focuses on issues related to people with disabilities through a lens of health economics and labor economics. He is particularly interested in children with disabilities.

Dr. Levere's research has two primary threads. First, exploring support and services that can help improve outcomes and promote well-being among people with disabilities. Second, the factors that lead people, particularly youth with disabilities, to participate in disability benefits. Recently, he sought to better understand the factors contributing to the large decline in child Supplemental Security Income applications during the COVID-19 pandemic. His research highlights the role of school closures among other factors. He is also part of a group studying the barriers to participation in ABLE accounts. These studies offer a potentially important means to helping people with disabilities achieve greater financial security.

Dr. Levere's work has been published in the *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Health Economics*, *Social Security Bulletin* and more. Dr. Levere received his PhD in Economics from University of California – San Diego in 2016.