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Before joining the Center, Neil was Interim Co-Director and Senior Policy Analyst with the postsecondary education and workforce team at CLASP. His areas of focus included responses to unemployment during the Great Recession, workforce development policy at the federal and state levels and postsecondary education and training for low-income individuals. While at CLASP, he helped to develop the performance metrics and related data requirements for the Alliance for Quality Career Pathways.

Neil also was a member of the senior management team at the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. In that position, he helped to lead the Work Trends public opinion series and oversaw numerous technical assistance and research projects for state and local governments, nonprofit agencies and foundations.

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