

# Brent Parton

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present **New America** *Washington, D.C.*  
**Deputy Director, Center on Education and Labor**
- Senior leader overseeing the strategy and growth of the Center's work on workforce, labor and education policy with a cross-cutting focus on quality, equity and innovation.
  - Created, secured \$9 million in philanthropic funding, and led a multi-year, national initiative, the *Partnership to Advance Youth Apprenticeship* that currently supports 45 cities and states to grow apprenticeship opportunities.
  - Manage team of 9 leading policy research and technical assistance in workforce investment, apprenticeship expansion, community college innovation, unemployment insurance reform, and labor policy.
  - Provide regular policy and strategy support to state and local policymakers, and manage the Center's federal policy agenda, including a national policy coalition, the *Apprenticeship Forward Collaborative*.
  - Regularly write, speak and provide expert commentary in national forums and national media outlets.
- 2016-2017 **United States Department of Labor** *Washington, D.C.*  
**Senior Policy Advisor, Employment and Training Administration**
- Advised Assistant Secretary across range of workforce issues including the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Registered Apprenticeship, and the *Job-Driven Training* initiative.
  - Managed complex priorities on behalf of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary, including the interagency Skills Working Group, and processing-time reduction plan for the Office of Foreign Labor Certification.
  - Coordinated with White House and agency career leads to design and implement impactful federal grant initiatives for long-term unemployed, dislocated workers, youth, and returning citizens.
  - Led negotiation with intergovernmental stakeholders on strategy for historic federal investment in the expansion Registered Apprenticeship.
  - Liaised with Congressional staff, state and local government, business, education, and philanthropy to message and advance agency priorities.
- 2013-2015 **National Governors Association** *Washington, D.C.*  
**Program Director, Economic and Workforce Development**
- Provided guidance and research support to governors' staff and state policymakers on best practices in workforce development, postsecondary education attainment, and economic development.
  - Secured \$5 million in philanthropic funding to launch and implement national grant initiative to expand work-based learning in 36 states
  - Managed a \$2 million federal project to drive occupational licensing reform for separating service members in six states.

- 2011-2013      **The World Bank** *Washington, D.C.*  
**Consultant, Global Education Practice**
- Led research team and published two books on effective entrepreneurship education and training programs in the developing and developed world.
  - Served as a technical advisor on Bank investments in youth employment and entrepreneurship projects in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa.
  - Coordinated research teams in Sub-Saharan Africa, and East Asia to benchmark education and training systems against global good practice.
- 2008-2011      **Clayton Associates** *Nashville, TN*  
**Co-Founder and Program Director, SHOUTAmerica**
- Co-founded and built national advocacy campaign for a start-up, non-profit organization focused on supporting and securing key youth-related provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
  - Created and managed the *American Resident Project*, a national fellowship program for young physicians engaged in health care system reform.
  - Led national public engagement campaign for feature film documentary, *Escape Fire*, including hosting screening events at over 50 colleges.
- 2007-2008      **Shenzhen Experimental High School** *Shenzhen, China*  
**English Instructor**

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020      **Pete for America**  
Lead Workforce Policy Advisor
- 2012-2015      **Vanderbilt University**  
Adjunct Professor, Public Policy
- 2011              **The Aspen Institute**  
Reinventing Healthcare Advisory Board

## EDUCATION

- 2010              **Vanderbilt University** *Nashville, TN*  
**Master of Education, International Education Policy**
- 2007              **Vanderbilt University**  
**Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, History**