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As a recognized expert on temporary help employment, outsourcing, and nonstandard work arrangements, Houseman's research has examined trends in employers' use of these arrangements and their implications for workers' wages, benefits, and employment stability.

Houseman's research on outsourcing and offshoring also has highlighted measurement problems in U.S. statistics. With funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, she has conducted research and organized conferences to study biases in price indexes, productivity and output growth and other measurement problems arising from the growth of globalization. In addition, she has written extensively on contracting out domestically and U.S. statistics.

Other research focuses on work sharing and short-time compensation, older workers and retirement issues, and comparative labor market policies in Japan and Europe.

Since 2003, Houseman has been a Research Affiliate at the National Poverty Center, University of Michigan. In 2009 Houseman joined the Editorial Board of the Journal of Economic Perspectives. Prior to coming to the Upjohn Institute, Houseman taught at the University of Maryland, School of Public Affairs and was a Visiting Scholar at The Brookings Institution from 1985-1989.

Her work includes:

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