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### **Affiliations**

2011–present	Senior Fellow and Research Manager, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2012–present	Affiliate, Financial Access Initiative, New York Univ., New York, NY
2011	Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Economics & Wagner School, New York Univ., New York, NY
2010–2011	Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2003-2010	<b>Affiliated Associate Professor</b> , Georgetown Univ. Public Policy Institute, Washington, DC
2002–2010	Research Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2000–2002	Research Fellow, Center for International Development, Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA
1998–2000	Consultant, environmental economics, World Bank, Washington, DC
1999	Associate Consultant, Bain & Company, Istanbul, Turkey
1996 & 1997	Summer Assistant, environmental economics, World Bank, Washington, DC
1994–1995	Watson Fellow, Thomas J. Watson Foundation, Bogotá, Colombia & Cuiabá, Brazil

### Education

2002	<b>Ph.D., economics</b> , Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
	▷ Derek Bok Award for Excellence in Teaching
1997	<b>M.S., econ. &amp; environmental management</b> , Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD  ▷ <i>Abel Wolman Merit Scholarship</i>
1994	<b>B.S., engineering and applied science</b> , California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

## Journal Articles

2014	"A case against taxes and quotas on skilled emigration", Journal of Globalization and Development, forthcoming. $\langle Pre-pub.\ version \rangle$
2014	"Migration and Development Research Is Moving Far Beyond Remittances", World Development, 64: 121–124 (with Çağlar Özden and Hillel Rapoport). $\langle \textit{Pre-pub. version} \rangle$
2013	"Why Do Programmers Earn More in Houston than Hyderabad? Evidence from Randomized Processing of U.S. Visas", <i>American Economic Review</i> Papers & Proceedings, 103 (3): 198–202. $\langle Pre-pub.\ version \rangle$
2013	"Blunt Instruments: Avoiding Common Pitfalls in Identifying the Causes of Economic Growth", <i>American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics</i> , 5 (2): 152–86 (with Sami Bazzi). $\langle Pre-pub. \ version \rangle$

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  - > Paper awarded the Royal Economic Society Prize.
- 2012 "Why were Latin America's tariffs so much higher than Asia's before 1950?", Journal of Iberian and Latin American Economic History, 30 (1): 12–39 (with Jeffrey G. Williamson). ⟨*Pre-pub. version*⟩
- 2011 "Economics and emigration: Trillion-dollar bills on the sidewalk?", Journal of Economic *Perspectives*, 25 (3): 83–106. (*Pre-pub. version*)
- 2011 "When Does Rigorous Impact Evaluation Make a Difference? The Case of the Millennium Villages", Journal of Development Effectiveness, 3 (3): 305-339 (with Gabriel Demombynes).  $\langle Pre-pub. version \rangle$
- 2008 "Income Per Natural: Measuring Development for People rather than Places", Population and Development Review, 34 (3): 395–434 (with Lant Pritchett). (Pre-pub. version)
- 2008 "New data on African health professionals abroad", Human Resources for Health, 6:1 (with Gunilla Pettersson).
- 2007 "The trouble with the MDGs: Confronting expectations of aid and development success", World Development, 35 (5): 735–751 (with Charles Kenny and Todd J. Moss). Pre-pub. *version*
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- 2004 "Wealth Bias in the First Global Capital Market Boom, 1870-1913", Economic Journal, 114 (495): 304–337 (with Jeffrey G. Williamson). *Pre-pub. version*
- 2004 "Why Did the Tariff-Growth Correlation Change after 1950?", Journal of Economic Growth, 9 (1): 5–46 (with Jeffrey G. Williamson). (*Pre-pub. version*)
- 1999 "Genuine Savings Rates in Developing Countries", World Bank Economic Review, 13 (2): 333–356 (with Kirk Hamilton). (*Pre-pub. version*)
- 1999 "Reserve Design for Species Preservation", European Journal of Operational Research, 112 (2): 273–283 (with Charles R. ReVelle and Justin Williams).
- 1993 "Homologous and illegitimate recombination in developing Xenopus oocytes and eggs", Molecular and Cellular Biology, 13 (11): 6897-6906 (with Chris W. Lehman, David K. Worthylake, Jonathan K. Trautman, and Dana Carroll).

#### **Under Review**

- "Why don't remittances appear to affect growth?", CGD Working Paper 366, Washington, 2014 DC: Center for Global Development (with David McKenzie). \(\langle Co-released \) with World Bank
- 2014 "Global Skill Partnerships: A proposal for technical training in a mobile world", CGD Policy Paper 040, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.
- 2014 "Skill Development and Regional Mobility: Lessons from the Australia-Pacific Technical College", Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper No. 34, Canberra: Australian National University (with Colum Graham and Stephen Howes). *Co-released with ANU*

#### Under Review, continued

- 2013 "Migration as a Strategy for Household Finance: A Research Agenda on Remittances, Payments, and Development", CGD Working Paper 354, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development (with Timothy N. Ogden). \( \langle Co-released with FAI \rangle \)
- 2013 "The Effect of Foreign Labor on Native Employment: A Job-Specific Approach and Application to North Carolina Farms", CGD Working Paper 326, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.
- 2012 "Split Decisions: Family Finance When a Policy Discontinuity Allocates Overseas Work", CGD Working Paper 324, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development (with Erwin R. Tiongson). (Co-released with World Bank)
- 2008 "Skilled emigration and skill creation: A quasi-experiment", CGD Working Paper 152, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development (with Satish Chand).
- 2008 "The Place Premium: Wage differences for identical workers across the US border", CGD Working Paper 148, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development (with Claudio Montenegro and Lant Pritchett). *Co-released with World Bank*

### **Policy Writings**

- 2014 "The WHO Global Code of Practice: A Useful Guide for Recruiting Health Care Professionals? Lessons from Germany and Beyond", CGD Essay (with Steffen Angenendt and Meiko Merda).  $\langle Auf \, Deutsch \rangle$
- 2014 "Let the People Go: The Problem With Strict Migration Limits", *Foreign Affairs*, 93 (1, Jan./Feb.): 152–159 (with Justin Sandefur). ⟨*Pre-pub. version*⟩
- 2014 "Skilled Migration from Mexico: Trends, Concerns, and Outlook, CGD Essay. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development. *(En español)*
- 2013 "More Unskilled Workers, Please: The new immigration bill doesn't do nearly enough to address America's real labor shortage", *Foreign Policy*, July 8.
- 2013 "What Nativists Don't Want You to Know About Immigrants", Boston Review, June 3.
- 2013 "The New Transparency in Development Economics: Lessons from the Millennium Villages Controversy", World Economics Journal 14 (4): 77–97 (with Gabriel Demombynes). \( \langle Pre-pub. version \rangle \)
- 2013 "What Do We Know About Skilled Migration and Development?", Policy Brief No. 3, September. Washington, DC: Migration Policy Institute.
- 2013 "Seize the Spotlight: A Case for Gulf Cooperation Council Engagement in Research on the Effects of Labor Migration". CGD Essay, July. Presented at the conference "Labour MobilityEnabler for Sustainable Development", May 14–15, 2013 at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research in Abu Dhabi.
- 2013 "The Big Picture on Global Talent: How to better compete for, and grow talent". Paper prepared for the Salzburg Trilogue, August 30. Bertelsmann Stiftung (with Christal Morehouse).
- 2012 "L'affrontement entre les objectifs de développement et l'évaluation d'impact", *Revue déconomie du développement*, 26 (4): 175–205.
- 2012 "Crossing borders to escape natural calamities is no easy option", *The Guardian*, Aug. 23.
- 2011 "A world without borders makes economic sense", *The Guardian*, Sep. 5.

### Policy Writings, continued

- 2011 "Putting solutions on trial: Impact Evaluation and the Millennium Villages Experiment in Africa", *Boston Review*, June 16.
- 2010 "The year when shrinking was good", Foreign Policy, Jun. 21.
- "Let Haitians come to the U.S.: The best way to help Haiti rebuild is through immigration", *Global Post*, Feb. 26.
- 2010 "Let them leave: Why migration is the best solution for Haiti's recovery", *Foreign Policy*, Jan. 27.
- 2010 "To help Haiti's earthquake victims, change U.S. immigration laws", *Washington Post*, Jan. 24, page B2.
- 2010 "Heath Worker Migration: Disease or Symptom?", Global Health, Winter issue.
- 2009 "Skill Flow: A fundamental reconsideration of skilled-worker migration and development", background paper for the *Human Development Report 2009*, New York: United Nations Development Program.
- 2007 "Smart Samaritans: Is There a Third Way in the Development Debate?", *Foreign Affairs*, 86 (5, Sept./Oct.): 132–140.
- 2006 "Le mythe des 0,7% : origines et pertinence de la cible fixé pour l'aide internationale au développement", *Afrique Contemporaine*, 219: 173-201 (with Todd J. Moss).
- 2005 "Costs and Causes of Zimbabwe's Crisis", CGD Note, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development (with Todd J. Moss).
- 2005 "Aid and Growth: New evidence shows that aid flows aimed at growth have produced results", *Finance and Development*, 42 (3): 16–20 (with Steven Radelet and Rikhil Bhavnani).
- 2005 "Interpréter les OMD", Courrier de la Planète. 76: 18–21 (with Charles Kenny and Todd J. Moss).

### **Book Chapters**

- 2014 "Does Development Reduce Migration?", in Robert E. B. Lucas, ed., *International Hand-book on Migration and Economic Development*, London: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2012 "Income per Natural: Measuring Development for People Rather Than Places", in Oliver Bakewell, ed., *Migration and Development*, The International Library of Studies on Migration series, London: Edward Elgar Publishing, Ch. 34 (with Lant Pritchett).
- 2011 "The Labor Mobility Agenda for Development", in Nancy Birdsall and Francis Fukuyama, eds. *New Ideas on Development after the Financial Crisis*, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, pp. 260–287.
- 2011 "The Financial Consequences of High-Skill Emigration: Lessons from African Doctors Abroad", in Sonia Plaza and Dilip Ratha, eds. *Diaspora for Development in Africa*, Washington, DC: World Bank, pp. 165–182.
- 2010 "The Biggest Idea in Development That No One Really Tried", in Emily Chamlee-Wright, ed., *The Annual Proceedings of the Wealth and Well-Being of Nations: 2009–2010, Volume II*, Beloit, WI: Beloit College Press, pp. 25–50.

### Book Chapters, continued

- 2006 "Aid and Growth: The Current Debate and Some New Evidence", in Peter Isard, Leslie Lipschitz, Alexandros Mourmouras, and Boriana Yontcheva, eds., *The Macroeconomic Management of Foreign Aid: Opportunities and Pitfalls*, Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, pp 43–60 (with Steven Radelet and Rikhil Bhavnani).
- 2006 "A first look at the consequences of African health professional emigration", in Treasury of Australia and Reserve Bank of Australia, *G-20 Workshop on Demographic Challenges and Migration: Sydney, 27-28 August 2005*, Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia, pp. 195–231.
- 2003 "Absorptive capacity: How much is too much?" and "Exit: How long should the MCA commitment last?", in Steven Radelet, *Challenging Foreign Aid: A Policymakers Guide to the Millennium Challenge Account*, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development (with Steven Radelet).
- 2001 "Are we saving enough for the future?", in Jonathan M. Harris, Timothy A. Wise, Kevin P. Gallagher, and Neva R. Goodwin, eds., *A Survey of Sustainable Development: Social and Economic Dimensions*, Washington, DC: Island Press, pp. 37–41 (with Kirk Hamilton).
- "Are we saving enough for the future?", in World Bank, *Expanding the Measure of Wealth: Indicators of Environmentally Sustainable Development*, Environmentally Sustainable Development Studies and Monographs Series, No. 17, Washington, DC: World Bank (with Kirk Hamilton).
- "The Hidrovia Paraguay-Parana: A Review and Analysis of the Feasibility Studies and Environmental Assessment in the Context of Regional Development", in Environmental Defense Fund, *The Hidrovia Paraguay-Parana Navigation Project: Report of an Independent Review*, Washington, DC: Environmental Defense Fund and Fundação Centro Brasileiro de Referência e Apoio Cultural/CEBRAC (with Thayer Scudder).

#### Comments and Reviews

- 2013 "Comments on 'Gender Equality and Development' by Esther Duflo", in Justin Yifu Lin and Claudia Paz Sepúlveda, eds., *Development Challenges in a Post-crisis World*, Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics 2011, Washington, DC: World Bank.
- 2012 "Concerns about the Millennium Villages project report", *The Lancet*, 379 (9830): 1945 (with Jesse B. Bump, Gabriel Demombynes, and Lawrence Haddad).
  - ▶ This comment resulted in a retraction of findings in the critiqued paper.
- 2012 "Multisector intervention to accelerate reductions in child stunting: an independent critique of scientific method", *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, 95 (3): 774–775 (with Gabriel Demombynes).
- 2009 "Thesis of a rigid revivalist: Review of *Dead Aid* by Dambisa Moyo", *Finance and Development*, 46 (3): 53–54.
- 2003 "Paul Streeten, Globalisation: Threat or Opportunity?", Economic Development and Cultural Change, 52 (1): 243–245.

### Other Research Papers

"Do visas kill? Health Effects of African Health Professional Emigration", CGD Working Paper 114, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.

### Other Research Papers, continued

2004	"The long walk to school: Development goals in historical perspective", CGD Working Paper 37, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.
2004	"Inequality, Institutions and Long-Term Growth in Colombia", Manuscript (with William Easterly and Carlos Esteban Posada).
2003	"Who Protected and Why? Tariffs the World Around 1870-1938", Harvard Institute of Economic Research Discussion Paper No. 2010, Dept. of Economics, Harvard University (with Christopher Blattman and Jeffrey G. Williamson).
2002	"World Bank Capital Neither Complements Nor Substitutes for Private Capital", CGD Working Paper 20, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.
2002	"Do Rich Countries Invest Less in Poor Countries Than the Poor Countries Themselves?", CGD Working Paper 19, Washington, DC: Center for Global Development.
1998	"Estimating National Wealth: Methodology and Results", Environmental Economics Series, Paper Number 57, Washington, DC: World Bank (with Arundhati Kunte, Kirk Hamilton, and John Dixon).

#### **Books**

1991 Geometry for the Classroom, New York: Springer-Verlag (with C. Herbert Clemens).

### Research Impact

Links to: Google Scholar citations; SSRN downloads; RePEc IDEAS citations

#### Peer Reviews

Referee reports for American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Health Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Scandianvian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, The Lancet, International Migration Review, Population and Development Review, World Development, Journal of Globalization and Development, Journal of Population Economics, European Economic History Review, Journal of Development Effectiveness, Review of World Economics, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, MIT Press, Zed Books, Berkeley Electronic Press Journal of Economics and Growth of Developing Areas, Health Affairs, Human Resources for Health, Financial History Review, Social Science & Medicine, Georgetown University Public Policy Review.

#### **Honors**

Royal Economic Society Prize for best paper published in the *Economic Journal* in 2012 (with co-authors Steven Radelet, Rikhil Bhavnani, and Sami Bazzi).

## Honors, continued

2012–2013	Foreign Policy magazine "Who's who of the foreign policy Twitterverse" 2012 and 2013.
2010	Invited for $15^{th}$ Sir Arthur Lewis Memorial Lecture, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank.
2010	Devex.com "40 young leaders shaping the way international relief and development assistance are being delivered".
1996-2000	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

# Teaching

2003–2010	<b>Macroeconomics</b> (Master's) and <b>Thesis Advising</b> (Master's), Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy.
2005	Foreign Aid Effectiveness (Ph.D.), University of Copenhagen.
2001–2002	Economic Development in East Asia (Undergrad.), Harvard Univ. Dept. of Economics.
2001	Globalization and History (Undergrad.), Harvard Univ. Dept. of Economics.

## Personal

Languages	English (native); Spanish (fluent); Portuguese, French (advanced); Turkish (intermediate)
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