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Experience

2010-present	Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2009-present	Senior Associate, International Development Opportunities, Geneva
2004-present	Senior Partner, Social Insight, Bath, Maine USA
2008-2010	Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC
2007-2008	Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
2001-2004	Senior Health Economist, World Health Organization, Geneva
1991-2001	Senior Economist & Economist, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC
1989-1991	Visiting Researcher, IPEA/Rio de Janeiro
1990	Consultant, Ford Foundation and World Bank
1988	Visiting Instructor, Economics Department, Connecticut College.
1983-1987	Research Assistant, Boston University (Boston, MA) and Economic Development Group, Inc (Washington, DC)

Education

1992	Ph.D. in Economics, Boston University
1986	M.A. in Economics, Boston University
1982	A.B. in Social Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Publications

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Journals

Editorial Board Member of Health Policy & Planning (2004-2010)

Reviewer for: Health Affairs; Health Policy and Planning; International Journal for Quality in Health Care; Journal of Development Effectiveness; The Lancet; Public Administration and Development; Social Science & Medicine; WHO Bulletin; and World Development.

International Commissions, Panels and Associations

- Ministerial Advisory Committee on National Health Insurance for South Africa
- Peer Review Committee, America's Society/Council of the Americas
- Editorial Advisory Panel, *Global Corruption Report 2006*, Transparency International
- Evaluation Gap Working Group of the Global Health Policy Research Network
- Working Group member for *Millions Saved*
- Member of Working Group 1, Commission on Macroeconomics and Health
- American Economic Association
- International Health Economics Association

Languages

English, Portuguese, Spanish, French