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2012–present	Affiliate , Financial Access Initiative, New York University
2016–2022	Associate Editor , <i>Journal of Population Economics</i> (Springer)
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2011	Visiting Scholar , Dept. of Economics & Wagner School, New York University
2003–2010	Affiliated Associate Professor , McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
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1994–1995	Watson Fellow , Thomas J. Watson Foundation (Bogotá, Colombia & Cuiabá, Brazil)

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Education

- 2002 **Ph.D., economics**, Harvard University Dept. of Economics, Cambridge, MA
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- 1997 **M.S., econ. & environmental management**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
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- 1994 **B.S., engineering and applied science**, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

Influence

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 Invited to [IOM Migration Research Leaders Syndicate](#), 2017
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Influence, *continued*

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Teaching

- 2022 | **How Migration Policy Shapes Economies, Local and Global** (Master’s), Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy and Walsh School of Foreign Service.
- 2003–2010 | **Macroeconomics and Thesis Advising** (Master’s), Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy.
- 2005 | **Foreign Aid Effectiveness** (Ph.D.), University of Copenhagen.
- 2002 | Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching & Learning, Harvard Univ.
- 2001–2002 | **Economic Development in East Asia** (Undergrad.), Harvard Univ. Dept. of Economics.
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Peer Reviews

Referee reports for *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *ILR Review*, *Labour Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Science*, *Science Advances*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of International Economics*, *World Development*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Public Choice*, *European Economic Review*, *The Lancet*, *International Migration Review*, *Population and Development Review*, *Journal of Globalization and Development*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, *European Economic History Review*, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, *Review of World Economics*, *Journal of Iberian and Latin American History*, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, *Economic Notes*, National Science Foundation, World Bank Research Committee, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, MIT Press, Stanford University Press, Zed Books, *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*, several external academic tenure reviews.

Honors

- 2013 | [Royal Economic Society Prize](#) for best paper published in the *Economic Journal* in 2012 (with co-authors Steven Radelet, Rikhil Bhavnani, and Sami Bazzi).
- 2010 | Invited for 15th [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](#)”.
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