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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

## *Education*

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

## *Publications – Journal Articles and Books*

Julia Raifman, Felix Lam, Janeen Madan Keller, Alexander Radunsky & William Savedoff. 2018. "[How well are aid agencies evaluating programs? An assessment of the quality of global health evaluations](#)," *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, published online March 21, 2018.

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### *Journal Boards and Review*

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

**Reviewer** for: Health Affairs; Health Economics, Policy and Law; 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, Associations, and Boards*

- Board Member, Metrics for Management, Berkeley, California
- 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