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EMPLOYMENT: **The World Bank**, Washington, DC
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Senior Economist
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Princeton University January 2005 – June 2007
Visiting Lecturer in Public and International Affairs

Instituto Latinoamericano de Doctrina y Estudios Sociales, Santiago, Chile
Investigador Invitado August 1993 – September 1994

Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur, India, Research Associate June 1991 – September 1991

EDUCATION: **Princeton University**, Public Policy
Ph.D., 1996
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow,
Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows, Center for International
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Princeton University, Economic Development Policy
M.P.A., 1992

University of Chicago: Fundamentals: Issues and Texts (an
interdisciplinary concentration in philosophy and literature), A. B., 1988
College Honor Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, Special Honors

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

“Education, Labor Rights, and Incentives: Contract Teacher Cases in the Indian Courts” (with Nick Robinson) *Comparative Law and Labour Policy Journal* 32 (4) July 2011.

“The cost of complying with human rights treaties: The convention on the rights of the child and basic immunization” [*The Review of International Organizations* 6\(1\): 33-56, February 2011.](#)

“Fundamental Rights and Public Interest Litigation in India: Overreaching or Underachieving?” [*Indian Journal of Law and Economics* 1\(1\): 71-93, 2011.](#)

“Customary Law and Economic Outcomes in Indonesia” [*The Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* 2\(1\): 75-94, 2010.](#)

“The impact of legal strategies for claiming economic and social rights” [*Economic and Social Rights Review*](#) (South Africa) 8 (2) July 2007.

“Boundary Institutions and HIV/AIDS Policy in Brazil and South Africa” (with Evan S. Lieberman), [*Studies in Comparative International Development*](#) 41(3): 47-73, Fall 2006.

“Will more inputs improve the delivery of health services? – analysis of district vaccination coverage in Pakistan” (with Benjamin Loevinsohn and Rathavuth Hong) [*International Journal of Health Planning and Management*](#) 21(1): 1-10, March 2006.

“NGOs in Bangladesh: activities, resources, and governance” (with Julia Galef), [*World Development*](#) 33(12): 2045-2065, December 2005.

“The Strategic Choices of NGOs: Location Decisions in Rural Bangladesh” (with Anna Fruttero), [*Journal of Development Studies*](#) 41(5): 759-787, July 2005.

“Vouchers for Basic Education in Developing Countries: An Accountability Perspective” (with Ayesha Vawda), [*World Bank Research Observer*](#) 19(2): 259-280, Fall 2004.

“Separating Financing from Provision: Evidence from Ten Years of Partnership with Health Cooperatives in Costa Rica” (with James Cercone and Rodrigo Briceño), [*Health Policy and Planning*](#) 19(5): 292-301, September 2004.

“Social Rights and Economics: Claims to Health Care and Education in Developing Countries,” [*World Development*](#) 32(3): 465-477, March 2004.

“Immunization in Developing Countries: Its Political and Institutional Determinants” (with Peyvand Khaleghian), [*World Development*](#) 30(12): 2109-2132, December 2002.

BOOKS:

Courting Social Justice: Judicial Enforcement of Social and Economic Rights in the Developing World, editor (with Daniel Brinks), New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008. Paperback edition 2010.

World Development Report 2007: Development and the Next Generation, Washington DC: World Bank (with Jean Fares, Emmanuel Jimenez, Elizabeth King, Mattias Lundberg, David McKenzie, Mamta Murthi, Cristobal Ridao-Cano) 2007.

School Choice in Chile: Two Decades of Educational Reform. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1999.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

“The Publicity ‘Defect’ of Customary Law,” in Caroline Sage, Brian Tamanaha, and Michael Woolcock, editors, *Legal Pluralism and Development: Dialogues for Success*, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2011).

“The Judicialization of Development Policy,” in Patrick Heller and Vijayendra Rao, *Deliberation for Development* (forthcoming).

“NGOs in Bangladesh: Activities, Resources, Governance” (with Julia Galef), in *Politics, Public Administration and Governance: The Experience of Bangladesh*, Dhaka (forthcoming).

“The Impact of Legal Strategies for Claiming Economic and Social Rights” (with Daniel Brinks), in Thomas Pogge, editor, *Freedom from Poverty as a Human Right*, Oxford University Press, (forthcoming).

“The Elements of Legalization, and the Social and Economic Rights Triangle” (with Daniel Brinks), in Varun Gauri and Daniel Brinks, *Courting Social Justice*, 2008.

“A New Policy Landscape: Legalizing Social and Economic Rights in the Developing World,” (with Daniel Brinks) in Varun Gauri and Daniel Brinks, *Courting Social Justice*, 2008.

“Human Rights and Health Systems” (with Chris Beyrer and Denise Vaillancourt) in Chris Beyrer, editor, *Public Health and Human Rights*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007.

“Economics and the Right to Basic Services,” in Caroline Mary Sage and Michael Woolcock, editors, *The World Bank Legal Review: Law Equity and Development*, World Bank, 325-351, 2006.

“Economics and the Right to Basic Services,” in Philip Alston and Mary Robinson, editors, *Human Rights and Development: Towards Mutual Reinforcement*, Oxford University Press, 2005.

“Are Incentives Everything? Payment to Health Care Providers” in Alex Preker and Jack Langenbrunner, editors, *Spending Wisely: Buying Health Services for the Poor*, World Bank, 2005.

“Contracting Primary Health Care Services: The Case of Costa Rica,” (with James Cercone and Rodrigo Briceño) in Gerry La Forgia, *Health Systems Innovation in Central America*, World Bank 2005.

REPORTS:

How do local-level legal institutions promote development? An exploratory essay J&D Justice & Development [Working Paper Series 51844](#) World Bank, Washington, DC.

Evaluation of the World Bank's assistance in responding to the AIDS epidemic : Brazil case study (Chris Beyrer, Denise Vaillancourt) Operations Evaluation Department (OED) [Working Paper 48554](#). World Bank, Washington, DC 2005.

Decentralized Delivery of Primary Health Services in Nigeria: Survey Evidence from the States of Lagos and Kogi (with Stuti Khemani and Monica Das Gupta), Africa Region Human Development Working Paper 70 ([32815](#)). World Bank, Washington, DC, 2004.

Brazil: Maternal and Child Health. Report No. 23811-BR. Health, Nutrition, and Population Sector Report, World Bank, Washington, D.C. February 26, 2002.

Brazil: The Health System: Impact Evaluation. Report 18142. Operations Evaluation Department, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., June 30, 1998.

WORKING PAPERS:

“Redressing Grievances and Complaints Regarding Basic Service Delivery,” [World Bank Policy Research Paper 5699](#) June 2011.

“Intersubjective Meaning and Collective Action in ‘Fragile’ Societies: Theory, Evidence and Policy Implications” (with Michael Woolcock and Deval Desai), [World Bank Policy Research Paper 5707](#) June 2011.

“Education, labor rights, and incentives: contract teacher cases in the Indian courts,” (with Nick Robinson) *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No.5365](#), July 2010.

“The publicity “defect” of customary law,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 5349](#), June 2010.

“Public Interest Litigation in India: Overreaching or Underachieving?” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 5109](#), November 2009.

“How Do Local-Level Legal Institutions Promote Development?” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 5108](#), November 2009.

“Do International Treaties Promote Development? The Convention of the Rights of the Child and Basic Immunization,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 4964](#), June 2009.

”Location Decisions and Nongovernmental Organization Motivation: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh” (with Anna Fruttero), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 3176](#), December 10, 2003.

“Social Rights and Economics: Claims to Health Care and Education in Developing Countries,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 3006](#), March 2003.

“Vouchers for Basic Education in Developing Countries: A Principal-Agent Perspective” (with Ayesha Vawda), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 3005](#), March 2003.

“Immunization in Developing Countries” (with Peyvand Khaleghian), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 2769](#), January 2002.

“Are Incentives Everything? An Essay on Reforms in Payments to Health Providers in Developing Countries,” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* [No. 2624](#), June 2001.

OUTREACH:

“Citizenship: the developing social and political life of youth” (with Mattias Lundberg), [Development Outreach](#), 2007.

WORK IN PROGRESS AND/OR UNDER REVIEW:

“Overlapping Consensus and the Institutions of International Distributive Justice”

“The Distributive Impact of Social and Economic Rights Litigation”

“Human Rights as Demands for Communicative Action”

“Rights Based Approaches to Development”

“The Politics of Ethnicity and Fertility”

JOURNAL REFEREE:

American Political Science Review, The Lancet, World Development, World Bank Economic Review, American Sociological Review, Latin American Politics and Society, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, Health Policy and Planning, Health Policy, Perspectives on Politics, Sociology of Education, Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics, Journal of Environmental Management, Current Anthropology, Review of International Organizations, Latin American Research Review, Health and Human Rights, Ethics and International Affairs,

Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Law and Social Inquiry, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Development Studies, Global Health Governance, Health and Human Rights

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

2011: University of Oslo, University of Bergen, University of Pittsburgh, University of Arizona, Central European University, World Bank

2010: University of Texas at Austin, Princeton University, American Political Science Association, University of Pittsburgh, World Bank, Yale University, Boston University, World Bank, Law and Society Association, American University, Amnesty International

2009: Universidad Torcuato di Tella (Buenos Aires), Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi), World Bank Justice for the Poor Symposium (Jakarta), World Bank Justice Reform Course (Washington DC), Yale University McMillan Center, World Bank InfoShop (Washington DC),

2008: University of Zurich Conference on Political Economy of International Organizations, Georgetown University Law School, Harvard University Carr Center, Harvard University Law School, World Bank Info Shop

2007: Human Sciences Research Council (Pretoria, South Africa), University of Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa), Harvard University, American Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), Latin American Studies Association (Montreal), Open University (Milton Keynes, UK), World Development Report launch (Brasilia, Brazil), University of Texas at Austin

2006: Americans for Informed Democracy (New York, NY), World Bank Children and Youth Forum (Washington DC), United Nations Human Rights Day panel (New York, NY), World Bank conference on Economic and Social Rights (Washington DC), World Development Report launch (Maputo, Mozambique)

2005: Princeton University (Princeton, NJ), American Political Science Association Conference (Washington, DC), Southern Economic Association (Washington, DC)

2004: Yale University (New Haven, CT), Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD), , XIVth International AIDS Conference (Bangkok, Thailand)

2003: Princeton University (Princeton, NJ), American Political Science Association Conference (Philadelphia, PA), World Bank Bangladesh (Dhaka, Bangladesh), World Bank Human Development Week (Washington, DC)

2002: Woodrow Wilson International Center (Washington, DC), World Bank Poverty and Development Conference (Washington, DC), Middlebury College (Middlebury, VT), American Political Science Association Conference (Boston, MA), World Bank Human Development Forum (Washington, DC)

COURSES TAUGHT:

Health Care Policy in Developing Countries,” Princeton University, graduate seminar, spring semester 2004, 2006

Education and Philosophy, Deep Springs College, undergraduate seminar, summer 1995

Education Policy, ILADES, Santiago Chile, graduate seminar, spring semester 1993

DATA SETS COLLECTED:

NGOs as Service Providers: Data from Uganda and Bangladesh. These data sets include information on the activities, uses of funds, sources of funds, staffing, and network linkages for a random sample of over 300 NGOs in each country. Each NGO data set is linked to a randomly selected focus group of NGO users that evaluates the work of each NGO. The data were collected in 2002 and 2003.

Primary Health Care in Nigeria (with Stuti Khemani and Monica Das Gupta). The data set includes observations on the staff, management, and service performance of 252 primary health care facilities in the states of Lagos and Kogi. The data were collected in 2002.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:

Member, American Political Science Association Task Force on Democracy, Economic Security and Justice

Advisory Board, University of Toronto Project on Social and Economic Rights

Advisory Committee, University of Bergen, Judicialization and Social Citizenship

Editorial Board, *Health and Human Rights*

Withrow Chair, Deep Springs College, 2008