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SUMMARY

Political scientist, specializing in the comparative politics of developing countries. PhD MIT, MPP Harvard. Research focus on ethnic politics and group-based inequality, state fragility, governance, democratization, migration, and sub-Saharan African politics. Experience presenting research to both scholarly and policy audiences. Co-author of the first two editions of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, an established reference on governance. Qualitative and quantitative research skills, including field research in diverse contexts (Benin, Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Somaliland, and South Africa, among others). Experience managing international research teams and in project management, as well as in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

EDUCATION

- PhD Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Political Science, 2007
 Dissertation title: Ethnic Leftists, Populist Ethnics: The “New” Politics of Identity
 Dissertation committee: Roger Petersen (chair), Robert H. Bates, and Chappell Lawson
- MPP Harvard University, Public Policy and International Development, 1999
- BSFS Georgetown University, Foreign Service and International Economics, 1997
 Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Hungary, spring term 1996
 Boston University-Université Abdou Moumouni, Niamey, Niger, fall term 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-present Research Fellow, UNU-WIDER
- Focal point for initiative on “The Politics of Group-Based Inequalities: Measurement, Implications, and Possibilities for Change” (2014-2018)
 - Research co-focal point for two UNU-WIDER Development Conferences, “Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy” (5-6 October 2017, Accra) and “Responding to Crises” (23-24 September 2016, Helsinki)
 - Co-focal point for the Governance and Fragility theme of the Research and Communication on Foreign Aid (ReCom) program (2011-2013)
 - Bank Signatory and Financial Certifying Officer, 2014-present
 - Member of job selection and interview panels to fill multiple research and administrative positions

2010-2011	Consultant, World Bank
2007-2009	Research Director, Index of African Governance, Harvard University (Kennedy School)
2005-2007	Research Fellow, Harvard University (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs)
2001-2006	Research and Teaching Assistant, MIT (Department of Political Science)
1998-2000	Program Associate, Harvard University (Program on Intrastate Conflict)
1998	Summer Intern, Medunsa Organisation for Disabled Entrepreneurs, Pretoria, South Africa
1997	Research and Administrative Assistant, Center for the Economic Analysis of Law, Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Collections

Books:

Fragility, Aid, and State-building: Understanding Diverse Trajectories (Routledge, 2017). Editor. This volume was originally published as a special issue of *Third World Quarterly* (36.7).

Development Assistance for Peacebuilding (Routledge, 2017). Editor. This volume was originally published as a special issue of *International Peacekeeping* (22.4).

Special Issues:

Development Assistance for Peacebuilding, special issue of *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (August 2015). Editor.

Aid to Support Fragile States: The Challenge of Chronic State Weakness, special issue of *Third World Quarterly* 36.7 (July 2015). Editor.

Experiments in Development Economics, special issue of the *Journal of Globalization and Development* 6.1 (June 2015). Editor with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa.

Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: Findings from Comparative Cases, volume of *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 656.1 (November 2014). Editor.

Aiding Government Effectiveness in Developing Countries, special issue of *Public Administration and Development* 34.3 (August 2014). Editor with Danielle Resnick.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Human Capital, Labour Market Outcomes, and Horizontal Inequality in Guatemala” (with Carla Canelas), *Oxford Development Studies* (forthcoming). DOI 10.1080/13600818.2017.1388360.

“State Capability and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa,” in *The Practice of Industrial Policy: Government-Business Coordination in Africa and East Asia*, edited by John Page and Finn Tarp (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 80-100.

“The Measurement of Ethnic and Religious Divisions: Spatial, Temporal, and Categorical Dimensions with Evidence from Mindanao, the Philippines” (with Omar S. McDoom), *Social Indicators Research* 129.2 (2016): 863-891.

- “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Public Goods Provision in Zambia: Evidence of a Subnational ‘Diversity Dividend’” (with Stefan Leiderer and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *World Development* 78 (2016): 308-323.
- “Needs vs. Expediency: Poverty Reduction and Social Development in Post-Conflict Countries” (with Tony Addison, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Saurabh Singhal), in *Building Sustainable Peace: Timing and Sequencing of Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding*, edited by Arnim Langer and Graham K. Brown (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 32-50.
- “‘Embedded’ Assistance: Finn Church Aid’s Staff Secondment in Somalia” (with Rauli S. Lepistö and Jussi Ojala), *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (2015): 354-371.
Reprinted in *Development Assistance for Peacebuilding*, edited by Rachel M. Gisselquist (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017), 72-89.
- “Good Aid in Hard Places: Learning from ‘Successful’ Interventions in Fragile Situations” *International Peacekeeping* 22.4 (2015): 283-301.
Reprinted in *Development Assistance for Peacebuilding*, edited by Rachel M. Gisselquist (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017), 1-19.
- “Varieties of Fragility: Implications for Aid,” *Third World Quarterly* 36.7 (2015): 1269–1280.
Reprinted in *Fragility, Aid, and State-building: Understanding Diverse Trajectories*, edited by Rachel M. Gisselquist (Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2017), 1-12.
- “What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Government Performance?” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *Journal of Globalization and Development* 6.1 (2015): 1-45.
- “Evaluating Governance Indexes: Key Criteria,” in *On Governance: What It Is, What It Measures and Its Policy Uses*, edited by Robert I. Rotberg (Waterloo, Canada: Centre for International Governance Innovation, 2015), 23-54.
- “Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: What Do We Know? What Can Comparative Analysis Add?” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 656.1 (2014): 6-21.
- “Ethnic Divisions and Public Goods Provision, Revisited,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 37.9 (2014): 1605-1627.
- “Paired Comparison and Theory Development: Considerations for Case Selection,” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47.2 (2014): 477-484.
- “Developing and Evaluating Governance Indexes: Ten Questions,” *Policy Studies* 35.5 (2014): 513-531.
- “Benin: A Pulverized Party System in Transition,” in *Party Systems and Democracy in Africa*, edited by Renske Doorenspleet and Lia Nijzink (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 129-147.
- “Aiding Government Effectiveness in Developing Countries” (with Danielle Resnick), *Public Administration and Development* 34.3 (2014): 141-148.
- “Ethnic Politics in Ranked and Unranked Systems: An Exploratory Analysis,” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 19.4 (2013): 381-402.
- “Democratic Transition and Democratic Survival in Benin,” *Democratization* 15.4 (2008): 789-814.
- “Peacekeeping Forces,” in *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens’ Rights and Responsibilities*,

ed. C. Neal Tate, Vol. 3 (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2006), 262-268.

“Ethnicidad, clase y cambio en el sistema de partidos boliviano,” *T’inkazos: Revista Boliviana de Ciencias Sociales* 8.18 (2005): 53-80.

Republished in *T’inkazos* 13, suppl. 1 (2010), *Edición Antológica 2003-2010*, 141-165.

“The Sudan: A Successfully Failed State” (with Gérard Prunier), in *State Failure and State Weakness in a Time of Terror*, edited by Robert I. Rotberg (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2003), 101-127.

Working Papers

Human Capital, Labour Market Outcomes, and Horizontal Inequality in Guatemala (with Carla Canelas), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 91/2017.

Needs vs Expediency: Poverty Reduction and Social Development in Post-Conflict Countries (with Tony Addison, Miguel Niño-Zarazúa, and Saurabh Singhal), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/062, August 2015.

Also released by Centre for Research on Peace and Development (CRPD), KU Leuven, as CRPD Working Paper No. 23, 2015.

“*Embedded*” *Assistance: Finn Church Aid’s Staff Secondment in Somalia* (with Rauli S. Lepistö and Jussi Ojala), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/037, March 2015.

State Capacity and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/035, March 2015.

The Conceptualization and Measurement of Ethnic and Religious Divisions: Categorical, Temporal, and Spatial Dimensions, with Evidence from Mindanao, the Philippines (with Omar S. McDoom), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2015/022, February 2015.

Ethnic Heterogeneity and Public Goods Provision in Zambia: Further Evidence of a Subnational “Diversity Dividend” (with Stefan Leiderer and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2014/162, December 2014.

What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Governance? (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2013/077, August 2013.

Evaluating Governance Indexes: Critical and Less Critical Questions, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2013/068, July 2013.

Good Governance as a Concept, and Why This Matters for Development Policy, UNU-WIDER Working Paper 2012/30, March 2012.

Published Reports

Position Paper: Aid, Governance, and Fragility (theme leader for book-length UNU-WIDER authored report), March 2014. Available at <http://recom.wider.unu.edu/article/position-papers-how-does-aid-work>.

This was the capstone report for the Governance and Fragility theme of UNU-WIDER’s Research and Communication on Foreign Aid (ReCom) program. It drew on over a hundred background papers commissioned under this and related themes and feedback provided through two international

results meetings. The program combined a focus on research about what works and can be achieved through development assistance with communication and outreach activities designed to engage with practitioners and others beyond the research community. It was organized around five core thematic areas.

Strengthening African Governance – Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2009 (Robert I. Rotberg and Rachel M. Gisselquist) (Cambridge, MA: Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and World Peace Foundation, October 2009). The report and datasets are available through the Harvard Dataverse Network (dvn.iq.harvard.edu/dvn/dv/governance).

Strengthening African Governance – Ibrahim Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2008 (Robert I. Rotberg and Rachel M. Gisselquist) (Cambridge, MA: Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and World Peace Foundation, October 2008).

Strengthening African Governance – Ibrahim Index of African Governance: Rankings and Results 2007 (Robert I. Rotberg and Rachel M. Gisselquist) (Cambridge, MA: Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and World Peace Foundation, December 2007).

This book-length report presented the first edition of the Ibrahim Index of African Governance, described by Mitra (2013: 489) as “a well-established index that has become a reference point for governments and NGOs.” Examples of articles, databases, and reports that use, evaluate, or discuss the 2007, 2008, or 2009 indexes that Rotberg and I authored include:

Jan Teorell, Stefan Dahlberg, Sören Holmberg, Bo Rothstein, Felix Hartmann, and Richard Svensson, “The Quality of Government Dataset version Jan15” (University of Gothenburg: The Quality of Government Institute, 2015), www.qog.pol.gu.se.

Enrico Casadio Tarabusi and Giulio Guarini, “An Unbalance Adjustment Method for Development Indicators,” *Social Indicators Research* 112.1 (2013): 19-45.

Paolo Paruolo, Michaela Saisana, and Andrea Saltelli, “Ratings and Rankings: Voodoo or Science?” *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A (Statistics in Society)* 176.3 (2013): 609-634.

Shabana Mitra, “Towards a Multidimensional Measure of Governance,” *Social Indicators Research* 112.2 (2013): 477-496.

Jeffrey Frankel, “Mauritius: African Success Story,” *NBER Working Paper No. 16569* (NBER: December 2010).

Javier Fabra Mata and Sebastian Ziaja, *Users’ Guide on Measuring Fragility* (German Development Institute and United Nations Development Programme, 2009).

Michaela Saisana, Paola Annoni, and Michela Nardo, *A Robust Model to Measure Governance in African Countries* (European Commission Joint Research Centre, 2009).

United Nations Development Programme Sierra Leone, *Sierra Leone Socio-Economic Indices* (UNDP Sierra Leone, November 2009).

Celia W. Dugger, “Contention Over Rankings of African Nations,” *New York Times*, 5 October 2009.

Hazel M. McFerson, “Measuring African Governance: by Attributes or by Results?” *Journal of Developing Societies* 25.2 (April/June 2009): 253-274.

Conor Farrington, “Putting Good Governance into Practice (I): The Ibrahim Index of African Governance,” *Progress in Development Studies* 9.3 (2009): 249-255.

Daniel Kaufmann and Art Kraay, “Governance Indicators: Where Are We, Where Should We Be Going?” *The World Bank Research Observer* 23.1 (2008): 1-30.

Kazi Iqbal and Anwar Shah, “A Critical Review of Governance Indicators,” World Bank, 10 December 2008.

Robert I. Rotberg, “An African Scorecard,” *International Herald Tribune*, 5 December 2008.

Jeremias Blaser, “Notes on the Ibrahim Index,” *Staff Opinion* no. 2 (United Nations Development

Programme, Zambia, February 2008).

“Criteria for a Continent,” *The Economist*, 15 November 2007. Published in *The World in 2008*.

“Mo Ibrahim Index in Spotlight: Is Zimbabwe Better Governed Than Nigeria?” Freedom House blog, 7 November 2007.

Anver Versi, “The Ibrahim Index on African Governance,” *African Business*, November 2007.

“Africa: Can the Ibrahim Index Improve Governance?” *The Oxford Analytica Daily Brief*, 3 October 2007.

“African Governance: It’s Better to Be Out to Sea,” *The Economist*, 27 September 2007.

“SA placed fifth on latest African governance index,” *Mail & Guardian*, 25 September 2007.

To Rid the Scourge of War: UN Peace Operations and Today’s Crises (Cambridge, MA: World Peace Foundation, 2002), WPF Reports 31.

The Challenge of Puerto Rico: Resolving Status Issues (Cambridge, MA: World Peace Foundation, 2000), WPF Reports 27.

Sudan: Policy Options Amid Civil War (Cambridge, MA: World Peace Foundation, 2000), WPF Reports 26.

Other Publications

“A WIDER Perspective on Migration,” *WIDERAngle* blog, forthcoming 2017.

“WDR2017 Does Not Disappoint: Four Implications for Work in Development,” blog on the World Bank’s “Let’s Talk Development” platform, 8 March 2017.

Republished on *WIDERAngle* blog, March 2017.

Development Assistance for Peacebuilding, UNU-WIDER Policy Brief 1/17, February 2017.

Experiments in Government Performance – Merits and Limitations of Randomized Controlled Trials (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), UNU-WIDER Policy Brief 5/16, December 2016.

Aid for Governance (with Danielle Resnick), UNU-WIDER Policy Brief 3/16, October 2016.

“Diversity Debit vs. Diversity Dividend: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom” (with Stefan Leiderer and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *WIDERAngle*, January 2016.

“Dear Nicholas Kristof, We are Here, Too!” *WIDERAngle*, February 2014.

“Identifying ‘What Works’ in Foreign Aid: Experimental and Non-experimental Approaches” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *WIDERAngle*, September 2013.

“Taking Inequality into Account in the Post-2015 Development Agenda,” *WIDERAngle*, March 2013.

“What Can Experiments Tell Us About How to Improve Governance?” (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa), *WIDERAngle*, October 2012.

Republished on United Nations University website, 21 February 2013.

“What Does Good Governance Mean?” *WIDERAngle*, January 2012.

Republished on United Nations University website, 9 February 2012.

Review of *Mestizaje Upside Down: Aesthetic Politics in Modern Bolivia*, by Javier Sanjinés C. (Pittsburgh:

University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004) in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 36.2 (2005): 308-310.

"Bolivia's 2004 Municipal Elections," *Focal Point: Spotlight on the Americas* (January 2005): 1-2.

WORK IN PROGRESS (SELECTED)

On ethnic politics and group-based inequality:

"Legal Empowerment and Group-Based Inequality." Editor of special issue/section of the *Journal of Development Studies* and author of introductory/framing article, "Legal Empowerment, Social Exclusion, and Inequality." Articles in process of review.

"Horizontal Inequality: Persistence and Change." Editor (with Carla Canelas) of special issue of *Oxford Development Studies* and author (with Canelas) of lead/framing article. Articles in process of review.

"Horizontal Inequality in the Global South: Data, Measurement, and Trends." Editor (with Carla Canelas) of special issue of *Social Indicators Research* and author (with Canelas) of introductory/framing article. Articles in process of review.

"Group-Based Inequality around the World: What Do We Know?" (with Liliana Narvaez Rodriguez). First draft was presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, February 2017

"Social Protection and Ethnic Inequality in Bolivia" (with Carla Canelas and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa)

On migration:

"Refugees, Inequality, and Integration: National and Subnational Influences"

"Forced Migration and Inequality: National- and Local-level Factors Influencing Refugee Integration." Editor of special issue proposal accepted by the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, and author of introductory/framing article. Articles to begin the review process by March 2018.

"Migration Governance and Policy in the Global South." Editor (with Finn Tarp). Journal special issue proposal to be submitted, December 2017.

"Migration and Those Left Behind." Editor (with Finn Tarp). Journal special issue proposal to be submitted, December 2017.

On state fragility, state-building, and governance:

"Responding to Crises: A Development Perspective" (with Tony Addison and Finn Tarp)

"Policy and Agenda-Setting in Aid-Dependent Countries: A Two-Level Approach"

"Good Governance as a Concept, and Why This Matters for Development Policy"

On methods:

"Using Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Methods to Study Government Performance: A Systematic Review" (with Miguel Niño-Zarazúa and Javier Sajuría)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING (SELECTED)

Academic Professional Association Annual Conferences

(Paper presenter=P, Discussant=D)

American Political Science Association—APSA (2002-P, 2005-P, 2006-P, 2008-P, 2009-P, 2010-P, 2014-D, 2017-D)

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes—EADI (2014-D)

International Studies Association—ISA (2009-P, 2011-P, 2014-P, 2015-P, 2017-P&D)

Latin American Studies Association—LASA (2004-P)

Midwest Political Science Association—MPSA (2006-P)

Nordic Africa Days (2012-P)

Other Research Conferences, Workshops, and Seminar Series

“Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy,” UNU-WIDER Development Conference, Accra, Ghana, 5-6 October 2017. Chair of 2 parallel sessions and of closing plenary.

“Forced Migration and Inequality: Country- and City-level Factors Influencing Refugee Integration,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Accra, Ghana, 4 October 2017. Workshop chair

“Addressing Group-based Inequality through Legal Empowerment,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 7-8 October 2016. Workshop chair

“The Political Implications of Group-based Inequalities,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 9-10 September 2016. Workshop chair

“Group-based Inequalities: Patterns and Trends within and across Countries,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 15-17 June 2016. Workshop chair (with Carla Canelas)

“State Capacity and Prospects for Close Coordination: Considerations for Industrial Policy in Africa,” presentation to KOICA and UNU-WIDER workshop on “The Practice of Industrial Policy – Lessons for Africa,” Helsinki, 9-10 March 2015

“Good Aid in Hard Places: Learning from What Has Worked in Fragile Contexts,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 12-13 December 2013. Workshop chair

“Aid and Institution-Building in Fragile States: Findings from Comparative Cases,” UNU-WIDER workshop, Helsinki, 15-16 November 2013. Workshop chair

“Experimental and Non-Experimental Methods to Study Government Performance,” hosted by UNU-WIDER at New York University, 22-23 August 2013. Workshop co-chair and paper presenter

“Measuring Governance Effectiveness,” hosted by the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and the North-South Institute, CIGI Campus, Waterloo, Canada, 19-20 June 2013

African Affairs Seminar Series, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, 7 September 2010

“How Genocides End,” Harvard University, 10 May 2008

“Deviant Democracies: Democratization against All Odds,” Leiden University, 28-29 September 2006

International Security Program Seminar Series, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (BCSIA), Harvard University, 18 May 2006

Program on Intrastate Conflict Seminar Series, BCSIA, Harvard University, 5 May 2006

Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP), University of California, San Diego, 9-10 December 2005

“New Challenges for Political Parties and Representation,” European Union Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 6-7 May 2005

Work-in-Progress Colloquium, MIT Department of Political Science, 29 April 2005

Identity Politics Working Group, MIT Center for International Studies, 8 April 2005

Work-in-Progress Colloquium, MIT Department of Political Science, 9 April 2004

Working Group on Civil-Military Relations, MIT Center for International Studies, 24 October 2002

Events including a Policy and/or Public Audience

- “Research Meets Policy: What Insights Does Research Offer for Policy? What Questions Remain Unanswered?” chair of closing plenary for UNU-WIDER Development Conference, “Migration and Mobility: New Frontiers for Research and Policy,” Accra, Ghana, 6 October 2017.
- “Why We Need to Rethink the Diversity Debate,” TEDxOtaniemi, Espoo, Finland, 18 August 2017.
- “Engagement on Strategies to Overcome Inequality in South Africa,” policy seminar jointly organized by the Mandela Initiative, the Programme to Support Pro-Poor Policy Development, and UNU-WIDER, Pretoria, South Africa, 1-2 June 2017. Chair of session on Civil Society Engagement with Inequality.
- “Crossing the Boundaries of Academia: Working in or with the Policy Community,” roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2017.
- “World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law – Launch Seminar,” organized by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank, Helsinki, 9 February 2017. Served as discussant on panel with former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen and Anu Juvonen, Demos Finland.
- “The Politics of Ethnic Inequality,” presentation for expert group meeting on “Promoting Inclusion through Social Protection,” for the 2017 *Report on the World Social Situation*, hosted by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), 1 December 2016.
- “Crises & Responses: Framing the Issues,” remarks as panellist in opening plenary session of UNU-WIDER “Responding to Crises” conference, 23-24 September 2016.
- “WIDER Knowledge and Agenda 2030 Challenges” (with Finn Tarp and Smriti Sharma), presentation to the Finnish Development Policy Committee, 15 March 2016
- Consultation Seminar on “World Development Report 2017: Governance and Law,” hosted by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 17 November 2015. Served as discussant along with former President of Finland, Tarja Halonen.
- “Lessons from ReCom in a post-2015 Perspective” (with Finn Tarp and Tony Addison), seminar hosted by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Stockholm, 8 October 2014
- “ReCom – What Works in Foreign Aid” (with Finn Tarp), presentation to the Advisory Unit of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, 31 October 2013
- “A Bird’s-eye View of Current UNU-WIDER Research on Fragility” and “Preliminary Findings from Two UNU-WIDER Studies” at conference on “Fragility and Aid: What Works?” hosted by the United Nations University-Office in New York (UNU-ONY) and UNU-WIDER at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, New York, 25 October 2013
- “UNU-WIDER Position Paper on Governance and Fragility” (with Finn Tarp) at “ReCom Results Meeting: Challenges of Governance and Fragility,” hosted by the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), UNU-WIDER, Danida, and Sida, Copenhagen, 23 October 2013
- “Aid, Governance, and Fragility,” presentation as part of event on UNU-WIDER’s ReCom programme, Helsinki, 19 September 2013
- “Escaping Fragility,” at conference on “The New Global Development Agenda,” hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and UNU-WIDER, 12 November 2012
- “Strengthening African Governance. The Index of African Governance: Results and Rankings 2009,” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC, 1 October 2009
- “The Ibrahim Index of African Governance,” Kigali, Rwanda, 14 January 2009. Delivered opening remarks and participated in day-long seminar with senior Rwandan government officials, hosted by the Rwandan Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and Governance Advisory Council
- Panel member (with Mo Ibrahim, Mary Robinson, Salim Ahmed Salim, Mamphela Ramphele, and Robert Rotberg) at press conference to launch the 2008 Ibrahim Index of African Governance and participant in “Academic Roundtable,” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 6 October 2008

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS

London School of Economics (Department of Government), Visiting Fellow, 2010-2012
Harvard University (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs), Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2005-2007. Jointly affiliated with the Program on Intrastate Conflict and the International Security Program
National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-0419737), 2004-2005
National Security Education Program, Boren Graduate Fellowship, 2002 and 2004
MIT, Center for International Studies Summer Research Grant, summers 2003 and 2004
MIT Carroll L. Wilson Award, summer 2002
Harvard University Southern Africa Program Summer Internship Grant, 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNU-WIDER:

As part of the Institute's 3-month PhD internship (pre-doctoral fellows) program, served as faculty mentor to:

- 2017: Anne Kantel (Political Science, American University)
Bharti Nandwani (Economics, Shiv Nadar University)
- 2016: Nicole Beardsworth (Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick)
Dede W. A. Gafa (Development Economics, University of Ghana)
Benjamin Anang (Economics, University of Helsinki)
- 2015: Bethlehem Asres Argaw (Economics, Leibniz University of Hanover)
Pouirkèta Rita Nikiema (Economics, Université Cheikh Anta Diop)
- 2014: Judith Sinja (Development Economics, Wageningen University and Research Centre)
Nelson Ruiz Guarín (Development Studies, London School of Economics)
Smriti Sharma (Economics, University of Delhi)

UNU-WIDER and Helsinki Centre for Economic Research:

Lecture on "Democracy and Development" for *Development Economics I* (graduate), 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
Lecture on "Ethnicity and Development" for *Development Economics II* (graduate), 2012-2014
Co-supervisor, Master's thesis on state-building, Hannakaisa Andersson, 2013

Harvard University:

Capacity Building for Governance: Index of African Governance Workshop (executive education). Instructor, 2008

The Microeconomic Analysis of Poverty and Development (graduate). Teaching Assistant, 1999

MIT:

Research Scope and Methods (undergraduate). Teaching Assistant, 2006

Introduction to African Politics and Society (non-credit seminar). Instructor, 2005

Fundamentals of Public Policy (undergraduate). Teaching Assistant, 2005

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS, AND SERVICE

Research-related

I have served as a peer reviewer for: *African Studies Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Politics*, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Poverty Alleviation and International Development*, *Méthod(e)s: Revue africaine de méthodologie des sciences sociales/African Review of Social Sciences Methodology*, *Party Politics*,

Public Administration and Development, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Development, and World Politics

UNU-WIDER representative, UNU Migration Network, 2017-present

Member of Advisory Board, "Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty" Survey, Warwick University, 2016-2017

Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics (Department of Government), 2010-2012

Affiliated Scholar, Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique/Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IREEP), Cotonou, Benin, 2004-2005

Visiting Scholar, Universidad de la Cordillera, La Paz, Bolivia, 2004-2005

Policy and Public Engagement

Member of Advisory Council, Global Women's Leadership Index, an initiative of the Women in Public Service Project (WPSP), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2016-present

Member of Reference Group for study, "Quality of Government – A Meta-analytical Evaluation of Implications for Development Policy," Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), a committee of the Government of Sweden, 2015

Member, Carroll L. Wilson Award Committee, MIT, 2008-2011. The award supports projects by MIT students designed to address societal challenges with international dimensions

Other

Member, UNU Staff Council, 2015-2017. One of two representatives for UNU-WIDER