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Population Studies Center, University of Michigan:
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Visiting Research Economist, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (Institute of Applied Economic Research), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 1989-June 1990.

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President, Population Association of America, 2011.
Distinguished Alumni Award, Fort Lewis College School of Arts and Sciences, 1999.
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Fulbright Research Scholar, Award for Research in South Africa, 1997-98
Board of Directors, Population Association of America, 1995-97.
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Population Association of America, Dorothy S. Thomas Award, 1983
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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Economic Demography, Economic Development, Economics of the Family, Human Capital and Labor Markets in Developing Countries, Economics of Brazil, Economics of South Africa

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- “Household Responses to Economic Shocks in Brazil,” National Institutes of Health, National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, 1997-2001 (Principal Investigator).
- “Evolutionary Foundations of Family Organization,” (with Theodore Bergstrom), National Institutes of Health, National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, 1994-97 (Principal Investigator).
- “Women’s Education, Female Labor Supply, and Fertility Decline in Brazil,” (with Guilherme Sedlacek), Rockefeller Foundation, Research Program on Women’s Status and Fertility, 1991-93.
- “Public Goods and the Economics of the Family” (with Theodore Bergstrom), National Institutes of Health, NICHD, 1985-87, 1988-91 (Principal Investigator).
- “Influences on Fecundity and the Timing of Births” (with Jeffrey Miron), National Institutes of Health, NICHD, 1986-87, 1988-91 (Principal Investigator).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Committees, Visiting Positions and Consulting:

- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP), Elected Member of Council, 2014-17, 2018-21.
- Advisory Group, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN), 2020-21, Facilitating Rapid and Actionable Responses to Social, Behavioral, and Economic-Related COVID-19 Questions.
- Advisory Board, Health and Aging in South Africa (HAALSI) Study, 2019, 2024.

Member, National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Roundtable on the Communication and Use of Social and Behavioral Science, 2015-2021.

Visiting Professor, School of Economics, University of Cape Town, 2013-14, 2024.

Visiting Professor, Department of Demography and Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2012.

Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2013-16.

Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2012-2016.

Co-Editor, *IZA Journal of Migration and Development*, 2012-.

Consultant, United Nations Development Program, Research Specialist for the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, 2013.

Member, External Advisory Board, DataFirst Data Archive, University of Cape Town, 2013-.

Member, International Scientific Advisory Board, Agincourt Rural Public Health and Transitions Unit, South Africa, 2012-.

Chair, National Science Foundation Oversight Board for Integrated Public Use Microdata Series International (IPUMS-I) Project, 2010-2016.

Member of Technical Advisory Committee, National Income Dynamics Study, Office of the Presidency and University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2006-2008.

Consultant, Office of the Presidency, South Africa, 2004-2006.

Director, Cape Area Panel Study, a longitudinal survey of youth in Cape Town, South Africa, 2002- .

Associate Editor, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2003-2013.

Consultant, World Bank, for 2007 *World Development Report*.

Organizer and Co-Chair, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population conference on “Interactions between Poverty and HIV/AIDS,” Cape Town, South Africa, December 2006.

Co-Chair (with John Strauss), Panel on Population and Poverty, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, 2003-2006.

Member, Population Sciences Committee, National Institute on Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, 2002-2006.

Member, Panel on Transitions to Adulthood in Developing Countries, National Academy of Sciences, 2001-2003.

Member, Committee on Population, National Academy of Sciences, 1997-2003.

Consultant, United Nations Population Division, 2000.

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, 1999.

Visiting Research Economist, Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit, School of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa, September 1997- July 1998.

Advisor to the Center for Science Development, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa, 1997.

Board of Directors, Population Association of America, 1995-97.

Member, External Review and Planning Committee, Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch, National Institute on Child Health and Human Development, 1996.

Member, Social Science and Population Study Section, National Institutes of Health, 1993-96.

Consulting Editor, *Demography*, 1996-1999.

Robert J. Lapham Award Committee, Population Association of America, 1992-94.

Program Committee, Population Association of America, 1992-93.

Member, Behavioral Medicine Study Section, Behavioral and Neurosciences Special Emphasis Panel, National Institutes of Health, March 1993.

Consultant, World Bank, Research Project on Quality of Education in Brazil, 1993.

Visiting Research Economist, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (Institute of Applied Economic Research), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 1989-June 1990.

Consultant, World Bank, Research Project on Child Schooling and Income Inequality, 1989-92.

Consultant, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Population (Working Group on Population Growth and Economic Development), 1984-85.

Referee/Reviewer: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*; *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Berkeley Electronic Journal*, *Demography*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *Global Health Action*, *Health Economics*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Mathematical Population Studies*, *Population and Development Review*, *Population and Environment*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Research in Social Stratification*, *Research on Household Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Income and Wealth*, *Science*, *South Africa Journal of Economics*, *Studies in Family Planning*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Development*, *Economic Research Southern Africa*, *Economic Society of South Africa*, *Institute of International Education*, *International Development Research Centre (Canada)*, *Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research*, *Oxford University*, *South African National Research Foundation*, *Spencer Foundation*, *UK Department for International Development*, *US Census Bureau*, *US National Academy of Sciences*, *US National Institutes of Health*, *US National Science Foundation*, *World Bank*.

Member, American Economic Association, Population Association of America, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Union for African Population Studies.

Selected Addresses, Presentations and Conferences:

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, International Population Conference, Brisbane Australia, July 2025, session organizer, papers presented.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Washington DC, April 2025, papers presented.

2024 Jobs and Development Conference (World Bank, UNU-WIDER, and ILO), Cairo, Egypt, October 2024, Keynote address: "The Global Labor Market and the End of World Population Growth."
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3j3_cwZLs

University of Cape Town, Conference on Inequality, Work, and Nature, November 2023. Keynote address: "How will population growth and income growth in the world's poorest countries affect food, water, energy, and climate change?"

Columbia University, IPD-JICA Conference on Employment Prospects in Developing Countries: Implications of Technological and Demographic Trends, January 2023, presentation on "The Demography of the Labor Force in Sub-Saharan Africa."

2022 Jobs and Development Conference: The Challenge of Creating Better Jobs in Developing Countries (World Bank, Network on Jobs and Development, UNU-WIDER), Cape Town, South Africa, December 2022, presentation on "Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries: Challenges and Opportunities."

Economic Club of Kansas City, March 2021, presentation on "The Changing Demography of the Labor Force in Emerging Markets."

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Second Conference on Population, Poverty, and Inequality, University of Michigan, December 2020, co-chair and paper presented.

University of Houston, Department of Economics, seminar presentation, February 2020.

Conference on Labor Markets in South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal, DFID/IZA Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, December 2019, organizer and chair.

Washington University, St. Louis, Department of Economics, seminar presentation, November 2019.

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Conference on Population, Poverty, and Inequality, University of Michigan, June 2019, co-chair and paper presented.

Conference on Labor Markets in East Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, DFID/IZA Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, December 2018, organizer and chair.

Columbia University, Department of Economics, seminar presentation, March 2018.

Western Michigan University, Department of Economics, Sichel Lecture, February 2018.

University of Maryland, Maryland Population Research Center, seminar presentation, December 2017.

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, November 2017, session organizer, papers presented.

Conference on Labor Markets in West Africa, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, DFID/IZA Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, November 2017, organizer and chair.

Conference on Fostering Enterprises in Low-Income Countries, London, UK, Overseas Development Institute, September 2017, presenter and panelist.

International Economic Association World Congress, Mexico City, "Schooling Inequality, Returns to Schooling, and Earnings Inequality: Evidence from Brazil and South Africa," June 2017, paper presented.

Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED), Paris, "The Next 4 Billion People: The Demography and Economics of Population Growth in the 21st Century," April 2017, seminar presentation.

Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2017, paper presented.

IZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics, Bonn Germany, March 2017, paper presented.

Conference on Labor Markets in Southern Africa, Lusaka, Zambia, DFID/IZA Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, October 2016, organizer and chair.

U.S. Department of Treasury, International Affairs Division, August 2016, paper presented.

University of Ghana, African Social Research Initiative conference "Breaking the Barriers to Africa's Development: The Role of the Social Sciences," paper presented on "Education, Returns to Schooling, and Earnings Inequality in Ghana and South Africa," with William Baah-Boateng (Univ. Ghana) and Murray Leibbrandt (Univ. Cape Town), July 2016.

Dallas Federal Reserve Bank/Southern Methodist University Conference on "The Political Economy of Texas-Mexico Common Bonds, Shared Challenges," April 2016, paper presented.

Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2016, session organizer.

Wilson Center Brazil Institute, Washington, DC, Symposium on "Trajectories of Inequality in Brazil," February 2016, paper presented.

Conference on Labor Markets in South Asia, Dhaka, Bangladesh, DFID/IZA Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, December 2015, organizer and chair.

IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Bonn, Germany, June 2015, paper presented.

"Can the world support four billion more people? The demography and economics of population growth in the 21st century," Doran Annual Lecture for Population, Resources and Development, Hebrew University, Israel, May 2015.

University of Washington, Department of Economics and Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, April 2015, seminar presentation.

"Four Billion More People but Fewer Children: The Peculiar Demography of the 21st Century and its Economic Implications," Jane Menken Distinguished Lecture in Population, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 2015.

Brazilian Association for the Study of Population, São Pedro, Brazil, November 2014, keynote address.

Harvard University, Center for Population and Development Studies, November 2014, seminar presentation.

Princeton University, Joint Degree Program in Social Science and Social Policy, seminar presentation, October 2014.

UNICEF Symposium on Cohort and Longitudinal Studies in Developing Countries, Florence, Italy, October 2014, paper presented.

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City 2014 Economic Policy Symposium, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, August 2014, plenary presentation.

IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Lima, Peru, June 2014, paper presented, session organizer and chair.

Mexican Society of Demography, May 2014, keynote address.

47th Annual Session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, New York, April 2014, Keynote address on population and sustainable development.

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2014, papers presented.

Yale University, Interdisciplinary Seminar in Population and Demography, seminar presentation, April 2014.

Boston University, Department of Economics, seminar presentation, April 2014.

UK Department for International Development, presentation given on lessons learned from recent research on labor markets in low-income countries, London, February 2014.

Eighth Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development, Nairobi, Kenya, January 2014, paper presented.

Organizer, IZA/DFID/AERC Conference on Training Programs and Labor Markets in Africa: Evidence and Policy Lessons, Nairobi, Kenya, December 13-15, 2013.

Conference on Micro-econometric Analysis of South African Data, Durban, South Africa, November 2013, paper presented.

International Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population in Busan, Korea, August 2013, papers presented, session organizer and chair.

IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Bonn, Germany, August 2013, paper presented, session organizer and chair.

United Nations High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, conference on “The Post-2015 Environment: Crafting a Current and Future Research Agenda,” New York, June 2013, invited presenter and discussant.

University of Pretoria Department of Economics, seminar presentation, August 2013.

University of Cape Town School of Economics, seminar presentation, June 2013.

University of Stellenbosch Department of Economics, seminar presentation, June 2013.

“Economic research using longitudinal household surveys in South Africa,” presentation to Institute for Statistical, Social, and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Accra, April 2013

“Labour Markets and Youth Employment in Africa,” presentation at conference on “Youth Employment in Africa: Challenges and the Way Forward,” Oxford University, UK, April 2013.

IZA Conference on Labor Markets in Middle East and North Africa, conference organizer and discussant, Tunis, Tunisia, March 2013.

Rand Labor and Population Program seminar, December 2012.

“Already Beyond – 40 Years of Limits to Growth,” Herrenhausen Symposium, Hanover, Germany, November 2012, keynote address, “Looking back at 50 years of rapid population growth.”

IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Delhi, India, November 2012, papers presented and session organizer.

Conference on Micro-Econometric Analysis of South African Data, Durban, South Africa, November 2012, paper presented.

Stanford University Seminar in Labor Economics and Economic Development, seminar presentation, November 2012.

UC Berkeley Demography seminar, October 2012.

UCLA California Center for Population Research, seminar, October 2012.

USC Economic Development seminar, October 2012.

UC Berkeley Economic Development seminar, September 2012.

MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, presentation to president and program staff, "Population growth, food, and natural resources," August 2012.

Paris School of Economics, Economic Demography Workshop, seminar presented, June 2012.

IZA (Institute for Study of Labor), seminar presentation, June 2012.

Copenhagen Consensus 2012, May 2012, author of perspective paper on Population Growth.

Duke University Population Research Institute, April 2012, seminar presentation.

IZA/DFID Conference on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries, Paris, January 2012, conference organizer and chair.

Hewlett/PRB Conference on Population and Economic Development, Accra, Ghana, January 2011, discussant.

Sixth Conference on African Population, Union for African Population Studies, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, December 2011, papers presented.

Conference on Micro-Econometric Analysis of South African Data, Durban, South Africa, November 2011, papers presented.

Symposium on the 7th Billion Human, Johns Hopkins University, October 2011, keynote presentation.

IUSSP Conference on New Challenges in Population and Development, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, June 2011, keynote presentation.

African Social Research Initiative Conference on Access, Accountability & Equality, Accra, Ghana July 22-23, 2011, co-organizer and paper presented.

World Bank conference on Children and Youth in Crisis, Marbach Castle, Germany, May 2011, paper presented.

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2011, presidential address and paper presented.

International Conference on Challenges and Innovations in Longitudinal Surveys, Peking University, Beijing, China, March 2011, paper presented.

Hewlett/PRB Conference on Population and Economic Development, Marseilles, France, January 2011, paper presented.

Population Council Workshop on Adolescent Surveys in Developing Countries, Delhi, India, November 2010, paper presented.

Social Science in the Public Interest: Building the Foundation for a New Nepal," Kathmandu, Nepal, November 2010.

National Intelligence Council conference on "The Youth Bulge in Africa," Arlington, Virginia, November 2011, paper presented.

University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center, November 2010, seminar presentation.

University of KwaZulu Natal School of Development Studies, May 2010, seminar presentation.

IZA/World Bank Conference on Employment and Development, Cape Town, May 2010, paper presented.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Dallas, Texas, April 2010, papers presented.

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Demography, March 2010, seminar presentation

Hewlett/PRB Conference on Population and Economic Development, Cape Town, January 2010, paper presented.

World Bank workshop on “Tackling Adolescent Reproductive Health: Impacts and Interventions to Address Them,” December 2009, paper presented.

Ohio State University, Population Research Center, November 2009, seminar presentation.

International Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population in Marrakech, Morocco in October 2009, papers presented.

South Africa National Income Dynamics Study launch, Johannesburg, July 2009, paper presented.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Detroit, April 2009, papers presented.

International Sociological Association RC 28 Conference on Social Inequality and Social Change, Beijing, China, May 2009, paper presented.

University of Minnesota, Minnesota Population Center, February 2009, seminar presentation.

University of Washington, Department of Economics, February 2009, seminar presentation.

Hewlett/PRB Conference on Population and Economic Development, Dublin, Ireland, January 2009.

Brown University, Population Research and Training Center and Dept. of Economics, December 2008.

Co-Chair (with John Knodel), Conference on the Impact of HIV/AIDS on Older Persons in Africa and Asia, University of Michigan, November 2008.

Migrant Youth and Children of Migrants in a Globalized World, Bellagio, Italy, April 2008, paper presented.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, New Orleans, April 2008, paper presented.

Union for African Population Studies General Conference, Arusha, Tanzania, December 2007, paper presented.

Hewlett/PRB Conference on Population and Economic Development, Arusha, Tanzania, December 2007, paper presented.

Cornell/Michigan conference on Labor Markets in Transition and Developing Economies: Emerging Policy and Analytical Issues, University of Michigan, May, 2007, paper presented.

Subjective Probabilities and Expectations: Methodological Issues and Empirical Applications to Economic Decision-Making, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, September 2007, paper presented.

Tenth BREAD Conference on Development Economics, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development, Princeton University, April 2007, paper presented.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, seminar presentation on World Bank’s World Development Report 2007, April 2007.

Princeton University, Research Program in Development Studies, April 2007.

University of Maryland, Maryland Population Research Center, April 2007.

University of Chicago, Population Research Center, April 2007.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, New York, March 2007.

Workshop on HIV/AIDS and the Elderly in Africa, University of Colorado, January 2007.

University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, Department of Economics, May 2006.

University of Cape Town, Department of Economics, South Africa, March 2006.

World Bank workshop on “Development and the Next Generation,” Berlin, Germany, September 2005.

General Conference, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Tours, France July 2005

Stellenbosch University, South Africa Department of Economics, April 2005

University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Department of Economics, January 2005

National Academy of Sciences Conference on Aging in Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa, July 2004.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, March 2004.

Keynote presentation at the 60th anniversary symposium of Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, November 2003.

University of Minnesota, Population Studies Center, October 2003.

Brazilian Population Studies Association biennial conference, November 2002.

Vanderbilt University, Dept. of Economics, March 2002.
Conference on Labor Markets in South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa, November 2001.
Keynote address, Inter-American Development Bank Network on Inequality and Poverty Annual Meeting, Montevideo, October 2001.
Cambridge University, England, Conference on “Welfare, Demography, and Development,” Sept. 2001.
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population General Conference, Salvador, Brazil, August 2001.
University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Economics and Population Studies Center, April 2001.
World Bank Conference on Child Labor in Latin America, October 2000.
World Bank, Seminar on Poverty, Household Economics and Rural Development, October 2000.
World Bank Conference on Child Labor and Child Protection, April 2000.
World Bank, Latin America and Caribbean Division, October 1999.
Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, October 1999.
Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, July 1999.
University of Cape Town, Conference on Comparative Perspectives on Immigration in the U.S. and South Africa, May 1999
Department of Economics, Princeton University, April 1999.
Department of Economics and Population Research Center, University of Chicago, November 1998.
Institute for Applied Economic Research, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 1998.
Department of Economics and Population Research Center, Brown University, March 1997.
Institute of Sociology, Hanoi, Vietnam, November 1996.
Institute for Economic Research, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, November 1996.