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2021–2023	US Agency for International Development; <i>Expert Development Economist</i> ‣ <i>Office of the Administrator, TS security clearance</i>
2002–2023	Center for Global Development (Washington, DC) ‣ <i>Director for Migration, Displacement, & Humanitarian Policy, 2019–2023</i> ‣ <i>Co-Director for Migration, Displacement, & Humanitarian Policy, 2017–2019</i> ‣ <i>Research Fellow, 2002–2010; Senior Fellow, 2010–2023; Research Manager, 2011–2017</i>
2022	Georgetown University (SFS & McCourt School); <i>Adjunct Professor</i>
2016–2022	<i>Journal of Population Economics</i> (Springer); <i>Associate Editor</i>
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2011	Dept. of Economics & Wagner School, New York University; <i>Visiting Scholar</i>
2003–2010	McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University; <i>Affiliated Associate Professor</i>
2000–2002	Center for International Development, Harvard University; <i>Research Fellow</i>
1998–2000	World Bank; <i>Consultant</i> , environmental economics
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1994–1995	Thomas J. Watson Foundation; <i>Watson Fellow</i> in Bogotá, Colombia & Cuiabá, Brazil

Academic Journal Articles

2024	“ Migration from Developing Countries: Selection, Income Elasticity, and Simpson’s Paradox ”, forthcoming in <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> (with Mariapia Mendola). <i>⟨Pre-pub. versions at IZA, CGD, and Centro Studi Luca d’Agliano⟩</i> ‣ Research Summary for VoxDev at CEPR ‣ Covered by <i>The Economist</i> ; <i>United Nations Dispatch</i> ; <i>Bistandsaktuelt</i> ; <i>IZA Newsroom</i>
2023	“ Human Capital Investment under Exit Options: Evidence from a Natural Quasi-Experiment ”, <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 163: 103112 (with Satish Chand). <i>⟨Pre-pub. versions at CGD and IZA⟩</i> ‣ Covered by <i>The Economist</i> , <i>The Atlantic</i> (bis), <i>Guardian Nigeria</i>
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- 2019 “The New Economic Case for Migration Restrictions: An Assessment”, *Journal of Development Economics*, 138: 153–164 (with Lant Pritchett). *⟨Pre-pub. versions at CGD, IZA, and Harvard University⟩*
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- 1999 “Reserve Design for Species Preservation”, *European Journal of Operational Research*, 112 (2): 273–283 (with Charles R. ReVelle and Justin Williams).
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- 2025 *The Walls of Nations*, New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming.
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- 2024 “[Migration or stagnation: Aging and economic growth in Korea today, the world tomorrow](#)”, Working Paper 24-18, Washington, DC: Peterson Institute for International Economics. *⟨Co-released with IZA and CGD⟩*
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 - Interactive: [Korea faces income losses within half a century without more labor migration](#)
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Expert Work in Litigation

- 2020 Declaration on behalf of the plaintiff in *Human Rights First v. Chad F. Wolf et al.* (US District Court DC, [1:20-cv-03764](#))
- Rule challenged by the plaintiff enjoined by *Pangea Legal Services v. DHS* ([3:20-cv-09253-JD](#))
- 2024 Expert witness on behalf of the defendant in *State of Arizona et al. v. Merrick Garland et al.* (US District Court, Western District of Louisiana, [6:22-cv-01130](#))
- Case against the defendant [dismissed](#)

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- 2015 “Does Development Reduce Migration?”, in Robert E. B. Lucas, ed., *International Handbook on Migration and Economic Development*, Northampton, Mass.: Edward Elgar Publishing, pp. 152–185. *<Pre-pub. version>*
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