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2002–2023	Center for Global Development (Washington, DC) ‣ <i>Director for Migration, Displacement, &amp; Humanitarian Policy, 2019–2023</i> ‣ <i>Co-Director for Migration, Displacement, &amp; Humanitarian Policy, 2017–2019</i> ‣ <i>Research Fellow, 2002–2010; Senior Fellow, 2010–2023; Research Manager, 2011–2017</i>
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2016–2022	<i>Journal of Population Economics</i> (Springer); <i>Associate Editor</i>
2016–2020	<i>World Development</i> (Elsevier); <i>Associate Editor</i>
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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1996 & 1997	World Bank; <i>Summer Assistant</i> , environmental economics
1994–1995	Thomas J. Watson Foundation; <i>Watson Fellow</i> in Bogotá, Colombia & Cuiabá, Brazil

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