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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023– **IDinsight**, Senior Economist & Director
- 2021–22 **The Life You Can Save**, Director of Research & Growth
- 2019–21 **University of California Berkeley**, Center for Effective Global Action, Director of Research
- 2014–19 **World Bank**, Development Impact Evaluation, Economist
» Project countries: Azerbaijan, Chile, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Guinea, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania, Sierra Leone
- 2012–14 **Stanford University**, Center on Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, Minerva Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2010–11 **University of Oxford**, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Research Officer
- 2008–09 **University of Buckingham**, Dept. of Economics & International Studies, Lecturer
- 2005–06 **Center for Global Development**, Research Associate

EDUCATION

- 2012 **University of Oxford**, Ph.D. in Economics, "Essays in Law, Institutions, and Conflict"
» Marie Curie AMID Fellowship, Institute of International Economic Studies, Stockholm (2011)
» Wingate Fellowship (2010)
» Dept. of Economics Teaching Fellowship (2007, 2009)
- 2004 **University of Oxford**, M.Phil. in Economics
» Rhodes Scholar (Pakistan & St. Antony's, 2002)
- 2001 **Lahore University of Management Sciences**, B.Sc. (Hons.) in Economics & Social Sciences

WRITING

Journal articles

- "In-group bias in the Indian judiciary: Evidence from 5 million criminal cases" (with E. Ash, S. Asher, A. Bhowmick, S. Bhupatiraju, D. Chen, T. Devi, C. Goessmann & P. Novosad). 2024. **Review of Economics and Statistics**
» Press: [Economic and Political Weekly](#), [Hindustan Times](#), [Indian Express](#), [Telegraph](#), [The Print](#), [News18](#), [Logical Indian](#), [Data for Justice](#), [Bar and Bench](#)
- "Building resilient health systems: Experimental evidence from Sierra Leone and the 2014 Ebola outbreak" (with D. Christensen, O. Dube, J. Haushofer & M. Voors). 2020. **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, Vol. 136 (May), 1145-98
» Press: [New York Times](#), [NPR Hidden Brain](#), [CBS Chicago](#), [VoxEU](#)
- "Could gentrification stop the poor from benefiting from urban improvements?" (with C. Balboni, G. Bryan & M. Morten). 2021. **American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings**, Vol. 111 (May), 532-37
- "Community-based crisis response: Evidence from Sierra Leone's Ebola outbreak" (with D. Christensen, O. Dube, J. Haushofer & M. Voors). 2020. **American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings**, Vol. 110 (May), 260-64
- "Reconciling after civil conflict increases social capital but decreases individual wellbeing" (with J. Cilliers & O. Dube). 2016. **Science**, Vol. 352 (May), Issue 6287, 787-794
» Press: [Washington Post](#), [NPR Hidden Brain](#), [Voice of America](#), [Le Monde](#), [Science Daily](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Pacific Standard](#), [Público](#), [El Espectador](#), [El Economista](#), [Diariomedico](#), [El Digital de Asturias](#), [Sinc](#), [Infosalus](#)
- "The white-man effect: How foreigner presence affects behavior in experiments" (with J. Cilliers & O. Dube). 2015. **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, Vol. 118 (Oct), 397-414
» Press: [NY Magazine](#), [Quartz](#), [Debraj Ray's blog](#)
- "Global Fund grant programmes: An analysis of evaluation scores" (with S. Radelet). 2007. **Lancet**, Vol. 369 (May), 1807-13

Working papers

- "Transportation, gentrification, and urban mobility: The inequality effects of place-based policies" (with C. Balboni, G. Bryan & M. Morten). 2020.
- "Delivering justice to the poor: Experimental evidence from Liberia" (with J. Sandefur). 2015.
- "The long-run impacts of colonial village institutions on development: Evidence from Pakistan" (with A. Cheema, A. Naqvi & F. Naseer). 2015.
- "The economics of due process: Police monitoring vs. legal aid in Sierra Leone" (with J. Sandefur & A. Varvaloucas). 2015.

Policy and other publications

Impacts of judicial reforms to address court congestion and delays in justice in the Philippines (with A. Orbeta & V. Paqueo). 2021. International Initiative for Impact Evaluation.

Tracking concession activity: A census in Sierra Leone (with D. Christensen & M. Voors). 2019. International Growth Centre.

Reclaiming prosperity in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa: A medium-term strategy for inclusive growth (with K. Ikram, T. Hussain, et. al.). 2015. International Growth Centre.

Impact evaluation of Timap for Justice's Criminal Justice Project (with J. Sandefur & A. Varvaloucas). 2012. Centre for the Study of African Economies.

"Improving the justice sector: Law and institution building in Sierra Leone" (with A. Varvaloucas, S. Koroma, J. Sandefur & M. Turay). 2012. In O. Johnson (ed.) *Economic Challenges and Policy Issues in Early 21st Century Sierra Leone*. International Growth Centre.

"Rights or remedies? Shopping for justice in Liberia's dualistic legal system" (with J. Sandefur). 2011. In E. Harper (ed.), *Working with Customary Justice Systems in Post-Conflict and Fragile States*. International Development Law Organization.

Customary justice and the rule of law in Liberia (with M. Best, J. Sandefur, G. Gordon, J. Ndebe, A. Varvaloucas & A. Zeitlin). 2009. Centre for the Study of African Economies.

US development aid and the Millennium Challenge Account: Emerging trends in appropriations (with K. Brown & M. Sessions). 2006. Center for Global Development.

"Aiding development: Tracking the flows" *Finance & Development*, 42(3), Sept. 2005. IMF & World Bank.

US pledges of aid to Africa: Let's do the numbers (with S. Radelet). 2005. Center for Global Development

Towards a prosperous Pakistan: A strategy for rapid industrial growth (with F. Bari, A. Cheema, I. Nabi, A. Nasim, S. Kardar, et. al.). 2005. Islamabad: Ministry of Industries, Govt. of Pakistan.

Public expenditure allocation in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan, 1990-1999 (with A. Cheema & H. Rahman). 2002. Islamabad: National Reconstruction Bureau, Govt. of Pakistan.

AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP

Affiliations

- » Fellow (non-resident), Center for Global Development
- » Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics
- » Member, Minerva Research Initiative, Empirical Studies of Conflict Project
- » Affiliate, Innovations for Poverty Action
- » Affiliate, International Growth Centre
- » Fellow, Centre for Economic Research in Pakistan
- » Fellow, Consortium for Development Policy Research
- » Fellow, LUMS Mahbub-ul-Haq Research Centre

International representation

- » Member, UNHCR Reference Group for the Evaluation of the Protection of Refugee Rights during the COVID-19 pandemic
- » Delegate, UNDP-CoD Group of Experts on SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- » Member, OECD-Open Society Foundation Taskforce on Access to Justice

GRANTS

Research projects (as Principal Investigator)

2021	\$449,000	Feed the Future Advancing Local Leadership Innovation and Network (with C. Amoatey)
2019	\$100,000	Grand Challenges Canada (with G. Borker, N. Kalra, E. Steven & S. Likindikoki)
2018	\$675,000	Economic Development & Institutions (with S. Asher, M. Chemin, F. Kondylis & J. Sandefur)
	\$200,000	World Bank Global Road Safety Facility (with Y. Mchomvu)
2017	\$800,000	3ie Philippines Policy Window (with A. Orbeta & V. Paqueo)
	\$125,000	Stanford University SEED (with C. Balboni, G. Bryan & M. Morten)
	\$100,000	World Bank ieConnect Program (2 seed grants)
	\$80,000	World Bank Research Support Budget
2016	\$250,000	3ie Development Policy Window (with C. Balboni, G. Bryan & M. Morten)
	\$220,000	International Growth Centre (with C. Balboni, G. Bryan, & M. Morten)
	\$177,000	World Bank ieConnect Program (with C. Balboni, G. Bryan, & M. Morten)
	\$66,000	International Growth Centre (with D. Christensen & M. Voors)
2015	\$125,000	World Bank i2i Program (4 seed grants)

2013	\$215,000	J-PAL Governance Initiative (with J. Cilliers & O. Dube)
2012	\$432,000	USAID Development Innovation Ventures (with O. Dube & J. Haushofer)
2010	\$238,000	3ie Open Window 2 (with O. Dube)
	\$235,000	International Growth Centre (with P. Collier, O. Dube & V. Maru)
	\$185,000	International Growth Centre (with P. Collier & J. Sandefur)
2009	\$156,000	Open Society Justice Initiative (with J. Sandefur)

Institutional fundraising (non-PI)

2021	\$500,000	USAID – CEGA Development Impact Lab
	\$87,000	Hilton Foundation – CEGA Forced Displacement Initiative
2020	\$1,386,000	data.org Inclusive Growth & Recovery Challenge (with GiveDirectly) – CEGA Targeting Aid Better Initiative
	\$900,000	Wellspring Foundation – CEGA Psychology and Economics of Poverty Initiative
	\$500,000	Wellspring Foundation – CEGA Targeting Aid Better Initiative
	\$250,000	Hewlett Foundation – Working Group in African Political Economy

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee services

American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Journal of Development Economics, World Development, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Review of International Organizations, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Policy Reform, Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) COMPASS

Program committees

- » Association of Computing Machinery COMPASS 2020, 2021, 2022
- » International Conference on ICT and Development (ICTD) 2022
- » Pacific Conference for Development Economics 2020
- » Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE) 2016, 2020, 2021

Invited talks

2019	World Bank Econothon, Economic Development and Institutions (EDI) Annual Conference
2018	European Parliament; European Commission (DG JUST, DG NEAR, ECFIN); EDI Policy Institute
2017	UK Dept. for International Development (DFID)
2015	University of Wageningen, Dept. of Economics; GWU, Dept. of Political Science
2014	World Bank, Development Research Group; LSE, Dept. of International Development
2013	DFID; UC Berkeley, Dept. of Economics; UC San Diego, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies; Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation; Stanford University, Dept. of Political Science; Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law; UT Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; University of Namur, Dept. of Economics
2010	University of Oxford, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE)
2009	United States Institute of Peace–GWU Customary Justice & Legal Pluralism Conference (keynote)

Conference presentations

2019	Evidence to Action (E2A) 2019; FHI 360; EDI; Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) 35; Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)
2018	EGAP 34; EDI; Economics of Judicial Productivity Conference
2015	Annual Bank Conference in Development Economics; Annual Bank Conference on Africa
2014	Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev)
2013	Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference; American Political Science Association Annual Conference; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Conference; 17th World Congress of Int'l Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences; DIAL Development Conference; WGAPE; CSAE Annual Conference
2012	Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC), WGAPE
2011	Midwest International Economic Development Conference
2010	CSAE Annual Conference
2009	CSAE Annual Conference
2008	University of Nottingham, Economic History Society Annual Conference; CSAE Annual Conference