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### EDUCATION

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- 2014            Ph.D., International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2004            M.Sc., (Distinction), Development Management, Development Studies Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2003            B.A. (Highest Honors), International Relations, The College of William and Mary

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2011-Present    Executive Director, AidData, The College of William and Mary
- 2011-Present    Research Faculty, Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, The College of William and Mary
- 2019-Present    Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Global Development
- 2017            Consultant, Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) Unit, World Bank
- 2010-2012      Visiting Research Associate, The Center for Global Development
- 2010-2011      Research Associate, Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, The College of William and Mary
- 2010            Consultant, Qatar Development Bank
- 2009            Acting Director of Threshold Programs, Department of Policy and International Relations, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- 2007-2009      Associate Director of Development Policy, Department of Policy and International Relations, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- 2005-2007      Development Policy Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- 2004            Visiting Scholar, Department of Government, The College of William and Mary,
- 2003-2004      Consultant, European Commission, DFID, Progressio, and Action Aid
- 2003-2004      Research Analyst, UNAIDS and Royal Dutch/Shell, December 2003 - June 2004

### BOOKS

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- Forthcoming    *Banking on Beijing: The Aims and Impacts of China's Overseas Development Program* (with Axel Dreher, Austin Strange, Andreas Fuchs, and Michael Tierney)  
Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2008            *Greening Aid? Understanding the Environmental Impact of Development Assistance* (With Michael Tierney, J.

Timmons Roberts and Robert Hicks).  
Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press [Economics and Finance Catalog].

- 2006 *A Climate of Injustice: Global Inequality, North-South Politics, and Climate Policy* (With J. Timmons Roberts).  
Cambridge, MA: MIT Press [Global Environmental Accord: Strategies for Sustainability and Institutional Innovation Series].

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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- Forthcoming When Does Transparency Improve Institutional Performance? Evidence from 20,000 Projects in 183 Countries (With Daniel Honig and Ranjit Lall).  
*American Journal of Political Science*
- 2021 Aid, China, and Growth: Evidence from a New Global Development Finance Dataset (With Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Austin Strange and Michael J. Tierney).  
*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. 13 (2): 135-74.
- 2021 Aid Management, Trust, and Development Policy Influence: New Evidence from a Survey of Public Sector Officials in Low-Income and Middle-Income Countries (With Takaaki Masaki, Stefan Leiderer, Jörg Faust, and Matthew DiLorenzo).  
*Studies in Comparative International Development*.
- 2021 Is Favoritism a Threat to Chinese Aid Effectiveness? A Subnational Analysis of Chinese Development Projects (with Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney).  
*World Development* 139: 105291
- 2021 Linking Local Infrastructure Development and Deforestation: Evidence from Satellites and Administrative Data (with Christian Baehr and Ariel BenYishay).  
*Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* 8(2): 375- 409
- 2020 When Do Performance Assessments Influence Policy Behavior? Micro-Evidence from the 2014 Reform Efforts Survey (with Takaaki Masaki).  
*The Review of International Organizations* 15: 371-408.
- 2019 African Leaders and the Geography of China's Foreign Assistance (with With Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney).  
*Journal of Development Economics* 140: 44-71.
- 2019 Autocratic Aid and Governance: What We Know, Don't Know, and Need to Know (with Austin Strange).  
*The Annals of Comparative Democratization* 17 (2): 12-16.
- 2019 When Do Governments Trade Domestic Reforms for External Rewards? Explaining Policy Responses to the Millennium Challenge Corporation's Eligibility Standards (With Caroline Davis).  
*Governance* 32 (2): 349-367.
- 2019 A Test of the Effectiveness of China's Agricultural Assistance Using Geospatial Impact Evaluation Methods. (with Brendan Chen).  
*Statistics and Decision (统计与决策)* 21: 93-96.
- 2018 The Local Impacts of World Bank Development Projects Near Sites of Conservation Significance (With Graeme M. Buchanan, Paul F. Donald, Brian O'Donnell, John Swaddle, Lukasz Tracewski, Daniel Runfola, and Stuart H.M. Butchart).  
*Journal of Environment and Development* 27(3): 299-322.

- 2018 Natural Resource Sector FDI, Government Policy, and Economic Growth: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Liberia (With Jonas Bunte, Daniel Runfola, Harsh Desai and Kanio Gbala). *World Development* 107: 151-162.
- 2018 Apples and Dragon Fruits: The Determinants of Aid and Other Forms of State Financing from China to Africa (With Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Austin Strange and Michael J. Tierney). *International Studies Quarterly* 62 (1).
- 2017 Aiming at the Wrong Targets: The Difficulty of Improving Domestic Institutions with International Aid (With Mark Buntaine and Ben Buch). *International Studies Quarterly* 61 (2): 471-488.
- 2017 International Organizations and Development Finance: Introduction to the Special Issue (With Daniel Nielson and Michael Tierney). *The Review of International Organizations* 12 (2): 157-169.
- 2017 Tracking Underreported Financial Flows: China's Development Finance and the Aid-Conflict Nexus Revisited (With Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Michael Tierney, and Austin Strange). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61 (5): 935-963.
- 2016 Ground-Truthing Chinese Development Finance in Africa: Field Evidence from South Africa and Uganda (With Edwin Muchapondwa, Austin M. Strange, Daniel Nielson, and Michael J. Tierney). *Journal of Development Studies* 52 (6): 780-796.
- 2015 Building a Stronger System for Tracking Nutrition Sensitive Spending (With Scott Ickes and Rachel Trichler). *Food and Nutrition Bulletin* 36 (4): 520-33.
- 2014 A mid-term analysis of progress towards international biodiversity targets (With Derek P. Tittensor, Matt Walpole, Samantha L. L. Hill, Daniel G. Boyce, Gregory L. Britten, Neil D. Burgess, Stuart H. M. Butchart, Paul W. Leadley, Eugenie C. Regan, Rob Alkamade, Roswitha Baumung, Céline Bellard, Lex Bouwman, Nadine J. Bowles-Newark, Anna M. Chenery, William W.L. Cheung, Villy Christensen, H. David Cooper, Annabel R. Crowther, Matthew J.R. Dixon, Alessandro Galli, Valérie Gaveau, Richard D. Gregory, Nicolas L. Gutierrez, Tim Hirsch, Robert Hoft, Stephanie R. Januchowski-Hartley, Marion Karmann, Cornelia B. Krug, Fiona J. Leverington, Jonathan Loh, Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Kelly Malsch, Alexandra Marques, David H.W. Morgan, Tim Newbold, Kieran Noonan-Mooney, Shyama N. Pagad, Henrique M. Pereira, Tim Robertson, Carlo Rondinini, Luca Santini, Stefan Schindler, U. Rashid Sumaila, Louise S.L. Teh, Jennifer van Kolck, Piero Visconti, and Yimin Ye). *Science* 346 (6206): 241-244.
- 2014 Aid to Africa: Does It Help Or Harm? (With Austin Strange). *China Economic Quarterly* 18 (2): 29-33.
- 2014 In-And-Outers and Moonlighters: An Evaluation of the Impact of Policymaking Exposure on IR Scholarship (With Alena Stern). *International Studies Perspectives* 15 (1): 73-93.
- 2013 When Do Environmentally-Focused Assistance Projects Achieve their Objectives? Evidence from World Bank Post-Project Evaluations (With Mark Buntaine). *Global Environmental Politics* 13 (2): 67-90.
- 2011 More Dollars than Sense: Refining Our Knowledge of Development Finance Using AidData (With Michael Tierney, Daniel Nielson, Ryan Powers, Sven Wilson, Michael Findley, Roberts Hicks, Darren Hawkins, and J. Timmons Roberts). *World Development* 39 (11): 1891-1906.

- 2010 Climate Change, Social Theory, and Justice. With J. Timmons Roberts. *Theory, Culture, Society* 27 (2-3): 134-166.
- 2009 Has Foreign Aid Been Greened? (With Michael Tierney, Robert Hicks, and J. Timmons Roberts). *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development* 50 (6): 24-35.
- 2008 Inequality and the Global Climate Regime: Breaking the North-South Impasse (With J. Timmons Roberts). *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 21(4): 621-648.
- 2007 Fueling Injustice: Globalization, Ecologically Unequal Exchange, and Climate Change (With J. Timmons Roberts). *Globalizations* 4 (3): 193-210.
- 2006 Globalization, Vulnerability to Climate Change and Perceived Injustice. (With J. Timmons Roberts). *Society and Natural Resources* 19 (4): 337-355.
- 2004 Who Ratifies Environmental Treaties and Why? Institutionalism, Structuralism and Participation by 192 Nations in 22 Treaties. (With J. Timmons Roberts and Alexis Vásquez). *Global Environmental Politics* 4 (3): 22-64.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

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- 2016 Foreign Aid and Conflict: What We Know and Need to Know. In *Peace and Conflict 2016*, edited by David A. Backer, Ravi Bhavnani, and Paul K. Huth. London, UK: Routledge. (With Michael J. Tierney and Caroline Bergeron)
- 2010 Has Foreign Aid Been Greened? In *Green Planet Blues: Four Decades of Global Environmental Politics* (4th Edition), edited by Ken Conca and Geoff Dabelko. Boulder, CO: Westview Press (With J. Timmons Roberts, Roberts Hicks, and Michael Tierney).
- 2010 Structural Obstacles to an Effective Post-2012 Global Climate Agreement. In *International Handbook of Environmental Sociology* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), edited by Michael Redclift and Graham Woodgate. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar. (With J. Timmons Roberts).
- 2010 A 'Shared Vision' of Global Climate Policy: Why Inequality Should Worry Us. In *Climate Change, Ethics and Human Security*, edited by Karen O'Brien, Asuncion Lera St. Clair, and Berit Kristoffersen. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. (With J. Timmons Roberts).
- 2009 Addressing Inequality and Building Trust to Secure a Post-2012 Global Climate Deal. In *The Politics of Climate Change*, edited by Max Boykoff. London: Routledge. (With J. Timmons Roberts).
- 2008 Grandfathering, Carbon Intensity, Historical Responsibility, or Contract/Converge? In *A Globally Integrated Climate Policy for Canada*, edited by Steven Bernstein, Jutta Brunée, David G. Duff, and Andrew Green. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. (With J. Timmons Roberts).
- 2008 "Globalization, Vulnerability to Climate Change and Perceived Injustice. In *International Environmental Politics*, edited by Ronald B. Mitchell. London: Sage Publications. (With J. Timmons Roberts).
- 2007 Fueling Injustice: Globalization, Ecologically Unequal Exchange, and Climate Change. In *The Globalization of Environmental Crisis*, edited by Jan Oosthoek and Barry K. Gills. London: Routledge. (With J. Timmons Roberts).
- 2005 Environmental and Ecological Justice. In *Palgrave Advances in International Environmental Politics*,

edited by Michele Merrill Betsill, Kathryn Hochstetler, and Dimitris Stevis. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. (With J. Timmons Roberts).

## POLICY PUBLICATIONS

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- 2020 Bargaining with Beijing.  
*Center for Global Development (CGD) and AidData*. November 2020.
- 2020 What makes the World Bank so influential—its money or its ideas?  
*Future Development (a blog hosted by the Brookings Institution)*. May 19, 2020.
- 2020 Chinese and World Bank Lending Terms: A Systematic Comparison Across 157 Countries and 15 Years (with Scott Morris and Alysha Gardner)  
*Center for Global Development (CGD) Policy Paper 170*. April 2020.
- 2019 Political bias and the economic impact of Chinese aid  
*VoxEU*. October 2019.
- 2019 Chinese Leadership and the Future of BRI: What Key Decisions Lie Ahead?  
*Center for Global Development (CGD) Note*. July 2019.
- 2019 Building on a Foundation Stone: The Long-Term Impacts of a Local Infrastructure and Governance Program in Cambodia (with Ariel BenYishay, Rachel Trichler, Christian Baehr, Daniel Aboagye, and Punwath Prum)  
*Sweden's Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA)*. June 2019.
- 2019 Where has the Millennium Challenge Corporation succeeded and failed to incentivize reform—and why?  
*Future Development (a blog hosted by the Brookings Institution)*. April 1, 2019.
- 2019 Can Providing Local Data on Aid and Population Needs Improve Development Decision-Making? A Review of Recent Experimental Evidence (With Ariel BenYishay)  
*AidData Synthesis Report*. April 2019
- 2019 John Bolton's Foreign Aid Fumble  
*The National Interest*. March 26, 2019.
- 2019 Parceling out prosperity? An impact evaluation of natural resource sector investments in Liberia  
*International Growth Center Policy Brief*. February 2019.
- 2018 Belt and Road projects direct Chinese investment to all corners of the globe. What are the local impacts? (With Richard Bluhm, Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Austin Strange, and Michael J. Tierney)  
*The Washington Post*. September 11, 2018.
- 2018 China's overseas development programs: busting "rogue donor" myths (with Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Austin Strange, and Michael J. Tierney)  
*GlobalDev (a blog hosted by the Global Development Network)*. February 8, 2018.
- 2017 Why international aid so often falls short — and sometimes makes things worse (With Mark Buntaine and Benjamin Buch).  
*The Washington Post*. September 19, 2017.
- 2017 Why developing countries get stuck with weak institutions and how foreign actors can help (With Mark Buntaine and Benjamin Buch).  
*Future Development (a blog hosted by the Brookings Institution)*. July 26, 2017.

- 2017 The Bank Punches Above Its Weight. But Where and Why? (With Steve Knack and Takaaki Masaki)  
*Let's Talk Development (a blog hosted by the World Bank's Chief Economist)*. April 6, 2017.
- 2017 Pursuing higher economic returns to extractive investment.  
*Let's Talk Development (a blog hosted by the World Bank's Chief Economist)*. March 22, 2017.
- 2017 Getting better development returns on investment in the natural resource sector.  
*Future Development (a blog hosted by the Brookings Institution)*. March 6, 2017.
- 2017 What Are Development Corridor Strategies, and Do They Work?  
*EconoMonitor*. February 15, 2017.
- 2016 German Aid from a Partner Country Perspective (With Takaaki Masaki, Stefan Leiderer, and Jörg Faust).  
*DEval Policy Brief 05/2016*.
- 2016 The Use and Utility of US Government Approaches to Country Ownership: New Insights from Partner Countries (with Sarah Rose, Jared Kalow, and Takaaki Masaki)  
*Center for Global Development Policy Paper #98*.
- 2016 German Aid from a Partner Perspective: Experience-Based Perceptions from AidData's 2014 Reform Efforts Survey (With Takaaki Masaki, Stefan Leiderer, and Jörg Faust).  
*German Institute for Development Evaluation and AidData*.
- 2016 Chinese aid is helping African economies, but not in the places that need it most (with Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney)  
*The Washington Post*. October 7, 2016.
- 2016 Danish Development Cooperation from a Partner Country Perspective (with Takaaki Masaki, Zachary Rice, Samantha Custer, and Jake Sims).  
*Evaluation Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark*
- 2016 The Geospatial Revolution in Impact Evaluation (With Ariel BenYishay and Rachel Trichler).  
*Evaluation Connections*.
- 2016 Governance Data: Who Uses It and Why? (With Samantha Custer, Takaaki Masaki, Tanya Sethi, Rebecca Latourell, and Zachary Rice).  
*AidData and the Governance Data Alliance*.
- 2016 Developing World Leaders Deliver A Report Card to Aid Agencies (with Alex Wooley and Samantha Custer).  
*Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. January 28, 2016.
- 2015 10 Essential Facts About Chinese Aid in Africa.  
*The National Interest*. November 30, 2015.
- 2015 Many in the West Fear Chinese 'Aid' to Africa. They're Wrong. Here's Why (With Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Austin Strange, and Michael J. Tierney).  
*The Washington Post*. October 20, 2015.
- 2015 Are African leaders misusing Chinese development finance? The price of country ownership (With Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Roland Hodler, Paul Raschky, and Michael J. Tierney). *International Growth Center (IGC) Blog*. London School of Economics and University of Oxford. August 2015.
- 2015 Listening to Leaders: Which Development Partners Do They Prefer and Why? (With Samantha Custer, Zachary Rice, Takaaki Masaki, and Rebecca Latourell)  
*AidData*.

- 2015 The Marketplace of Ideas for Policy Change: Who do Developing World Leaders Listen to and Why? (With Zachary J. Rice and Samantha Custer).  
*AidData.*
- 2014 Expanding the Policy Influence of the State Department's Investment Climate Statements (With Taylor Wilson, Diana Winter, Michael Testa, and Torey Beth Jackson).  
*Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations.*
- 2013 Measuring the Policy Influence of the Millennium Challenge Corporation: A Survey-Based Approach (With Zachary J. Rice).  
*Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations.*
- 2013 Does the 'MCC Effect' Exist? Results from the 2012 MCA Stakeholder Survey. MCA Monitor Report (With Zachary J. Rice).  
*Center for Global Development.*
- 2012 Acting as if Tomorrow Matters: Accelerating the Transition to Sustainability (With John C. Dernbach et al.)  
*Environmental Law Institute.*
- 2007 Building Public Integrity through Positive Incentives: MCC's Role in the Fight against Corruption  
*Millennium Challenge Corporation*

#### **PUBLISHED WORKING PAPERS**

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- 2021 How China Lends: A Rare Look into 100 Debt Contracts with Foreign Governments (with Anna Gelpern, Sebastian Horn, Scott Morris, and Christoph Trebesch)  
CEPR Working Paper 16331. London, UK: Centre for Economic Policy Research.
- 2021 Does India Use Development Finance to Compete with China? A Subnational Analysis (with Gerda Asmus, Vera Z. Eichenauer, and Andreas Fuchs)  
Kiel Working Paper 2189. Kiel, Germany: Kiel Institute for the World Economy.
- 2020 How Does the World Bank Influence the Development Policy Priorities of Low-Income and Lower-Middle Income Countries? (with Stephen Knack, Ani Harutyunyan, and Matthew DiLorenzo)  
World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 9225. Washington DC: World Bank.
- 2019 Closing the Broken Feedback Loop: Can Responsive Aid Strengthen State Legitimacy? (with Matt DiLorenzo and Daniel Aboagye)  
AidData Working Paper #73. Williamsburg, VA: AidData
- 2018 Connective Financing: Chinese Infrastructure Projects and the Diffusion of Economic Activity in Developing Countries (with Richard Bluhm, Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Bradley Parks, Austin Strange, and Michael Tierney)  
AidData Working Paper #64. Williamsburg, VA: AidData
- 2017 A Primer on Geospatial Impact Evaluation Methods, Tools, and Applications (with Ariel BenYishay, Daniel Runfola, Rachel Trichler, Carrie Dolan, Seth Goodman, Jeffery Tanner, Silke Heuser, Geeta Batra, and Anupam Anand).  
AidData Working Paper #44. Williamsburg, VA: AidData
- 2016 Forest Cover Impacts of Chinese Development Projects in Ecologically Sensitive Areas (With Ariel BenYishay, Rachel Trichler, and Daniel Runfola)  
AidData Working Paper #32. Williamsburg, VA: AidData
- 2013 Environmental Aid and Climate Finance in a New World: How Past Environmental Aid Allocation

Impacts Future Climate Aid (With Chris Marcoux, Christian Peratsakis, J. Timmons Roberts, and Mike Tierney).  
WIDER Working Paper 2013/128. Helsinki, Finland: UNU-WIDER.

2013 China's Development Finance to Africa: A Media Based Approach to Data Collection (with Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Michael Tierney, Austin Strange, and Vijaya Ramachandran). CGD Working Paper 323. Washington D.C.: Center for Global Development.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW**

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The Political Economy of Impact Evaluation: Which World Bank Projects Get Evaluated? (With Daniel Honig, Jennifer Rogla, Vincenzo Di Maro, and Arianna Legovini)

The Effects of Chinese Aid on Public Opinion: Evidence from 1,980 Jurisdictions within 125 Countries (with Lukas Wellner, Andreas Fuchs, Axel Dreher, Austin Strange, and Mike Tierney).

### **CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

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2021 U.S. Treasury, Washington DC  
White House, Washington DC  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Canberra, Australia  
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, London, United Kingdom  
Department of Finance Canada, Ottawa, Canada  
Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC  
Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC  
Hoover Institution, Palo Alto, California  
Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Washington, DC

2020 Center for Global Development, Washington, DC  
U.S. Embassy, Beijing  
State Department, Washington DC  
Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, Germany

2019 University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France  
OECD, Paris, France  
Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Paris, France  
Brookings Institution, Washington, DC  
The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Washington, DC  
Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), Washington, DC  
USAID Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, Washington, DC  
National University of Singapore, Singapore  
Center for Global Development, Washington, DC  
Institute for State Effectiveness, Washington, DC  
International Monetary Fund, Washington DC  
Royal Government of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia  
Observer Research Foundation, Delhi, India

2018 DFID Evaluation and Statistics Professional Development Conference, Bristol, UK  
LSE's Department of International Development, London, UK  
Global Innovation Fund, London, UK  
Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC  
Asian Development Bank, Manila, the Philippines  
Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
DFID Workshop on Sustainable, Smart, Digital, Monitored Infrastructure, London, UK  
Center for Global Development, Washington DC  
Green Climate Fund, Seoul, South Korea  
Global Green Growth Institute, Seoul, South Korea



- Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Sejong City, South Korea  
 Korea Development Institute, Sejong City, South Korea  
 Development Cooperation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, South Korea  
 Korean Association of International Studies, Busan, South Korea  
 Hewlett Foundation's Evidence Informed Policymaking Charrette, Lake Como, Italy  
 Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Washington D.C.  
 Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Beijing, China  
 DFID China and British Embassy, Beijing, China  
 Duke Kunshan University, Kunshan, China  
 AFD 13th International Conference on Development Inequalities, Paris, France  
 USAID Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning, Washington, DC  
 USAID Bureau for Food Security, Washington, DC
- 2017
- U.S. National Security Council, Washington DC  
 International Monetary Fund, Washington DC  
 Office of International Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington DC  
 USAID Sri Lanka and the Maldives  
 USAID's Policy, Planning and Learning Bureau, Washington DC  
 Pioneering Development Research Using Geospatial Data Workshop, Washington DC  
 University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland  
 Irish Aid, Dublin, Ireland  
 United States Africa Command, Stuttgart, Germany  
 Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany  
 The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations, Geneva, Switzerland  
 University of Richmond, Richmond, VA  
 Open Imagery Network Thought Leaders Summit, Seattle, WA  
 The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, New York, NY  
 World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, Washington DC  
 MCC Land And Agriculture Geospatial Panel, Washington DC  
 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA  
 Experiments in Foreign Aid Research Workshop, Washington DC  
 Global Affairs Canada Roundtable, Ottawa, Canada  
 CIDP Global Development Conference, Ottawa, Canada  
 USAID Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, Washington, DC
- 2016
- Technical Convening of USAID's Higher Education Solutions Network, Boston, MA  
 Qatar Fund for Development, Doha, Qatar  
 Humanity United, San Francisco, CA  
 International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Roundtable, Washington, DC  
 Chinese Infrastructure Engagement in Africa Conference, Johns Hopkins University's SAIS  
 MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, IL  
 USAID Asia Bureau, Washington, DC  
 USAID Land Tenure and Resource Management Office, Washington, DC  
 World Bank Energy and Extractives Global Practice, Washington, DC  
 World Resources Institute, Washington, DC  
 Council on Foreign Relations Roundtable on Rising Powers, Washington, DC  
 USAID Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning, Washington, DC  
 World Bank GGP and DIME Conference on Public Sector Reform, Washington, DC  
 Assessment Power in World Politics Workshop, Harvard University  
 The Political Economy of International Organizations Conference, Salt Lake City, UT  
 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015
- Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn, Germany  
 USAID Global Development Lab, Washington, DC  
 German Institute for Development Evaluation, Berlin, Germany  
 Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), Washington, DC  
 Governance Data Alliance, Washington, DC

- National Intelligence Council Conference on Global and Regional Trends, Arlington, VA  
 Ministry of International Cooperation and Development (MICAD), Abu Dhabi, UAE  
 Chinese Overseas Finance Conference, Johns Hopkins University's SAIS  
 Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, University of Mannheim,  
 Foreign Aid and Government Legitimacy Workshop, Georgetown University  
 Foreign Aid and Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood Workshop, AidData and SFB-700  
 The Political Economy of International Organizations Conference, Berlin, Germany  
 CSAE Conference on Economic Development in Africa, Oxford University  
 German Development Bank (KfW), Bonn, Germany
- 2014
- Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank, Washington DC  
 Research and Evidence Division, Department for International Development, London, UK  
 Big Data, the Open Revolution and Public Engagement Conference, London, UK  
 International Political Economy Society, Georgetown University  
 The Political Economy of International Organizations Conference, Princeton University  
 German Development Institute, Bonn, Germany  
 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC  
 Department of Economics, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany  
 USAID Africa Bureau, Washington, DC  
 South-South Cooperation Workshop, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany  
 World Bank Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, Washington, DC  
 OpenGov Hub Event on Chinese Development Finance, Washington, DC  
 USAID's Policy, Planning and Learning Bureau, Washington, DC  
 Symposium of Development and Institutional Economics, Kaifeng, China  
 State Department's Office of Investment Affairs  
 AidData Research Consortium (ARC) Convening, Williamsburg, VA
- 2013
- Closing the Citizen Feedback Loop Conference, White House, Washington, DC  
 USAID Office of Science and Technology, Washington, DC  
 Research Frontiers in Foreign Aid, Princeton University  
 International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management (ICGFM) Speaker Series  
 Post-2015 Data Revolution Workshop, UN Foundation, New York, NY  
 State Department's Office of the Chief Economist, Washington, DC  
 Center for Global Development, Washington, DC  
 Social Entrepreneurship Conference, Mason School of Business, Williamsburg, VA  
 MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, IL  
 Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, DC  
 Development Studies Association Annual Conference, Birmingham, UK  
 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL  
 Annual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, Germany
- 2012
- Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank, Washington DC  
 Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington, DC  
 State Department's Bureau of African Affairs, Washington, DC  
 Africa Subcommittee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Washington, DC  
 National Intelligence Council, Washington, DC  
 Ibero-American Congress on International Cooperation, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2011
- Putting Aid Data to Work Conference, World Bank, Washington, DC  
 AGORA Workshop on Governance of the Global Economy, Brisbane, Australia  
 International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Québec
- 2010
- European Development Days, Stockholm, Sweden  
 Aid Transparency and Development Finance Conference, University of Oxford  
 International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA  
 London School of Economics Research Workshop, London, UK

2009	London School of Economics Research Workshop, London, UK International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
2008	International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, University of Pennsylvania Overseas Development Institute, London, UK Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC Conference on MCC-USAID Threshold Programs, Arlington, VA
2007	Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, DC International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC The Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington, DC
2007	World Bank's Land Policies & Legal Empowerment of the Poor Conference, Washington, DC Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC Foreign Service Institute, US Department of State, Arlington, VA
2006	International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa
2005	Economics Department, Georgetown University, Washington, DC Central European University Workshop on World Bank Research, Budapest, Hungary American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Providence, RI International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, Morocco
2004	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

#### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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2021-2021	Tuned-in or Tone Deaf? Beijing's Response to the BRI Backlash Smith Richardson Foundation (\$150,000)
2020-2022	AidData Ford Foundation (\$200,000)
2020-2023	AidData William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$1,500,000)
2019-2020	Listen4Influence and Africa Strategy Development William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$500,000)
2019-2022	Tracking and Analyzing Development Finance Flows from GCC Countries and Turkey Gates Foundation (\$997,740)
2018-2020	No One Left Behind: Tracking Aid to Children on the Move Tides Foundation (\$499,239)
2017-2020	AidData William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$1,500,000)
2017-2018	The Use and Impact of Official Statistics William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$163,000)
2019	Geospatial Impact Evaluation Workshop Agence Française de Développement (\$30,000)

2018-2019	Developing a Geospatial Informational System for Evaluations (GIS4E) Green Climate Fund (\$100,284)
2018-2021	Understanding China's Public Diplomacy Efforts in South and Central Asia U.S. Department of State (\$2,400,918)
2018-2019	Understanding China's Information Campaigns and Public Diplomacy in the East Asian and Pacific Regions, Phase II U.S. Department of State (\$499,388)
2018	Impact Evaluation of a SIDA-Sponsored Public Infrastructure and Local Governance Program in Cambodia The Government of Sweden's Expert Group for Aid Studies (\$65,000)
2017	Analysis of Education Data Use and Users Brookings Institution (\$40,756)
2017-2018	Understanding China's Information Campaigns and Public Diplomacy in the East Asian and Pacific Regions, Phase I U.S. Department of State (\$639,623)
2016-2018	Custom Analysis of AidData's 2016 Listening to Leaders Survey The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (\$300,399)
2016-2018	AidData's 2016 Listening to Leaders Survey The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (\$199,754)
2016-2018	Resources, Reforms, and Results: What Do On-the-Ground Decision-Makers Want, and How Can German Development Cooperation Best Support Them? Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (€220,000)
2016-2018	The Socio-Economic Impacts of Natural Resource Concessions in Liberia International Growth Centre/DFID (£56,891)
2016-2018	Responding to Local Demand for HIV/AIDS Data and Accountability PEPFAR (\$1,050,032)
2016-2018	Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) Initiative: Open Data Research and Capacity-Building DFID (£96,139)
2016-2020	Expanding the Reach of Impact Evaluation USAID (\$69,986)
2015-2017	AidData William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$600,000)
2016	Analysis of the World Bank's Development Policy Influence World Bank (\$18,829)
2016	Sustainable Development Coding of the World Bank's Project Portfolio World Bank (\$249,379)
2015-2016	Evaluating Denmark's Development Policy Influence DANIDA (\$95,000)
2015-2016	Monitoring Concessions in Liberia

	Humanity United (\$115,174)
2015-2016	Evaluating the Impact of Chinese Development Projects in Ecological Hotspots (with Ariel BenYishay) John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (\$200,000)
2015-2016	Who is Winning the Competition of Ideas in the Developing World and Why? Evidence from a Survey of 6500 Development Policymakers and Practitioners in 126 Countries Smith Richardson Foundation (\$150,000)
2015-2016	Can Information and Digital Technologies Reduce Friction in Last Mile Service Delivery? World Bank (\$115,487)
2015	Comparative Advantages of German Development Cooperation German Institute for Development Evaluation (\$171,415)
2015-2016	Governance Data Alliance Omidyar Network (\$253,590)
2015	Measuring Institutional Reform in World Bank Projects World Bank (\$49,764)
2014-2019	Tracking and Analyzing Development Finance Flows from GCC Countries, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (\$1,377,926)
2014-2017	Aiding Resilience? The Impact of Foreign Assistance on the Dynamics of Intrastate Armed Conflict (with Paul Huth, David Backer, Kevin Jones, Patricia Justino and Michael Tierney) U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative (\$620,945)
2014-2015	AidData Organizational Effectiveness Grant William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$45,000)
2012-2017	Where the Money Goes: Mapping Aid for Better Impact (with Michael Tierney) The United States Agency for International Development (original award: \$24,748,259; supplemental funding: \$11,214,471)
2013-2014	Visualizing the Effects of Chinese Development Finance in Africa, Humanity United (\$79,747)
2013-2016	AidData William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$750,000)
2013-2014	Improving the Granularity and Usability of Nutrition-Sensitive Aid Information (with Scott Ickes) Canadian International Development Agency (CDN \$270,813)
2012-2015	Incentivizing Reforms that Expand Political and Economic Freedom in Developing Countries (with Stephen Knack) John Templeton Foundation (\$453,774)
2012-2014	Making Reform Incentives Work for Developing Countries (with Stephen Knack) Smith Richardson Foundation (\$150,000)
2013	Tracking International HIV/AIDS Financing Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (\$30,000)
2010-2013	AidData: Transforming Foreign Aid Information and Impact William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (\$1,000,000)

2010-2012	Making Reform Incentives Work for Developing Countries World Bank (\$93,000)
2012	Geocoding AfDB Projects in Africa African Development Bank (\$28,545)
2011-2012	Climate Change, State Stability, and Political Risk in Africa (With James Lindsey, Cullen Hendrix, Michael Tierney) U.S. Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative (\$293,063)
2009-2011	London School of Economics PhD Scholarship (\$120,000)
2009-2011	Harvey Fellows Program Graduate Fellowship (\$48,000)
2003	Andrew W. Mellow Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
2002	College of William and Mary Research Fellowship (\$5,000)

### **TEACHING (DEGREE AND NON-DEGREE COURSES)**

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The Political Economy of Development, The College of William and Mary

The Political Economy of Reform in Developing Countries, The College of William and Mary

Policy-Oriented Research and Analysis Using Aid and Development Data, The College of William and Mary

Introduction to Development Project Design, Implementation, and Evaluation, The Qatar Fund for Development

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

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Chair, User Feedback Working Group, Governance Data Alliance

Member of Developing Country Membership Committee, The Experiments in Governance and Politics Network (EGAP)

Member of International Studies Association and American Political Science Association

Member of 2006 and 2008 Technical Review Committee for Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy (YCELP) and Center for International Earth Science Information Network's Environmental Performance Index

Member of 2006 Global Integrity Methodology Advisory Committee

Recipient of Millennium Challenge Corporation's Special Recognition Award for efforts to develop an institutional policy on the prevention, detection and mitigation of fraud and corruption

### **MANUSCRIPT REVIEW**

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PLOS ONE, World Development, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of International Development, the Bulletin of the World Health Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Review of International Studies, Review of International Organizations, Foreign Policy Analysis, Social Forces, Review of International Political Economy, Journal of Environment and Development, Global Environmental Politics, Climate Policy, Global Environmental Change, Third World Quarterly, Routledge, Cambridge University Press, Center for Global Development Working Paper Series, the Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) Initiative of the World Bank

## STATISTICAL TRAINING

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STATA, SAS, SPSS, UCINET, Network Workbench, Pajek

## OTHER TRAINING

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Randomized Evaluation, The College of William and Mary, January-May 2014

Network Analysis, ICPSR, June-July 2011

Maximum Likelihood Estimation, ICPSR, June-July 2011

Methods for Testing Survey Questions, University of Michigan and University of Maryland, June 2009

Effective Public-Private Partnerships, Millennium Challenge Corporation, May 2009

Survey Sampling, University of Michigan and University of Maryland, March 2009

Blending Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, World Bank, February 2009

Economic Policy and Governance Reform Training, USAID, December 2008

Integrating Climate Change Considerations into Development Projects, World Bank, November 2008

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Millennium Challenge Corporation, September 2006

## SELECTED MEDIA EXPERIENCE

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China, Africa and the big coronavirus debt relief question. [South China Morning Post](#) (July 2021)

The unusual case of China's overseas lending practices. [The Straits Times](#) (April 2021)

Blanke Willkür – wie China sich ärmere Länder gefügig macht. [DIE WELT](#) (April 2021)

Neither predator nor pal: what 100 contracts reveal about China's development lending. [The Economist](#) (March 2021)

Chinese loan terms hamper post-virus debt talks. [Associated Press](#) (March 2021)

How does China lend? Insight from a study of 100 loans. [Devex](#) (March 2021)

A new way for the highway as Africa struggles with Chinese debt. [South China Morning Post](#) (December 2020)

Debt-laden Angola gets relief from creditor nations of the Paris Club under G20 plan. [South China Morning Post](#) (September 2020)

Pandemic takes the shine off China's Belt and Road Initiative as African partners struggle with coronavirus. [South China Morning Post](#) (June 2020)

Africa has a question for Beijing: will you forgive us our debt? [South China Morning Post](#) (May 2020)

Coronavirus runs roughshod over debt-laden belt and road projects. [South China Morning Post](#) (April 2020)

What should developing countries like Cambodia learn from the Belt and Road Project? [Radio Free Asia](#) (February 2020)

How Zimbabwe's new parliament symbolises China's chequebook diplomacy approach to Africa. [South China Morning](#)

[Post](#) (January 2020)

World Business Report. [BBC World Service](#) (December 2019)

Why The Trump Decision To Delay Aid To Ukraine Is Under Scrutiny. [NPR](#) (December 2019)

Kenya forcing importers to use costly new Chinese railway, businessmen say. [Reuters](#) (December 2019)

China's Xi Vows New Direction for 'Belt and Road' After Criticism. [Wall Street Journal](#) (April 2019)

Comment les Chinois s'imposent en Afrique. [Les Echos](#) (February 2019)

Chine: Pékin et la «diplomatie de la dette». [Radio France Internationale](#) (February 2019)

Ivanka Trump's empowerment plan aims to help 50 million women. So far, \$50 million has been pledged. [The Washington Post](#) (February 2019)

So how much is China really investing in Africa. [The Africa Report](#) (January 2019)

China's Belt and Road Initiative will add US\$117 billion to global trade this year, a new study shows. Featured in the [South China Morning Post](#) (January 2019)

Bolton Outlines a Strategy for Africa That's Really About Countering China. Featured in [The New York Times](#) (December 2018)

China's Building Spree In Poor Nations: Does It Really Help The Local Economy? Featured on [NPR](#) (November 2018)

Foreign Aid: Who's the most generous? Featured on [BBC Radio 4](#) (October 2018)

China's belt and road projects 'narrow economic inequalities within countries'. Featured in the [South China Morning Post](#) (September 2018)

Report: Chinese building projects narrowing economic gaps. Featured in [The Associated Press](#) (September 2018)

China could overtake Australia as biggest donor to Pacific, if it pays up. Featured in [CNN](#) (August 2018)

The numbers behind China's overseas development loan risks. Featured in [Nikkei Asian Review](#) (April 2018)

Can the UN Sustainable Development Goals work? Featured in [Australian Broadcast Corporation](#) (February 2018)

A new player and the effectiveness of overseas aid. Featured in [Australian Broadcast Corporation](#) (February 2018)

Hoping to extend maritime reach, China lavishes aid on Pakistan town. Featured in [Reuters](#) (December 2017)

China vs. America in a Financial Game of 'Risk'. Featured in [The Atlantic](#) (October 2017)

Find Out Some (But Not All) The Secrets Of China's Foreign Aid. Featured on [NPR](#) (October 2017)

Despite its reputation, Chinese aid is quite effective. Featured in [The Economist](#) (October 2017)

No place like home: The birthplaces of African leaders receive an awful lot of aid. Featured in [The Economist](#) (October 2017)

Report: China Catching Up to US in Foreign Aid Flow. Featured in [The New York Times](#) (October 2017)

China treats its foreign aid like a state secret. New research aims to reveal it. Featured in [The Washington Post](#) (October 2017)



China catching up with US in foreign aid funds. Featured in [The Times of London](#) (October 2017)

Unprecedented data trove maps China's growing global reach and self-interest of its aid. Featured on [CBC News](#) (October 2017)

Russia Is the Biggest Recipient of Chinese Foreign Aid. Featured in [Foreign Policy](#) (October 2017)

With US poised to slash foreign aid, China in pole position to become world's biggest donor. Featured in [South China Morning Post](#) (October 2017)

The Big Winner From China's Foreign-Aid Frenzy: China. Featured in [The Wall Street Journal](#) (October 2017)

China set to replace US as top foreign aid provider. Featured in [The Straits Times](#) (October 2017)

China's Secret Aid Empire Uncovered. Featured in [BBC News](#) (October 2017)

Report exposes size of China's secretive aid budget. Featured in [CNN](#) (October 2017)

A thousand golden stars: China goes to Africa. Featured in [The Economist](#) (July 2017)

Aid brought Liberia back from the brink. Featured in [The Economist](#) (June 2017)

Foreign aid is a shambles in almost every way. Featured in [The Economist](#) (June 2016)

A despot's guide to foreign aid. Featured in [The Economist](#) (April 2016)

Diplomacy and Aid in Africa. Featured in [The Economist](#) (April 2016)

Kinas bistand til Afrika ligner på en prik Vestens. Featured in [Kristeligt Dagblad](#) (November 2015)

Casting light on the misconceptions of China's growing aid to Africa. Featured in [Devex](#) (November 2015)

Sometimes it's not enough to give poor countries lots of foreign aid, study finds. Featured in the [Washington Post](#) (October 2015)

China's aid splurge fails to bridge credibility gap in Africa. Featured in the [Financial Times](#) (October 2015).

China is not a rogue donor. Featured in [Foreign Affairs](#) (October 2015)

A novel method of tracking nutrition-sensitive spending. Featured in [SciDev.Net](#) (August 2015)

Farming is hardest policy field for aid bodies to shape. Featured in [SciDev.Net](#) (May 2015)

African leaders abuse Chinese aid and channel to their home areas. Featured in [Reuters](#) (November 2014)

A closer look at the risks and opportunities of China's aid to Africa, Featured in [Devex](#) (December 2014)

Is the time ripe for China's own aid agency? Featured in [Devex](#) (April 2014)

Conditional Aid: Carrots All Around, Featured in [The Economist](#) (March 2013)

Contractors: good value for money or drain on aid resources? Featured in [The Guardian](#) (April 2013)

Bush's Millennium Challenge is still changing the developing world. Featured in [The Washington Times](#) (April 2013)

New database focuses on China's secretive aid to Africa. Featured in [Reuters](#) (April 2013)

Revealed: \$75 billion in previously secret Chinese aid to Africa. Featured in [Quartz](#) (April 2013)

China commits billions in aid to Africa as part of charm offensive. Featured in [The Guardian](#) (April 2013)

China ranks second to US in money to Africa. Featured in [AFP](#) (April 2013)

Why we need better data on Chinese aid. Featured in [Devex Impact](#) (May 2013)

US should set bar higher on aid transparency — AidData. Featured in [Devex](#) (July 2013)

## **LANGUAGES**

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English: Native; Spanish: Proficient spoken & written