

Curriculum Vita

William Easterly

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Present position: Professor of Economics, New York University
faculty affiliate of Africa House
Co-Director of Development Research Institute

1. Professional data

Academic training:

Ph.D. in Economics, MIT, 1985
BA, Bowling Green State University, 1979

Primary fields of interest: economic development and growth, freedom and development, Africa, foreign aid

Rankings/awards:

Google Scholar citations: 54,734 (January 2, 2017), h-index 82 (ranking among all economists worldwide of h-index on REPEC: #92)

Thomson Reuters Most Highly Cited Researchers, June 2014 (one of 95 in Economics and Business)

Adam Smith Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2013 (previous winners include 4 Nobel Laureates in Economics)

6th most admired economist under 60, Economic Journal Watch 2011

Foreign Policy Magazine Top 100 Global Public Intellectuals in 2008 and 2009

BBVA 2009 Frontiers of Knowledge Development Cooperation Award (€400,000 for DRI)

FA Hayek Award, CUNY, 2009

FA Hayek Award, Manhattan Institute, 2008 for book *White Man's Burden* (see below).

#4 in REPEC ranking of Top Economists by Twitter followers (January 2, 2017)

Employment and Affiliations:

New York University, Professor of Economics, January 2003-present

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research

Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD)

Member of Advisory Panel, Center for Global Development, 2011-present

Co-Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2009-2011

Visiting Scholar, Brookings Institution, June 2007-June 2008.

Past or Present Associate editor at *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Journals: Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*.

Institute for International Economics and Center for Global Development, 2002

World Bank. 1985-2001.

2. Books (authored)

The Tyranny of Experts: Economists, Dictators, and the Forgotten Rights of the Poor. New York: Basic Books, 2014 (UK Edition Perseus Books 2014, translations in Korean, Chinese, Russian, Italian, forthcoming in Thai, Paperback edition March 2015)

The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good, New York: Penguin Press, 2006. (UK edition Oxford University Press 2006; translated into German Campus Verlag 2006, Penguin USA paperback edition, 2007, Italian, Dutch 2007, Greek, Chinese, Polish, Swedish 2008, Japanese, French 2009, Czech 2010, Spanish 2016

The Elusive Quest for Growth: Economists' Adventures and Misadventures in the Tropics. Cambridge MA: MIT Press, 2001 (paperback edition 2002, translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, French, Korean, Italian, and Vietnamese).

3. Articles in refereed journals

68. (With Ross Levine) "The European Origins of Economic Development," Journal of Economic Growth, September 2016, Volume 21, Issue 3, pp 225–257

67. "Response to reviewers on "The Tyranny of Experts," Symposium on Easterly's Tyranny of Experts by Angus Deaton, Jack Goldstone, and Loren Lomasky, edited by Peter J. Boettke and Christopher J. Coyne, Review of Austrian Economics, December 2015, Volume 28, Issue 4, pp 425-441

66. (with Berger, Daniel, Alejandro Corvalan, Shanker Satyanath) Do Superpowers Have Short and Long Term Consequences For Democracy?. Journal of Comparative Economics, 41, no. 1 (2013): 22-34.

65. (with Daniel Berger, Nathan Nunn, Shanker Satyanath) Commercial Imperialism? Political Influence and Trade During the Cold War, American Economic Review, April 2013, 103(2): 863-96.

64. (With Claudia Williamson), "Rhetoric versus Reality: The Best and Worst of Aid Agency Practices," World Development, Volume 39, Issue 11, November 2011, Pages 1930–1949

63. (With Alberto Alesina and Janina Matuszewski) "Artificial states," Journal of European Economic Association, April 2011, Volume 9, Issue 2, 246-277
62. "Democratic accountability in development: the double standard," Social Research, Volume 77 No. 4, Winter 2010
61. (With Diego Comin and Erick Gong) "Was the Wealth of Nations determined in 1000 BC?," American Economic Journal: Macro, July 2010, 2(3): 65-97.
60. "Empirics of Strategic Interdependence: the Case of the Racial Tipping Point," BE Journal of Macroeconomics: Contributions, 2009, Volume 9, Issue 1.
59. "Can the West Save Africa?," Journal of Economic Literature, , Vol. 47, No. 2, June 2009.
58. "How the Millennium Development Goals are Unfair to Africa," World Development, 37 (2009), pp. 26-35.
57. "Institutions: Top Down or Bottom Up?," American Economic Review, May 2008
56. (With Tobias Pfutze) "Best Practice for Foreign Aid: Who Knows Where the Money Goes?" Journal of Economic Perspectives, Spring 2008.
55. (With Luis Servén and Timothy Irwin) "Walking up the down escalator: Public investment and fiscal stability," World Bank Research Observer, Volume 23, Number 1, Pp. 37-56, Spring 2008.
54. "Inequality Does Cause Underdevelopment: Insights from a New Instrument" Journal of Development Economics, Volume 84, Issue 2, November 2007, Pages 755-776
53. "Are aid agencies improving?" Economic Policy, Volume 22 Issue 52 Page 633-678, October 2007
52. "Was development assistance a mistake?," American Economic Review, May 2007, Vol. 97, No. 2, pp. 328-332.
51. "Planners vs. Searchers in Foreign Aid," Asian Development Review, 2006, vol. 23, no. 1, pp.1-35
50. "Reliving the 50s: the Big Push, Poverty Traps, and Takeoffs in Economic Development," Journal of Economic Growth. Vol. 11, No. 4, December 2006, pp. 289-318
49. (with Jo Ritzen and Michael Woolcock) "Social Cohesion, Institutions, and Growth" (Economics and Politics), Vol. 18, No. 2, July 2006,
48. (with Roberta Gatti and Sergio Kurlat), "Development, democracy, and mass killings," Journal of Economic Growth, Vol. 11, No.2, June 2006, 129-156
47. "An Identity Crisis? Examining IMF Financial Programming" World Development, June 2006 (Vol. 34, No. 6)
46. "The Big Push Déjà vu: A Review of Jeffrey Sachs's The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time," Journal of Economic Literature, Vol. XLIV, Issue 1 (March 2006), pp. 118-127.

45. "What did structural adjustment adjust? The association of policies and growth with repeated IMF and World Bank adjustment loans" Journal of Development Economics 76 (1), (February 2005), 1-22.
44. (with R. Levine and D. Roodman) "New data, new doubts: A Comment on Burnside and Dollar's "Aid, Policies, and Growth" (2000), American Economic Review, June 2004, 94(3), 774-780
43. (with Norbert Fiess and Daniel Lederman), "NAFTA and Convergence in North America: High Expectations, Big Events, Little Time," Economía, Volume 4, Number 1, Fall 2003, 1-40
42. "Can Foreign Aid Buy Growth?", Journal of Economic Perspectives, Summer 2003, Volume 17, No. 3, 23-48.
41. (with Alberto Alesina, Arvind Devleeschauwer, Sergio Kurlat, and Romain Wacziarg) "Fractionalization," Journal of Economic Growth, 2003
40. (with Shanta Devarajan and Howard Pack) "Low Investment is not the Constraint on African Development" Economic Development and Cultural Change, April 2003, Volume 51, No. 3, 547-71.
39. (with R. Levine) "Tropics, germs, and crops: the role of endowments in economic development" Journal of Monetary Economics, 50:1, January 2003, 3-39.
38. "The cartel of good intentions: the problem of bureaucracy in foreign aid" Journal of Policy Reform, Volume 5(4), 2002, 223-250
37. "How did the heavily indebted poor countries become heavily indebted? Reviewing 2 decades of debt relief," World Development, October 2002, Volume 30(10), 1677-1696.
36. "The middle class consensus and economic development" Journal of Economic Growth, Vol. 6, No. 4, December 2001, 317-336.
35. (with Ross Levine) "It's not factor accumulation: stylized facts and growth models" World Bank Economic Review, Volume 15, Number 2, 2001
34. (with Allan Drazen) "Do crises induce reform? Simple empirical tests of conventional wisdom" Economics and Politics, Volume 13, No. 2, July 2001, 129-158
33. "The Lost Decades: Explaining Developing Countries' Stagnation in spite of policy reform 1980-1998" Journal of Economic Growth, Volume 6, Issue 2, June 2001, 135-157.
32. "Can institutions resolve ethnic conflict?" Economic Development and Cultural Change, July 2001, volume 49, No. 4, 687-706.
31. "Growth implosions and debt explosions: do growth slowdowns explain public debt crises?" (Contributions to Macroeconomics, 2001, volume 1, article 1, Berkeley Electronics Press).
30. (with Stanley Fischer) "Inflation and the poor," Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, May 2001, Part 1, 159-178.

29. (with Shanta Devarajan and Howard Pack) "Is investment in Africa too high or too low?" Journal of African Economies, 2, Sept. 2001, v. 10, iss. 0, pp. 81-108
28. (with A. Alesina and R. Baqir) "Redistributive Government Employment," Journal of Urban Economics, Vol. 48, No. 2, Sep 2000, pp. 219-241
27. (with Aart Kraay) "Small states, small problems? Income, growth, and volatility in small states" World Development, November 2000, Volume 28, Number 11, 2013-2027.
26. (with Roumeen Islam and Joseph Stiglitz) "Shaken and Stirred: Explaining Growth Volatility," Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics 2000, 191-211
25. "The Ghost of Financing Gap: Testing the Growth Model of the International Financial Institutions", Journal of Development Economics, (60)2 December 1999 pp. 423-438 (selected for summary of top 100 annual journal articles in *Economic Intuition*)
24. (with A. Alesina and R. Baqir) "Public Goods and Ethnic Divisions," Quarterly Journal of Economics, November 1999, Volume CXIV, Issue 4, pp. 1243-1284.
23. (with D. Dollar) "The Search for the Key: Aid, Investment, and Policies in Africa," Journal of African Economies 8 (4), 1999, 546-577.
22. "Life During Growth", Journal of Economic Growth, Volume 4, Issue 3, September 1999, pp. 239-275
21. "When is fiscal adjustment an illusion?" Economic Policy, April 1999, 57-86. (received *ANBAR Electronic Intelligence Citation of Excellence*)
20. (with M. Bruno) "Inflation Crises and Long-run Growth", Journal of Monetary Economics 41 February 1998, 3-26. (selected for summary of top 100 annual journal articles in *Economic Intuition*)
19. (with R. Levine) "Africa's Growth Tragedy: Policies and Ethnic Divisions," November 1997, Quarterly Journal of Economics. CXII (4), 1203-1250.
18. (with P. Montiel and N. Loayza) "Has Latin America's Post-reform Growth Been Disappointing?", Journal of International Economics 43: 1997, 287-311.
17. (with R. Levine) "Troubles with the Neighbors: Africa's Problem, Africa's Opportunity", Journal of African Economies, 1997, Volume 7, Number 1, 120-142.
16. (With Holger Wolf) "The Wild Ride of the Ruble", International Journal of Finance and Economics, October 1996, Volume 1, Number 4: 251-262.
15. (with Michael Bruno) "Inflation's Children: Tales of Crises that Beget Reforms", American Economic Review, May 1996, 86/2:213-217.
14. "When is Stabilization Expansionary?" Economic Policy 22:67-107, April 1996.

13. (with S. Fischer) "The Soviet Economic Decline", World Bank Economic Review, Vol. 9, No. 3, September 1995.
12. (with P. Mauro and K. Schmidt-Hebbel) "Money Demand and Seignorage - Maximizing Inflation," Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, Vol. 27, No. 2, May 1995.
11. "The Mystery of Growth: Shocks, Policies, and Surprises in Old and New Theories of Economic Growth," The Singapore Economic Review, Vol. 40, No. 1, 3-23, 1995.
10. (with P. Vieira da Cunha) "Financing the Storm: Russia's Macroeconomic Crisis", Economics of Transition, Volume 2, Number 4, December 1994, pp. 443-466.
9. "Economic Stagnation, Fixed Factors, and Policy Thresholds," Journal of Monetary Economics 33, 525-557, June 1994.
8. (with M. Kremer, L. Pritchett, and L. Summers) "Good Policy or Good Luck? Country Growth Performance and Temporary Shocks," Journal of Monetary Economics, Vol. 32, December 1993, 459-483.
7. (with S. Rebelo) "Fiscal Policy and Economic Growth: an Empirical Investigation," Journal of Monetary Economics, Vol. 32, December 1993, 417-458.
6. (with K. Schmidt-Hebbel) "Fiscal Deficits and Macroeconomic Performance in Developing Countries," World Bank Research Observer Vol. 8(2) :211-238, July 1993.
5. "How Much do Distortions Affect Growth?" Journal of Monetary Economics. Vol. 32, November 1993, 187-212.
4. (with S. Rebelo) "Marginal Income Tax Rates and Economic Growth in Developing Countries," European Economic Review, Vol. 37, pp. 409-417, 1993.
3. "Searching for the Secrets of Growth" Revista de Análisis Económico, Special Issue, Vol. 8(1):3-17, June 1993
2. "How Much Does Policy Affect Growth?" Cuadernos de Economía, No. 87(295-305) Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, August 1992.
1. (with S. Fischer) "The Economics of the Government Budget Constraint", World Bank Research Observer. July 1990 Volume 5 Number 2

4. Recent working papers

- (with Ariell Reshef and Diego Daruich) "Success in international trade: the surprising size and instability of hyper-specializations in exports" (NBER Working Paper 22869, November 2016)
- (with Steven Pennings) "Shrinking Dictators: How Much Economic Growth Can We Attribute to National Leaders?" Development Research Institute Working Paper No. 95, October 2016.

(with Laura Freschi and Steven Pennings) “A Long History of a Short Block: Four Centuries of Development Surprises on a Single Stretch of a New York City Street,” Development Research Institute Working Paper, (February 2016)

(with Diego Anzoategui and Steven Pennings) “How much long-run economic growth happens at the country level?” (February 2016)

5. *Edited books*

(edited with Jessica Cohen) What Works in Development? Thinking Big and Thinking Small, Brookings Institution Press, 2009.

(sole edited volume) Reinventing Foreign Aid, MIT Press, 2008

(edited with L. Serven) The Limits of Stabilization: Infrastructure and Fiscal Adjustment in Latin America, Stanford University Press, 2003.

(Edited with M. Aparicio) Crecimiento Económico, Tercer Mundo Editores, Bogota, Colombia, 1995

(edited with C. Rodriguez and K. Schmidt-Hebbel) Public Sector Deficits and Macroeconomic Performance. New York: Oxford University Press, New York, 1994.

6. *Chapters in books:*

(With Ariell Reshef), “African Export Successes: Surprises, Stylized Facts, and Explanations,” in Sebastian Edwards, Simon Johnson, and David N. Weil, editors, *African Successes: Modernization and Development*, University of Chicago Press for NBER, 2016.

“Fiscal Policy, Debt Crises, and Economic Growth” in Klaus Schmidt-Hebbel and Gustavo Gonzalez, editors, *Economic Policies in Emerging Economies*, 2015.

“The Role of Growth Slowdowns and Forecast Errors in Public Debt Crises”, in Alberto Alesina and Francesco Giavazzi, eds. *Fiscal Policy after the Financial Crisis*, National Bureau of Economic Research Conference Volume, University of Chicago Press: Chicago, 2013

“Free Markets and Economic Development,” in Takashi Shirashi, Tatsufumi Yamagata, and Shahid Yusuf, editors, Poverty Reduction and Beyond: Development Strategies for Low Income Countries, Palgrave MacMillan 2009.

(With Yaw Nyarko) “Is the Brain Drain Good for Africa?” in Jagdish Bhagwati and Gordon Hanson, editor, Skilled Migration Today, Council on Foreign Relations, 2009.

“The Indomitable in Pursuit of the Inexplicable,” in Development Economics through the Decades: A Critical Look at Thirty Years of the World Development Report, World Bank, 2009

“Freedom and Development,” in Bernard Berendsen, editor, Democracy and Development, KIT Publishers, 2008.

- “Globalization”, entry in Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, Steven Durlauf and Marcel Fafchamps, editors, 2007
- “Globalization, Poverty, and All That: Factor Endowment versus Productivity Views”, in Anne Harrison, Editor, Globalization and Poverty, (NBER: University of Chicago Press, 2007)
- “Development Success: May History Breed Humility”, in Economic Growth with Equity – Challenges for Latin America, Edited by Ricardo Ffrench-Davis and José Luis Machinea, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007
- “The World Bank and Low-Income Countries: The Escalating Agenda,” Rescuing the World Bank: A CGD Working Report and Selected Essays, Center for Global Development, Washington DC, 2006.
- "Freedom versus Collectivism in Foreign Aid" in Economic Freedom of the World: 2006 Annual Report.
- “National policies and economic growth: a reappraisal,” in Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf, Handbook of Economic Growth, North Holland, 2005
- “The rich have markets, the poor have bureaucrats”, in Michael Weinstein, Editor, Globalization: What’s New, Columbia University Press: New York, 2005.
- “Channels from Globalization to Inequality: Productivity World versus Factor World,” in Susan M. Collins and Carol Graham, Editors, Brookings Trade Forum 2004, Brookings Institutions: Washington DC 2004
- "The effect of World Bank and IMF Programs on Poverty," in M. Dooley and J. Frankel, editors, Managing Currency Crises in Emerging Markets, an NBER Conference Report, University of Chicago Press, 2003
- “The Political Economy of Growth Without Development: A Case Study of Pakistan” in Dani Rodrik, ed., In Search of Prosperity: Analytical Narratives of Growth, Princeton University Press, 2003
- (with Ross Levine) “It’s not factor accumulation: stylized facts and growth models”, in Norman Loayza and Raimundo Soto, editors, Economic Growth: Sources, Trends, and Cycles, Central Bank of Chile, Santiago, Chile, 2002. (reprint of article in World Bank Economic Review)
- (with David Yuravlivker) Evaluating Government Net Worth in Colombia and Republica Bolivariana de Venezuela, Government at risk: Contingent liabilities and fiscal risk, 2002, pp. 181-201, Washington, D.C.: World Bank; Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press.
- (with R. Islam and J. Stiglitz) “Volatility and macroeconomic paradigms for rich and poor countries,” in Jacques Dreze, editor, Advances in Macroeconomic Theory, New York: Palgrave. 2001.
- “The Joys and Sorrows of Openness: a Review Essay”, in M.S. Oosterbaan, Thijs de Ruyter van Steveninck, and N. van der Windt, The Determinants of Economic Growth, Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2000
- “Why is Africa Marginal in the World Economy?” in Gavin Maasdorp, ed., Can South and Southern Africa Become Globally Competitive Economies?, MacMillan Press Ltd., 1996.

- "Explaining Miracles: Growth regressions meet the Gang of Four" in T. Ito and A.O. Krueger, Growth Theories in Light of the East Asian Experience, University of Chicago Press: Chicago, 1995.
- "Surprises, policies, and economic growth" in M. Aparicio and W. Easterly, eds. Crecimiento Económico, Tercer Mundo Editores, Bogota, Colombia, 1995
- (with S. Fischer) "Growth Prospects for the Ex-Soviet Republics: Lessons from Soviet Historical Experience," in A. Aganbegyan, O. Bogomolov, and M. Kaser, eds., Economics in a Changing World, Volume 1, System Transformation: Eastern and Western Assessments, St. Martins Press, International Economic Association, 1994.
- "La Macroeconomía del Deficit del Sector Público: El Caso de Colombia" in R. Steiner, ed., Estabilización y Crecimiento: Nuevas Lecturas de Macroeconomía Colombiana, Tercer Mundo Editores, Bogota, Colombia, 1994.
- (with R. King, R. Levine, S. Rebelo) "Policy Adoption, Technology, and Growth," in R. M. Solow and L. Pasinetti, eds., Economic Growth and the Structure of Long-term Development, International Economic Association, St. Martin's Press, 1994.
- (with K. Schmidt-Hebbel) "Fiscal Adjustment and Macroeconomic Performance: A Synthesis" in W. Easterly, K. Schmidt-Hebbel, and C. Rodriguez, eds., Public Sector Deficits and Macroeconomic Performance. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994, pp. 15-78.
- "Colombia: Avoiding Crises through Fiscal Policy" In W. Easterly, C. Rodriguez, and K. Schmidt-Hebbel, and C. Rodriguez, eds., Public Sector Deficits and Macroeconomic Performance. New York: Oxford University Press 1994, pp. 225-272.
- "Distortionary Policies and Growth in Socialist Economies" in V. Corbo, F. Coricelli, and J. Bossak, eds., Reforming Central and Eastern European Economies, World Bank, Washington, DC, 1992
- "Endogenous Growth in Developing Countries with Government-induced Distortions," in V. Corbo, S. Fischer and S. Webb, eds., Adjustment Lending Revisited: Policies to Restore Growth, Chapter 9, pp. 160-173, World Bank, February 1992.
- "La Macroeconomía del Déficit del Sector Público: El Caso de Colombia," Ensayos Sobre Política Económica, No. 20:107-144, December 1991.
- "Requisitos Macroeconomicos de Reforma de Politicas (Modelling the Macroeconomic Requirements of Policy Reform)"(with P. Kongsamut, E.C. Hwa, and J. Zizek), Ensayos Sobre Política Económica. Bogota, Colombia. Octubre 1990.
- "Portfolio Effects in a CGE Model: Devaluation in a dollarized economy" in Lance Taylor, ed. Socially Relevant Policy Analysis: Structuralist Computable General Equilibrium Models for the Developing World. MIT Press, 1990.
- "Fiscal adjustment and deficit financing during the debt crisis", in I. Husain and I. Diwan, eds. Dealing with the Debt Crisis. World Bank. 1989.

7. Opeds, Comments, book reviews, magazines, non-refereed journals, newsletters, and newspaper articles, some media appearances

[Democracy is Dying as Technocrats Watch](#), *Foreign Policy*, December 23, 2016
[Stereotypes are Poisoning American Politics](#), Bloomberg View, December 16, 2016
[Michael Lewis's 'Brilliant' New Book About Cognitive Bias](#) – (Book Review) – *The Wall Street Journal*, December 6 2016
[The War on Terror vs. The War on Poverty](#) – *The New York Review of Books*, November 24, 2016
[Making Sense of Meltdowns](#) – (Book Review) – *The Wall Street Journal*, July 6 2016
[Four Centuries of Human Initiative on One City Block](#) – *The Wall Street Journal*, November 8, 2015
[The Father of Millions](#) – (Book Review) – *The Wall Street Journal*, October 15, 2015
[The SDGs Should Stand for Senseless, Dreamy, Garbled](#) – **Foreign Policy**, September 28, 2015
[Singing About Fighting Poverty, Slightly Off-Key](#) – *The Wall Street Journal*, October 3, 2014
[The Leonard Lopate Show](#) – WNYC, May 27, 2014
[EconTalk](#), May 19, 2014
[BBC World Service Business Daily](#) (UK), May 9, 2014 (6:35 to 12:45)
[Celebrity Musicians Can't Feed the World](#) – Slate, April 29, 2014
[C-SPAN2 Book TV](#), April 27, 2014
[The Tavis Smiley Show](#) – PBS, April 25, 2014
The New York Times [Book Review Podcast](#), April 18, 2014 (starts at '18:00 min remaining')
[On Rethinking How We Give International Aid](#) – KUOW-FM (NPR Seattle), April 18, 2014
[Fareed Zakaria GPS](#) – CNN, April 16, 2014
[Tech Nation](#) – NPR, April 8, 2014
[Dictator Worship](#) – Prospect Magazine (UK), March 27, 2014
[The flaw in Bill Gates' approach to ending global poverty](#) – Seattle Times, March 24, 2014
[The Stream](#) – Al Jazeera, March 19, 2014 ([video](#))
[Mind Over Matters](#) – KEXP-FM Seattle, March 29, 2014
[Stop Sending Aid to Dictators](#) – Time Magazine, March 13, 2014
[How About Aiding Freedom Instead of Autocrats?](#) – *The Wall Street Journal*, March 10, 2014
[The New Tyranny](#) – *Foreign Policy Magazine*, March 10, 2014
[The Tavis Smiley Show](#), February 28, 2014
[The Takeaway](#) – NPR, February 10, 2014
[Aid Amnesia](#)- Response to [A Case for Aid](#) by Jeffrey Sachs, *Foreign Policy*, January 24, 2014
[Western vanities that do little to help the world's poor](#), *Financial Times*, January 24, 2014
[The Big Aid Debate is Over: The failure of Jeffrey Sachs' "Millennium Villages."](#)– Review of Nina Munk's *The Idealist* for Reason Magazine, October 04, 2013
[The Arrogance of Good Intentions: The reality of African poverty trounces an economist.](#) – Review of Nina Munk's *The Idealist* for Barron's, October 05, 2013
[Free Eskinder Nega!](#) – William Easterly, Peter Godwin, Aryeh Neier, Kenneth Roth, Joel Simon, *The New York Review of Books*, August, 16, 2012

[The Roots of Hardship](#) – Review of *Why Nations Fail*, by Daron Acemoglu and James A.

Robinson, Wall Street Journal, March 24, 2012

[How I Would Not Lead the World Bank](#) – Foreign Policy, March 5, 2012

[The Case of Eskinder Nega](#) – with Mark Hamrick, Aryeh Neier, Kenneth Roth and Joel Simon, The New York Review of Books, January 12, 2012 ([ungated version](#))

[Review of Daniel Kahneman's *Thinking, Fast and Slow*](#) – The Financial Times, November 5, 2011

[Correspondence: National, regional, and worldwide estimates of stillbirth rates](#) – with Laura Freschi, The Lancet, September 3, 2011

[What Must We Do to End World Poverty?](#) - Podcast on development and individual freedoms, at the Columbia Tikvah-Hertog Summer Institute, August 10, 2011

[Benevolent Autocrats](#) – Podcast on EconTalk, May 30, 2011

[Measuring How and Why Aid Works — or Doesn't](#) –Book review, Banerjee and Duflo, Poor Economics, and Karlan and Appel, More Than Good Intentions, Wall Street Journal, April 30, 2011

[The Happiness Wars](#) – Book Review, The Lancet, April 30, 2011

[Tracing Development of Manhattan Block](#) – National Public Radio, All Things Considered, Weekend, March 20, 2011

[Technocrats vs Rights](#) – Contestations, February 2011

[We can't engineer the result we want in the Ivory Coast](#) – The Guardian, January 14, 2011

[Response to Nicholas Eberstadt, Global Poverty and Its Sad Persistence](#) – Commentary, January 25, 2011

[Lennon the Rebel, Bono the Wonk](#) -The Washington Post, December 12, 2010

[Foreign Aid for Scoundrels](#) – New York Review of Books, November 25, 2010

[Why Are We Supporting Repression in Ethiopia?](#) – New York Review of Books with Laura Freschi, November 15, 2010

[Reinventing the Wheel](#) – Foreign Policy, October 11, 2010

[UN Convenes To Assess Global Progress](#) – William Easterly interviewed by Michel Martin, NPR, September 21, 2010

[Only Trade-Fuelled Growth Can Help the World's Poor](#) – Financial Times, September 21, 2010 ([ungated version](#))

[The Hazards of Doing Good](#) – Wall Street Journal, September 7, 2010 ([ungated version](#))

[If Only Martin Luther King Had Modern Software and Jargon: the Powerpoint Version of "I Have a Dream" \(PPT\)](#) – Huffington Post, August 27, 2010

[How Not to Win Hearts and Minds](#) – Wall Street Journal, August 16, 2010 ([ungated version](#))

[A High-Five for the Invisible Hand](#) – New York Times, June 3, 2010

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[False Economy](#), a review of Alan Beattie's new book in the [Financial Times](#), April 13, 2009

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“Foreign Aid Goes Military!” review of the book [The Bottom Billion](#) by Paul Collier, [New York Review of Books](#), December 2008

Development Doesn't Require Big Government, [Wall Street Journal](#), October 2008

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"Why Bill Gates Hates My Book," Wall Street Journal, February 7, 2008

"Foreign Aid: An End to the World's Worst Poverty?" Interview on Foreign Exchange with Fareed Zakaria, WETA-TV, Public Broadcasting System, November 16, 2007

"Surprised by Opportunity" a review of William Duggan's Strategic Intuition, Wall Street Journal, November 14, 2007

"An Ivory Tower Analysis of Real World Poverty," a review of Paul Collier's The Bottom Billion, The Lancet, October 27th 2007

"Don't Bank on the ADB", The Wall Street Journal Asia, October 2nd 2007

"How, and How Not, to Stop AIDS in Africa," Review of The Invisible Cure: Africa, the West, and the Fight Against AIDS by Helen Epstein, New York Review of Books, Volume 54, Number 13 · August 16, 2007

"What Bono doesn't say about Africa," Los Angeles Times, July 6, 2007

"The Ideology of Development," Foreign Policy, July/August 2007

"Does He Hear the Poor? Don't Bank on It", Washington Post, April 22, 2007

ABC News Nightline, April 2007

"Africa's Poverty Trap," Wall Street Journal, March 23, 2007

"His magical misery tour", review of William Vollmann, Poor People, Wall Street Journal, March 2, 2007
Council on Foreign Relations, online debate with Steven Radelet, The Effectiveness of Foreign Aid, November 2006

Interview, CNN "In the Money," November 25, 2006

"Dismal Science," The Wall Street Journal, November 15, 2006

"Is foreign aid working?" A debate with Hilary Benn, UK Cabinet Minister for Development, The Prospect, November 2006 (UK)

Interview by Paul Solman, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, September 21st 2006

"4 Ways To Spend \$60 Billion Wisely", The Washington Post, July 2nd 2006

"The Handouts that Feed Poverty," The Los Angeles Times, April 30th 2006

"Accountability for multilateral development banks" testimony before the
Senate Foreign Relations Committee, March 28, 2006

"The West can't save Africa," The Washington Post, February 13th 2006

"The Utopian Nightmare," Foreign Policy, September/October 2005

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Grants:

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“How do National Policies affect Long-run Growth?” 1992 (\$217,700 grant from World Bank Research Committee and \$30,000 from International Center for Economic Growth)

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“A Unique Dataset to test hypotheses about inflation and stabilization,” 1997 (\$25,000 grant from World Bank Research Committee)

"Development, democracy, and state violence," 2001 (\$35,000 grant from World Bank Research Committee and Norwegian Fund)

Conference grants: \$25,000 (NYU 2003), \$35,000 (NYU 2004), \$20,000 (NYU 2005)

John Templeton grant 2006: \$58,959

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Charles G. Koch Foundation 2008-2009 \$115,000

Searle Freedom Foundation 2008-2009 \$240,000

BBVA Frontier of Knowledge in Development Cooperation Award 2009, \$546,920

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Teaching (courses taught):

New York University:

Economic Development, Ph.D. course, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Africa in the World Economy, Blend upper level undergraduate/Masters course, Spring 2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Economic Development, Upper level undergraduate, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2007

Principles of Economics (Micro), undergraduate, Fall 2010

Globalization and Development Policy: Focus on Africa, Spring 2005 (joint course for Columbia and NYU students, sole taught)

Georgetown University, mixed graduate/undergraduate Open Economy Macro Fall 1992;
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School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University 1992-1995. Open Economy Macro.

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