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Curriculum Vitae

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2012- Professor of the Practice of International Development,
School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
- 2012- Academic Director, Graduate School of Development Policy and
Practice, University of Cape Town
- 2012- Core Research Team (global research design; global
research synthesis; plus leader for South Africa case studies),
Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Programme;
(global project , anchored at University of Manchester)
- 1989- 2012 World Bank, including:
- 2008-2012, Founder, Political Economy Community of Practice
- 2007-2010 Head, Governance and Anti- Corruption Secretariat
- 1999-2003 Head, Public Sector Reform and Capacity Building Unit,
Africa Region, World Bank
- 1996-1999 Lead Specialist, including: co-chair of organization-wide
Business Environment Thematic Group; core team member,
World Development Report, *The State in a Changing World*
- 1992-1996 Principal Economist, Southern African macro & industry
group
- 1989-1992 Senior Research Economist, Development Research Group
- 1983-1989 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Center for
Development Economics, Williams College, Mass, USA
- 1987 Visiting Research Fellow, Korea Development Institute, Seoul, Korea;
Chung Hua Institute for Economic Research, Taipei, Taiwan

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

South Africa, Zambia, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Turkey, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Ghana,
Namibia, Tajikistan, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka,

EDUCATION

1983 Ph.D Economics, Harvard University
 1979 M.A. Economics, Harvard University
 1976 B.A. (Honours) in Economics, University of Cape Town

BOOKS

Brian Levy (lead editor & author) The Politics and Governance of Basic Education in South Africa (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)

Brian Levy, Working with the Grain: Integrating Governance and Growth in Development Strategies (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014)

---- with Verena Fritz and Rachel Ort, Problem-Driven Political Economy Analysis: The World Bank's Experience (Washington, DC: The World Bank Directions in Development Series, 2014)

Brian Levy, Governance Reform: Bridging Monitoring and Action (Washington, DC: World Bank, 2007)

Brian Levy and Sahr Kpundeh (eds), Building State Capacity in Africa (Washington DC: World Bank Institute, 2004)

World Development Report 1997, The State in a Changing World (core team member)

Brian Levy and Pablo Spiller (eds.) Regulations, Institutions, and Commitment: Comparative Studies of Telecommunications (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996)

SELECTED ACADEMIC ARTICLES SINCE 2006

(Since 2014, I also have published numerous articles in the popular media, including Foreign Policy; Project Syndicate; The Conversation; and the Daily Maverick; available on request. I also maintain an active blog at www.workingwiththegrain.com)

"Inequality & the inventiveness of history: the 'tunnel effect' in South Africa", in Luca Meldolesi and Nicoletta Stame, *A Bias for Hope: collected papers from second conference on Albert Hirschman's legacy*. (Colorni-Hirschman Institute and World Bank, 2017/2019)

---- (2018) sole author of chapters 1 & 10 and co-author of chapters 4, 7, 8 & 9 of The Politics and Governance of Basic Education in South Africa (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)

--- with Tim Kelsall, "Working Contextually: What Works in Different Types of Political Settlements", Effective States and Inclusive Development, core research team, findings consolidation and publications planning retreat, The Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, June 2016

--- with Ursula Hoadley, Lawule Shumane and Shelly Wilburn, "Leadership, Stakeholders and Learner Performance in Four Western Cape Schools", *Effective States*

and Inclusive Development Working Paper 61, July 2016

--- with Robert Cameron, “The Potential and Limits of Performance Management: Improving Basic Education in the Western Cape”, ”, *Effective States and Inclusive Development Working Paper Working Paper 62, July 2016*

--- with Lawule Shumane, “School Governance in a Fragmented Political and Bureaucratic Environment: Case Studies from South Africa’s Eastern Cape Province”, ”, *Effective States and Inclusive Development Working Paper series, under review*

--- with Mike Morris, “The Limits of Co-operation in a Divided Society: The political economy of South Africa’s garment and textile industry”, in Anthony Black (ed.), *Towards Employment-intensive Growth in South Africa*. (University of Cape Town Press, 2016)

“Governance Reform: Getting the Fit Right”, *Public Administration and Development*, Volume 35, number 4, pp. 238-249, 2015

--- with Alan Hirsch and Ingrid Woolard, “South Africa’s Evolving Political Settlement in Comparative Perspective”, SALDRU Working Paper Number 138, Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town, November 2014

“Commanding Heights: The Governance of State-owned Enterprises in South Africa”, in Haroon Borhat, Alan Hirsch, Ravi Kanbur and Mthuli Ncube, *The Oxford Companion to the Economics of South Africa* (Oxford University Press, 2014)

--- with Michael Walton, “Institutions, Incentives and Service Provision: Bringing Politics Back In”, Working Paper number 18, Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Program, University of Manchester, February 2013.

“Seeking the Elusive Development Knife-Edge: Zambia and Mozambique – A Tale of Two Countries”, in Douglass North, John Wallis, Barry Weingast, and Stephen Webb (editors), *In the Shadow of Violence – the Problem of Development in Limited Access Order Societies* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013)

“Can Islands of Effectiveness Thrive in Difficult Governance Settings? The Political Economy of Local-level Collaborative Governance?”, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Number 5842, October 2011

“Innovations in Globalized Regulation: Opportunities and Challenges”, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Number 5841, October 2011

“The Politics of Development”, *Development Outreach*, April 2011, pp. 59-64

“Democracy Support and Development Aid: The Case for Principled Agnosticism”, *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 21, Number 4, October 2010, pp. 27-34

“Development Strategies: Bridging Governance and Growth”, with Francis Fukuyama, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper Number 5196, January 2010

“Problem-driven Governance and Political Economy Analysis: Good Practice Framework”, with Verena Fritz and Kai Kaiser, PREM, World Bank, 2009

“Are Africa’s Economic Reforms Sustainable? Bringing Governance back in”, in Muna Ndulo (ed.) Democratic Reform in Africa: The Impact on Governance and Poverty Alleviation (Ohio University Press, 2006)

“State Capacity, Accountability and Economic Development in Africa”, Commonwealth and Comparative Politics, Vol. 45 No. 4, pp. 499-520. November 2007

OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

(with Pablo Spiller), “The Institutional Foundations of Regulatory Commitment: A Comparative Analysis of Telecommunications Regulation”, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Volume 10, number 2, pp. 201-246, 1994

“The Design and Sequencing of Trade and Investment Policy Reform: An Institutional Analysis,” World Bank Economic Review, Volume 7, Number 3, June 1993

“Obstacles to Developing Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises,” World Bank Economic Review, Volume 7, Number 1, pp. 65-83, January, 1993.

“Transactions Costs, the Size of Firms, and Industrial Policy: Lessons from a Comparative Analysis of the Footwear Industry in Korea and Taiwan,” Journal of Development Economics, Vol. 34, pp. 151-178, 1991

with Wen-Jeng Kuo, “The Strategic Orientations of Firms and the Performance of Korea and Taiwan in Frontier Industries: Lessons from Comparative Case Studies of Keyboard and Personal Computer Assembly,” World Development, Vol. 19, No. 4, pp. 363-374, 1991

“Foreign Aid in the Making of Economic Policy in Sri Lanka, 1997-1983” Policy Sciences, Vol. 22, pp. 437-461, 1989.

“The Determinants of Manufacturing Ownership in Less Developed Countries: A Comparative Analysis,” Journal of Development Economics 28, March 1988

“The State-owned Enterprise as an Entrepreneurial Substitute in Developing Countries: The Case of Nitrogen Fertilizer,” World Development 16, Number 10, October 1988

“A Theory of Public Enterprise Behavior,” Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Vol. 8, pp. 75-96, 1987

“World Oil Marketing in Transition,” International Organization, Volume 36, Number 1, Winter 1982

SELECTED OTHER PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS

with Andrew Stone and Ricardo Paredes, “Public institutions and private transactions: a comparative analysis of the legal and regulatory environment for business transactions in

Brazil and Chile”, in Lee Alston, Thrainn Eggertsson and Douglass C. North (eds), Empirical Studies in Institutional Change (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996)

“Between Law and Politics: Private Infrastructure in Africa”, paper presented October 1998 at Yale University workshop on Law and Development

“Fostering Private Sector Development in Africa: an Institutional Approach”, plenary paper presented at inaugural conference of International Society for New Institutional Economics, Washington University, 1997

with Tyler Biggs, “Strategic Interventions and the Political Economy of Industrial Policy in Developing Countries,” in Dwight Perkins and Michael Roemer (eds.) Reforming Economic Systems in Developing Countries (Harvard: 1991)

“How can South African Manufacturing Efficiently Create Employment? An Analysis of the Impact of Trade and Industrial Policy,” The World Bank, Southern Africa Dept Informal Discussion Papers on Aspects of the Economy of South Africa 1992