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**EDUCATION:**

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, NJ

A.B. Economics, *cum laude*, June 1977

Certificate, Program in African Studies

Certificate, Program in Political Economy

*Senior Thesis:* "The Economics of Agrarian Reform."

Supervisor: Sir W. Arthur Lewis

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. Economics May 1982

M.A. Economics May 1979

M.A. Economic Demography, August 1979

*Dissertation:* "Modeling Manpower in Development Planning."

Chair: Alan W. Heston

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

Chair, Department of Economics, 2016 to present.

Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor of Economics, 1982 to present.

Program Faculty, DC Semester, Fall 2013.

Program Director (founding), *Africana Studies Program*, 2008-2012.

Faculty Affiliate, *The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy*, 1990--

International Faculty Fellow, *Reves Center for International Studies*, 2005-06.

Senior Fulbright Scholar, *University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*, 1995-96.

Program Director (founding), *William and Mary in Cape Town*, University of Cape Town, 2008, 2011.

Program Co-Director, *William and Mary in Prague*, CERGE-EI, 2006.

Program Director, *William and Mary in Cambridge*, University of Cambridge, 1989.

**HONORS, PRIZES AND AWARDS:**

Senior Fulbright Scholar, University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 1995-96.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences (CWM), Faculty Governance Award, 2012.

**TEACHING:**

*Teaching Interests:*

Development economics, comparative economics, economics of growth, demographic economics, macroeconomics, economic globalization, economics of inequality.

*Graduate Courses Taught:* Economic development policy.  
*Undergraduate Course Taught:* Intermediate macroeconomics, development economics, economics of growth, regional economic integration, economic systems and transition, South African economy, macroeconomic crises in emerging market, the Chinese economy, the Vietnamese economy, history of economic globalization, late industrialization, economic inequality in multiracial societies.

## **RESEARCH AREAS:**

Manpower development planning, demographic economics, peasant agriculture and land reform, industrialization of very-latecomers, trade liberalization and technological diffusion, structural convergence in manufacturing, effectiveness of development aid, diversified business groups, Chinese economic reform, political economy of state formation, and party- and military-owned businesses.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:**

Creative Adaptation Grant to develop online modules for principles of Economics, 2012, \$45,000.  
Phi Beta Delta, December 2005.  
Population Council Dissertation Fellowship, 1980-81.  
Research Affiliate, University of Florida (Gainesville), African Studies Center, Summer 1988.  
Summer Research Grants, William & Mary, 1983, 1984, 1988.  
Summer Curriculum Development Grant, William & Mary, 1987.  
Faculty Research Assignment, William & Mary, Fall 1989, Fall 1996, Spring 2004, Fall 2015, Spring 2016.  
Co-organizer, Jefferson Program Conference on "EC 1992 and Beyond: A Challenge to the Postwar World Order," September 1992.  
Co-writer, Ford Foundation Grant to William and Mary: "Introducing Non-Western Cultural and Intellectual Traditions in the Undergraduate Curriculum, 1988-91," Spring 1988.  
Co-organizer, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy Grant for the Symposium on "The Crisis of Transition in Africa," October 5, 1985.

## **RESEARCH:**

### ***Books Written***

*Industrial Development in Africa: Mapping Industrialization Pathways for a Leaping Leopard* (London: Routledge, forthcoming in 2018).

*Manpower Development Planning: Theory and an African Case Study* (Aldershot: Avebury Press for the University of Warwick, 1994).

### ***Books Edited***

*The Challenge of European Integration: Internal and External Problems of Trade and Money* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1994). With Patricia Dillon, David Feldman and Paul Whiteley.

*Essays on Ethiopian Economic Development* (Aldershot, UK and Brookfield, VT: Avebury Press, 1994).

### ***Textbooks***

*Instructor's Manual for Economics of Development* for **Economics of Development** by D. Perkins, S. Radelet and David L. Landauer (New York: WW Norton, sixth edition, 2006). With Adel Varghese.

### ***Publications in Refereed Journals***

- “A Pathway from Exclusionary to Inclusionary State and Market Institutions for Ethiopia,” *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, 9(1-2), 2015.
- “Aid, Accountability, and Institution-Building in Ethiopia: A Comparative Analysis of Donor Practice,” *Third World Quarterly*, 36 (7), 2015: 1382-1403.
- “Political Parties in Business: Rent-seekers, Developmentalists, or Both?” *Journal of Development Studies*, September 2013: Doi: 10.1080/00220388.2013.822070.
- “The Elusive Productivity Effect of Trade Liberalization in the Manufacturing Industries of Emerging Economies,” *Emerging Markets Finance & Trade*, 2011, vol. 47, no. 1, pp. 5-27 (with Arnab Basu).
- “The Speed of Structural Convergence in the Manufacturing Industries of Newly Industrializing Countries,” *South African Journal of Economics*, 76 (S2), 2008, pp. s89-s109.
- “The Case for Deeper Reform in Post-election Ethiopia,” *International J. of Ethiopian Studies*, Fall 2006, pp. 33-54.
- "Multilateral Development Aid for Africa," *Economic Systems*, 29 (4), 2005, pp. 433-454.
- “Persistent Stasis in a Tributary Mode of Production: The Peasant Economy of Ethiopia,” *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 5(3), 2005, pp. 299-333 (Lead Article).
- “The Diversified Business Group as an Innovative Organizational Model for Large State-Enterprise Reform in China and Vietnam,” *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management*, 5(5/6), 2005, pp. 379-400.
- “Escaping Ethiopia’s Poverty Trap: The Case for a Second Agrarian Reform,” *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 42 (3), 2004, pp. 313-42 (Lead Article).
- "Structural Convergence in Manufacturing Industries between Leaders and Latecomers," *Journal of Development Studies*, 38(4), 2002, pp. 69-99.
- "The Economics of Surplus Squeeze under Peripheral Socialism," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 23(3), 1988, pp. 51-77.
- "The Dual Gaps of Development," *Growth and Change*, 17(2), 1986, pp. 86- 90.
- "Papers in Ethiopian Demography I: Population Growth, Composition, and Distribution," *Northeast African Studies*, 6(3), 1984, pp. 19-46.
- "Papers in Ethiopian Demography II: Levels and Patterns of Fertility and Mortality," *Northeast African Studies*, 7(2), 1985, pp. 1-21.
- "Papers in Ethiopian Demography III: Labor Force Structure, Migration, and Poverty," *Northeast African Studies*, 7(3), 1985, pp. 49-69.
- "The Structure of Employment and Earnings in the Early Stages of Urbanization: The Case of Ethiopia," *African Urban Studies*, vol. 15 (Winter), 1983, pp. 41-58.

### **Articles in Books and Edited Volumes**

"Sir W. Arthur Lewis," *Handbook of African and African Diasporic Thought*, J.H. Stanfield, ed., Left Coast Press, (forthcoming).

"Aid and Reform in Ethiopia," in Shantayanan Devarajan, David Dollar, and Torgny Holmgren, eds., *Aid and Reform in Africa* (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 2001), pp. 167-226. *Choice's* Best Books of the Year for 2001.

"The New Regionalism and Developing Economies," chapter 6 in B. Abegaz, P. Dillon, D.H. Feldman and P.F. Whiteley (eds), *The Challenge of European Integration* (1994), pp. 159-70.

"Introduction: The Challenge of European Integration", chapter 1 (with P. Dillon, D.H. Feldman, P.F. Whiteley), *The Challenge of European Integration* (1994), pp. 3-20.

"Introduction: the Challenges of Arrested Development," in B. Abegaz (ed), *Essays in Ethiopian Economic Development* (1994), pp. 3-28.

"A Late-industrialization Perspective on Ethiopian Manufacturing," in B. Abegaz (ed), *Essays on Ethiopian Economic Development* (1994), pp. 159-224.

"Ethiopian Economic Reform," in B. Abegaz (ed), *Essays on Ethiopian Economic Development* (1994), pp. 301-332.

"The Economic Implications of Enterprise Financial Autonomy in China," in Nigel Campbell (ed.), *Advances in Chinese Industrial Studies*, vol. 1, Part A [Greenwich, Conn.: JAI Press, 1990, pp. 37-62] (with Clyde Haulman).

"Mass Poverty, Demography, and Development Strategy: A Selective Survey," *Studies in Third World Societies*, Number 29, 1986, pp. 1-54.

### **Editor, Special Journal Issues**

International Journal of Ethiopian Studies, Fall 2015.

*The Economic Demography of Mass Poverty in the Third World*, Studies in Third World Societies, publication number twenty-nine, 1986.

### **Articles in Conference Proceedings**

"Economic Reform in Ethiopia: What is to be Undone?" Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on the Horn of Africa (New York: Center for the Horn of Africa, 1992), pp. 101-10.

"The Economic Contradictions of Tributary Socialism," Proceedings of the Third International Conference on the Horn of Africa (New York: Center for the Horn of Africa, 1989), pp. 48-56.

### **Chapters, Reviews, Essays, and Working Papers**

"Aid, Accountability, and Institution-building in Ethiopia: A Comparative Analysis of Donor Practice," *WIDER Working Paper No. 2013/083*, Helsinki: WIDER, 2013.

"Sir W. Arthur Lewis," *Handbook of African and African Diasporic Social Thought* (Left Coast Press, forthcoming).

Review of Alice Amsden, Escape from Empire: the Developing World's Journey through Heaven and Hell, MIT Press, 2007, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 39(3), 2008, pp. 458-61.

"The 2005 Ethiopian Elections: Millstone or Milestone?" *Africa Review of Books/Revue Africaine des Livres*, 3(1), March 2007, pp. 4-6.

Review of Jonathan Crystal, Unwanted Company: Foreign Investment in American Industries, Ithaca and London, Cornell University Press, 2003, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 2006.

"Ethiopia: A Model Nation of Minorities," [http://ethiomediamedia.com/newpress/census\\_portrait.pdf](http://ethiomediamedia.com/newpress/census_portrait.pdf), June 1, 2005.

Review of Bahru Zewde. Pioneers of Change in Ethiopia: The Reformist Intellectuals of the Early Twentieth Century, Oxford: James Currey, Athens: Ohio University Press, and Addis Ababa: Addis Ababa University (2002), *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, 1(1), 2004.

"Aid and Reform in Ethiopia," Report No. 35725, *Aid and Reform in Africa Project*, The World Bank, August 1999.

Review of Howard Stein (ed), Asian Industrialization and Africa: Studies in Policy Alternatives to Structural Adjustment (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1995, *J. of Asian and African Studies*, 33 (1), 1998.

Review of Bon Ho Koo and Dwight Perkins (eds), Social Capability and Long-term Economic Growth (New York: St. Martin's, 1995), *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Fall 1996.

Review of Abebe Zegeye and Siegfried Pausewaug (eds), Ethiopia in Change: Peasantry, Nationalism and Democracy (London: British Academic Press, 1994), *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 34, no. 3, 1996.

Review of Frances Stewart, et al. (eds), Alternative Development Strategies for SubSaharan Africa (St. Martin's Press, 1992), and *Africa Today* (1994).

"Manpower Requirements Models: A Synthesis," *Labour Market Analysis and Employment Planning Working Paper Number 26* (Geneva: International Labour Organization, September 1988), pp. 1-34.

"A Brief Note on Recent Ethiopian Economic Statistics," *Northeast African Studies*, 8(1), 1986, pp. 31-34.

Review of A. Emmanuel, Profit and Crisis (St. Martin's Press, 1984), *Southern Economic Journal*, 52(1), 1985, pp. 281-82.

### ***Selected Invited Scholarly Papers and Talks***

"The Military-run Business Empire in Emerging Economies: Why, How, and to What Effect," Invited paper to the ASAUK Biennium Conference, Cambridge, UK, September 2016.

"Reforming Ethiopian Economic Institutions," at the Symposium on Ethiopia's Transition to an Inclusive Economic and Political Order, Sheraton Silver Spring, MD, May 30-31, 2015.

"Aid and Institution-building in Fragile States: Lessons from Comparative Cases," UNU-WIDER Workshop, Helsinki, November 15-16, 2013.

“Political Parties in Business: Rent Seekers, Developmentalists, or Both?” Paper presented at the Fourth European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, Sweden, June 15-18, 2011.

“Political Parties in Business: Are They Rent Seekers, Developmentalists, or Both?” April 2011; Research in Economics Working Paper #113.

“The Strategic Choice for a Late Industrializer: Agriculture-led, Urban-led, or Balanced?” December 2011.

“A Growth Diagnostics Perspective on Ethiopian Development,” 16 ICES Conference, Trondheim, Norway, July 2007.

“Land Policy Reform in Ethiopia,” Symposium on Ethiopian Development Policy, Ethiopian Roundtable, Washington, DC, May 27, 2006.

“The Paradox of Ethiopia’s Underdevelopment,” UCLA African Studies Center, March 19, 2005.

“Reflections on the Effectiveness of Development Aid to Africa,” Franke Institute, University of Chicago, April 22, 2004.

“The Economics of Ethiopia’s Access to Seaports,” ENC Symposium on Ethiopia, Washington, D.C., November 4-5, 2000.

"Aid and Reform in Ethiopia," World Bank/GTZ Workshop on Aid and Reform in Africa, Frankfurt, Germany, June 1999.

Discussant, "Aid and Reform in Africa," ESRF/World Bank Conference, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, 1999.

Discussant, "Ethiopia’s Socio-Economic Performance, 1991-1999," Inter-Africa Group, UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 2000.

"The Flying Geese Model of East Asian Industrialization," Economics University of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 1996.

"Economic Reform in Post-Derg Ethiopia," Sixth International Conference on the Horn of Africa, City College/CUNY, May 25-26, 1991.

"Structural Constraints on Industrial Deepening in South Africa," University of Florida at Gainesville, August 10, 1988.

"The Economic Contradictions of Tributary Socialism," Third International Conference on the Horn of Africa, City College/CUNY, May 28-29, 1988.

"Financial Levers and Macro-regulation in a Semi-Commodity Economy," Department of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, April 25, 1988.

"Chinese Banking and Monetary Reform: The Implications for Macrobalance and Financial Reform," University of Manchester Conference on "Reform Policy and the Chinese Enterprise," June 1-2, 1987 (with Clyde Haulman).

### ***Working Papers and Work in Progress***

1. "The Tributary Model of the Civilizational Afro-Asiatic State, 1600-1900," MS, May 2016.
2. "Ethiopian State Formation: The Gondarine Tributary-Military State, 1600-1800," MS, June 2016.
3. "Ethiopian State Formation: The Fiscal-Territorial Shewan State," MS, July 2016.
4. Ethiopian State Formation: The Revolutionary State, 1975-2015," MS, August 2016.
5. *An Afro-Asiatic Model of Tributary State Formation: Ethiopia, 1600-2000*, book project (ongoing)
6. "The Military-owned Business Complex in Emerging Economies," (ongoing).
7. "The Effect of Aid and Openness on Multi-factor Productivity in the Manufacturing Industries of Liberalizing Economies," with A. Basu and R. Hicks, (ongoing).
8. "The Strategic Choices for a Late Industrializer: Agriculture-led, Urban-led, or Balanced?" 2015.
9. "The growth impact of aid allocation between consumption and investment," with Rob Hicks and Thomas Jones.
10. "A Growth Diagnostics Perspective on Ethiopian Development," International Conference in Ethiopian Studies, Trondheim, Norway.

### **HONORS THESES SUPERVISION (recent)**

Jonathan Eggleston, "Decentralization and Corruption: A Model of Interjurisdictional Competition and Weakened Accountability," 2008-09.

Stephan Jensen, "Structural Change, Diffusion of Technology and Heterogeneity of Economic Activities," 2008-09. Currently at U. of Talin, graduate program (Development Economics).

### **CONSULTING**

UNU-WIDER (Helsinki), "Aid and Institutions," November, 2013.

World Bank, "Aid and Reform in Africa," 1998-2000.

World Bank, "Ethiopia: Country Assistance Evaluation, 1998-2006," IEG, 2007-08.

### **EDITORIAL WORK**

*International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*

*World Development*

*Journal of Development Studies*

Reviewer, Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowships for Minorities Program, National Research Council.

Reviewer, Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships, Institute of International Education.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Economic Association  
Association of Comparative Economic Studies  
Population Association of America  
African Studies Association  
Ethiopian Roundtable on Development Policy

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Faculty Assembly  
Faculty Affairs  
Board on Faculty Compensation  
Committee on Retention, Promotion, and Tenure  
International Studies Committee  
International Advisory Committee  
Study Abroad Committee  
Lemon Project Initiatives  
Affirmative Action Advisory Committee  
Educational Policy Committee  
Committee on Nominations and Elections  
Program Advisory: Africana Studies, Russian and Post-Soviet Studies  
Faculty Mentor: Africana House