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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

2019-present *Kenan Eminent Professor*, Department of Public Policy, UNC-CH
2021-present *Adjunct Professor*, Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies
2011-2013 *Department Chair*
2010-present *Professor*, Department of Public Policy, UNC-CH
2003-2010 *Associate Professor*, Department of Public Policy, UNC-CH
1996-1999 *Visiting Lecturer*, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique
1993-1996 *Lecturer*, Department of Economics, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica

Professional

2013-2016 *Chief, Social & Economic Policy Section*, UNICEF Office of Research, Florence, Italy
(on-leave from UNC)
2007-2008 *Regional Social Policy Advisor*, UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Office, Nairobi, Kenya (on-leave from UNC)
Regional advisor on social and economic policy for UNICEF's Eastern & Southern Africa operations covering 20 countries.
2000-2003 *Social Development Specialist*, Regional Operations Department 3, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC
Task manager for Bank operations in health, nutrition, education, and social protection, including investment and policy-based lending instruments
1999-2000 *Research Fellow*, International Food Policy Research Institute, Mexico City
Outposted to Programa de Educación, Salud, y Alimentación (PROGRESA), Secretaría de Desarrollo Social, Government of Mexico.
1996-1999 *Research Fellow*, International Food Policy Research Institute, Maputo, Mozambique
Out posted to the Faculty of Agronomy, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique. Served as Head of Economics and Rural Extension Section 1998-2000.

EDUCATION

University of Toronto, PhD in Economics, 1993.
The Johns Hopkins University, BA in Political Economy, 1987.

RESEARCH

Areas of Focus

Human Development in Low Income and International Settings, Population and Human Resource Economics, Social Policy, Social Protection and Safety Nets

Refereed Journal Publications [h-index score 36, i10-index 102 in Google Scholar] (* student)

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 5. Averi Chakrabarti*, Sudhanshu Handa, Luisa Natali, David Seidenfeld, Gelson Tembo on behalf of the Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Team. More evidence on the relationship between cash transfers and child height. Journal of Development Effectiveness. Vol. 12:1, 14-37, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19439342.2020.1731568>.
 6. The Transfer Project. Beyond internal validity: Towards a broader understanding of credibility in development policy research. World Development, Vol. 127 (March), 2020. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0305750X19304516?via%3Dihub>
 7. Valerie Mueller, Clark Grey, Sudhanshu Handa and David Seidenfeld, “Do Social protection programs Foster Short-term Migration Adaptation Strategies?” Environment & Development, Vol. 25(2): 135-158, 2020.
 8. Kathleen Lawlor*, Sudhanshu Handa, Benjamin Davis & David Seidenfeld, “Poverty-Environment Relationships under Market Heterogeneity: Cash Transfers and Rural Livelihoods in Zambia,” Environment and Development Economics, Vol. 25(3): 291-314, 2020.
 9. Jacob De Hoop, Valeria Groppo and Sudhanshu Handa, “Cash transfers, entrepreneurial activity, and child work: Evidence from Malawi and Zambia,” World Bank Economic Review, Vol. 34(3): 670-697, 2020. <https://academic.oup.com/wber/article/34/3/670/5611144>
 10. Sudhanshu Handa, David Seidenfeld & Gelson Tembo, “The Impact of a Large Scale National Cash Transfer Program on Household Time Preference,” Economic Development & Cultural Change, Vol. 69(1):485-512, 2020. <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/702997>
 11. Silvio Daidone, Benjamin Davis, Sudhanshu Handa & Paul Winters, “The Household and Individual-level Productive Impacts of Cash Transfer Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa,” American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Volume 101(5):1401–1431, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajae/aay113>
 12. Gustavo Angeles, Jacob de Hoop, Sudhanshu Handa, Kelly Kilburn, Annamaria Milazzo, Amber Peterman and the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Evaluation Team, “Government of Malawi’s Unconditional Cash Transfer Improves Youth Mental Health,” Social Science & Medicine, Vol. 225 (March): 108-119, 2019.
 13. Kathleen Lawlor*, Sudhanshu Handa, David Seidenfeld & Gelson Tembo, “Cash transfers enable households to cope with agricultural production and price shocks: Evidence from Zambia,” Journal of Development Studies, Vol. 55(2): 209-226, 2019.
 14. Sudhanshu Handa, Silvio Daidone, Amber Peterman, Benjamin Davis, Audrey Pereira, Tia Palermo, Jennifer Yablonski on behalf of the Transfer Project, Myth-busting?: Confronting Six Common Perceptions about Unconditional Cash Transfers as a Poverty Reduction Strategy in Africa, World Bank

Research Observer, Vol. 33(2): 259-298, 2018.

15. Fidelia Drake, Luisa Natali, Gustavo Angeles Jacob de Hoop Sudhanshu Handa, Amber Peterman on behalf of the Malawi and Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Teams, "Cash Transfers, Early Marriage, and Fertility in Malawi and Zambia," Studies in Family Planning, Vol. 49(4) (December): 295-317, 2018.
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17. Sudhanshu Handa, Luisa Natali, David Seidenfeld, Gelson Tembo and Benjamin Davis, "Can unconditional cash transfers raise long-term living standards? Evidence from Zambia," Journal of Development Economics, Vol 133(July): 42-65, 2018.
18. Yekaterina Chzhen, David Gordon & Sudhanshu Handa: Measuring multidimensional child poverty in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals," Introduction to the special issue on Multidimensional Child Poverty in the SDGS, Child Indicators Research, Vol 11(3) (June): 707-709, 2018.
19. Susannah Zietz*, Jacob de Hoop & Sudhanshu Handa, "The role of productive activities in the lives of adolescents: Photovoice evidence from Malawi," Children and Youth Services Review, Vol 86 (Feb): 246-255, 2018.
20. Kelly Kilburn*, Sudhanshu Handa, Gustavo Angeles et al. "Happiness and alleviation of income poverty: Impacts of an unconditional cash transfer programme using a subjective well-being approach," Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Vol. 37(2) (Spring): 331-356, 2018.
21. Amber Peterman, Tia Palermo, Sudhanshu Handa, David Seidenfeld et al, "List randomization for soliciting experience of intimate partner violence: Application to the evaluation of Zambia's unconditional child grant program," Health Economics, Vol 27(3):622-628, 2018.
22. Kristin Brugh*, Gustavo Angeles, Sudhanshu Handa, Peter Mvula & Maxton Tsoka, "Impacts of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Program on Household Food and Nutrition Security," Food Policy, Vol 76(April): 19-32, 2018.
23. Garima Bhalla*, Sudhanshu Handa, Gustavo Angeles and David Seidenfeld, "The Effect of Cash Transfers and Household Vulnerability on Food Security in Zimbabwe," Food Policy, Vol 74(Jan): 82-99, 2018.
24. Solomon Asfaw, Alessandro Carraro, Benjamin Davis, Sudhanshu Handa & David Seidenfeld, "Cash transfer programmes, weather shocks and household welfare: evidence from a randomized experiment in Zambia," Journal of Development Effectiveness, Vol 9(4):419-442, 2017.
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- Impacts of an Unconditional Cash Transfer on Child Schooling: Experimental Evidence from Malawi,” Economics of Education Review, Vol 59 (August): 63-80, 2017.
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 29. Richard de Groot, Tia Palermo, Sudhanshu Handa, Amber Peterman, “Cash Transfers and Child Nutrition: Pathways and Impacts,” Development Policy Review, Vol.35(5): 599-720, 2017.
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 39. Sudhanshu Handa, David Seidenfeld, Benjamin Davis, Gelson Tembo and the Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Team, “The Social and Economic Impacts of the Zambia Child Grant,” Journal of Policy Analysis & Management Vol 35(2):357-387, 2016.
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Targeted Cash Transfer Program Can Improve Psychosocial Status among Orphans and Vulnerable Children,” Journal of Adolescent Health Vol. 58(2):223-229, 2016.

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43. Solomon Asfaw, Benjamin Davis, Josh Dewbre, Sudhanshu Handa, Paul Winters, “Cash transfer programme, productive activities and labour supply: Evidence from randomized experiment in Kenya,” Journal of Development Studies, Vol 50(8): 1172-1196, 2014.
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45. Molly Rosenberg*, Audrey Pettifor, Harsha Thirumurthy, Carolyn Halpern and Sudhanshu Handa, “The Impact of a National Poverty Reduction Program on the Characteristics of Sex Partners Among Kenyan Adolescents,” AIDS and Behavior, Vol 18(2): 311-316, 2014.
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47. Kavita Singh, Ilene Speizer, Sudhanshu Handa, Richard O. Boadu, Solomon Atinbire, Pierre M. Barker, and Nana A.Y. Twum-Danso Impact evaluation of a quality improvement intervention on maternal and child health outcomes in Northern Ghana: early assessment of a national scale-up project,” Int J Qual Health Care, 25: 477-487, 2013.
48. Kenya CT-OVC Evaluation Team (Handa et al.), “The Impact of the Kenya CT-OVC Program on Human Capital,” Journal of Development Effectiveness, Vol.4(1): 38-49, 2012.
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52. Scott Ickes*, SB Jilcott, JA Myhre, LS Adair, H Thirumurthy, S Handa, ME Bentley, AS Ammerman, “Examination of facilitators and barriers to home-based supplemental feeding with ready-to-use food for underweight children in Western Uganda,” Maternal and Child Nutrition Vol 8(1): 115-129, 2012.
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Journal of Development Effectiveness, Vol.2(3): 320-335, 2010.

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55. Penelope Campbell, Sudhanshu Handa Marta Moroni Shirley Odongo, Tia Palermo*. “Assessing the orphan effect in determining development outcomes for children in 11 Eastern and Southern African countries.” Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies, Vol. 5(1): 12-32, 2010.
56. Sudhanshu Handa & John Maluccio, “Matching the Gold Standard: Comparing Experimental and Nonexperimental Evaluation Techniques for a Geographically Targeted Program,” Economic Development & Cultural Change, Vol. 58(3): 415-447, 2010.
57. Sudhanshu Handa, Heiling Pineda, Yanette Esquivel, Blancadilia Lopez, Nidia Gurdian, Ferdinando Regalia, “Non Formal Basic Education as a Development Priority: Evidence from Nicaragua,” Economics of Education Review, Vol.28(4):512-522, 2009.
58. Sudhanshu Handa, Amber Peterman*, Ben Davis & Marco Stampini, “Opening Up Pandora’s Box: The Effect of Gender Targeting and Conditionality on Household Spending Behavior in Mexico’s Progresa Program,” World Development, Vol. 37(6): 1129-1142, 2009.
59. Sudhanshu Handa & Amber Peterman*, “Child Health and School Enrolment.” Journal of Human Resources, Vol.42(4):863-880, 2007.
60. Sudhanshu Handa & Gilead Mlay, “Food Consumption Patterns, Seasonality & Market Access in Mozambique.” Development Southern Africa, Vol. 23(4): 541-560, 2006.
61. Sudhanshu Handa & Benjamin Davis, “The Experience of Conditional Cash Transfers in Latin America and the Caribbean.” Development Policy Review, Vol. 24(5): 513-536, 2006.
62. Juan Jose Diaz* & Sudhanshu Handa, “An Assessment of Propensity Score Matching as a Non Experimental Impact Estimator: Evidence from Mexico’s Progresa Program,” Journal of Human Resources Vol. 41(2): 319-345, 2006.
63. Marta Ruiz, Benjamin Davis, Sudhanshu Handa, Marco Stampini and Paul Winters. “Program Conditionality and Food Security: The Impact of PROGRESA and PROCAMPO Transfers in Rural Mexico,” Revista Economia Vol. 7(2):pp. 249-278, 2006.
64. Sudhanshu Handa & Ken Simler, “Quality or Quantity? The Supply Side Determinants of Primary Schooling in a Poor Rural Economy.” Journal of African Economies Vol. 15:59-90, 2006.
65. Benjamin Davis, Sudhanshu Handa & Humberto Soto, “Households, Poverty and Policy in times of Crisis: Mexico 1992-1996.” CEPAL Review, Vol. 82 (April):191-212, 2004.
66. Sudhanshu Handa & Damien King, “Adjustment with a Human Face: Evidence from Jamaica.” World Development, Vol. 31(7):1125-1145, 2003.
67. Sudhanshu Handa & Damien King, “The Welfare Effects of Balance of Payments Reform: A Macro-Micro Simulation Applied to Jamaica.” Journal of Development Studies, Vol. 39(3):101-128, 2003.
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- Importance of Supply and Demand.” Journal of Development Economics, Vol. 69(1):103-128, 2002.
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16. David Seidenfeld, Sudhanshu Handa & Leah Principe, “Zambia’s Multiple Vulnerability Grant: 24-Month Impact Estimates,” American Institutes for Research (USA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (Zambia) 2014.
17. David Seidenfeld & Sudhanshu Handa, “Zambia’s Child Grant Program: 36-Month Impact Report,” American Institutes for Research (USA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (Zambia) 2014. http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/transfer/countries/zambia/Zambia_CGP_36month_Report_2014.pdf
18. David Seidenfeld & Sudhanshu Handa, “Zambia’s Child Grant Program: 24-Month Impact Report,” American Institutes for Research (USA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Ministry of

- Community Development and Social Services (Zambia) 2013.
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[<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/transfer/countries/malawi/>]
 20. David Seidenfeld & Sudhanshu Handa, “Zimbabwe’s Harmonized Social Cash Transfer Program: Baseline Impact Evaluation Report,” American Institutes for Research (USA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Department of Social Welfare (Zimbabwe) 2013.
 21. Sudhanshu Handa & Michael Park, “Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Program Ghana: Final Impact Report,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Ministry of Employment & Social Welfare (Ghana), 2013. [<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/transfer/countries/ghana>]
 22. David Seidenfeld, Sudhanshu Handa & Leah Principe, “Zambia’s Multiple Vulnerability Grant: Baseline Report,” American Institutes for Research (USA), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (Zambia), July 2012.
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 24. David Seidenfeld & Sudhanshu Handa, “Zambia’s Child Grant Program: Baseline Report,” American Institutes for Research (USA) and Ministry of Community Development and Social Services (Zambia), 2011. [<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/transfer/countries/zambia>]
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[<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/transfer/countries/zambia>]

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

General Teaching Fields

Quantitative methods, applied microeconomics, development economics, human capital, research design

Courses at UNC-CH

Quantitative Methods for Public Policy (PLCY 460), Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy Part I and II (PLCY 788 & PLCY 789), Topics in Poverty and Human Resource Development (PLCY 895), Poverty, Health and Human Development in Low-Income Countries (PLCY 490), Research Design (PLCY 801), Understanding Poverty (First Year Seminar)

Dissertation (PhD) Committee Service:

- 2004 Shreyasi Jha
- 2005 Suho Bae; Kristy Gonzalez (Health Policy & Management)
- 2006 Caryn Bredenkamp; Andrew Hutson; Aaron McKethan
- 2007 Nick Maynard; Charlie Brayman (Economics); Maarja Soo

- 2008 Soyeon Guh
2009 Amber Peterman (Chair); Scott Stewart (Health Policy & Management, Chair); Tia Palermo; Valerie Cooley
2010 Kathryn Theyson (Economics); Anand Sharma (Chair); Scott Ickes (Nutrition), Shana Judge; Codrin Nedita (Economics); Natta Akapaiboon (Economics)
2012 Jeff Deibold; Stephanie Potochnik
2013 Mike Park (Health Policy & Management, Chair); Jade Marcus; Lisa Goble
2015 Kathleen Lawlor (Chair); Alexandra Graddy-Reed; Carolyn Huang (Chair)
2016 Kelly Kilburn (Chair), Lisa Spees
2017 Garima Bhalla (Chair); Kristen Brugh (Maternal & Child Health)
2018 Frank Otchere (Chair); Adria Molotsky (Chair), Ipsita Das
2019 Averi Chakrabarti (Chair); Ghazal Dezfuli
2020 Marlous de Milliano (Chair), Frances Duffy
2021 Elc Estrera, Hannah Silverstein, Zunaid Ahsan
2022 Paul Sirma (chair), Abhik Pramanik (Chair), Daniel Han (Chair)
2023 Marwa Ibrahim (Chair), Dharini Bathia (Chair)
2024 Audrey Pereira (Chair)

FUNDED RESEARCH

Hewlett Foundation, “Improving evidence-based decision-making in sub-Saharan Africa 2021-2024,” (Co-PI with Gustavo Angeles), \$1,000,000.

NIH/NIA, “The effect of poverty, stress and immune function on health during the life-course” 5R01AG061437, PI, 2019-2024, \$2.2m.

CEDIL, “A mid-range theory of poverty reduction,” 2020-2022, PI, GBP300,000.

CEDIL, “Evaluating a governance program using a case-control approach,” 2020-2022, Co-PI (with Brigitte Seim), GBP 900,000.

Hewlett Foundation, “Improving Evidence-based decision-making in sub-Saharan Africa 2018-2020,” (Co-PI with Gustavo Angeles; \$690,000)

3IE Impact, “In Search of the Holy Grail: Long Term Effects of a Cash Transfer Program in Zambia,” 2017-2019 (PI, \$400,000) (Supplemental funding from UNICEF Office of Research and UNICEF-Zambia: \$140,000)

U.S. Department of Labor, “The Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfers on Child Labor in Africa,” 2015-2018 (PI, \$1.4m)

U.K. AID, “Cash Transfers and Adolescent Development,” 2014-2017 (PI of sub-component of grant to UNICEF Office of Research, \$1.1m)

Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), “Transfer Project,” 2015-2017 (PI, \$1.5m) (UNICEF)

National Institute of Environmental Health. “The Poverty and Health Effects of a Large Scale Cook Stove Initiative,” 2014-2019 (R01 ES023861 PI, \$2.5m)

UNICEF-Zimbabwe. “Impact Evaluation of the Harmonized Social Cash Transfer Programme,” 2013-2015 (Prime to AIR, sub-contract to UNC, \$200,000)

UNICEF-Malawi, “Impact evaluation of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer Program,” 2012-2014 (PI, \$1.4m)

3IE Impact, “The growth and protection impacts of Zimbabwe’s social cash transfer program,” 2012-2016 (PI, \$660,000)

3IE Impact, “Economic growth and risk reduction in Malawi’s social cash transfer scheme,” 2012-2016 (PI, \$650,000)

UNICEF-Zambia. “Impact Evaluation of Social Protection in Zambia,” 2011-2015 (Prime to AIR, sub-contract to UNC, Co-PI, \$4.5m)

National Institute of Mental Health, Social Cash Transfers, Household Risk and HIV Prevention in Kenya, 2011-2013 (R01 MH093241 PI, \$1.3m)

International Health Initiative (IHI), Impact Evaluation of Project Five Alive! Ghana, 2010-2014 (Co-Investigator, \$800,000)

Save the Children Fund UK and UNICEF, International Research Partner, Multi-Country Impact Evaluation of Cash Transfer Programs and Children in Africa, 2010-2011 (\$100,000)

3IE Impact Evaluation, Evaluation of Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty (LEAP), 2010-2013 (PI: \$367,000)

Government of Nicaragua, Evaluation of Non-Formal Education Program, 2005-06 (PI: \$35,000)

UNDP 2005-06, Dynamic CGE Modelling for MDG Analysis, Jamaica Country Case Study (PI: \$16,000)

USAID/MEASURE Evaluation Program, 2005-06, “Propensity Score Matching as an Impact Evaluation Tool for Integrated Human Capital Development Programs.” (PI: \$25,000)

CPC/NICHD Development Grant 2005-06, “Maternal Employment and Adolescent Obesity.” (\$8,500)

UNC-CH University Research Council, 2003-04, “The Behavioural Impact of a Cash Transfer Program in Rural Mexico.” (\$3,800)

Inter-American Development Bank, 2004, “Ethnic Disparities in Health in Mexico.”(\$17,500)

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

UNC Academic leadership Program, Institute for Arts & Humanities, 2011-12
Key note speaker, 10th Anniversary Conference of the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions, Kingston, Jamaica, 2008.

Nominated best graduate advisor, UNC School of Graduate Studies, 2009.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Affiliations

American Economics Association (AEA)

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

Population Association of America (PAA)

Program Committee Member, 2006 Annual PAA Conference
Fellow – Carolina Population Center

Selected Presentations (last 8 years only)

- 2020 CEDIL, African Studies Center-UNC, FAO
- 2019 APPAM, PAA, Government of Malawi
- 2018 UNC-Asheville, Government of Ghana
- 2017 Vanderbilt University Africa Crossroads Program; World Bank Office of Chief Economist for Human Development; Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University; Western Economics Association, San Diego, CA; Government of Ghana on Impact Evaluation of LEAP; Government of Zimbabwe
- 2016 Population Association of America; Governments of Zambia, Malawi and Ghana on cash transfer impacts; International Food Policy Research Institute; Social Protection Inter-Agency Committee (SPIAC-B), New York;
- 2015 International Conference on Child Indicators, Cape Town, South Africa; American Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Conference, Miami, FL; Governments of Malawi and Zimbabwe on cash transfer impacts; Government of Tanzania on child poverty; Italian Association of Development Economists, Florence, Italy;
- 2014 European Economics Association, Toulouse, France; APPAM Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM; Global Development Network, Washington DC; Governments of Malawi, Zimbabwe and Zambia on cash transfer impact evaluations
- 2013 PAA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA; Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference, Oxford, UK; Governments of Zimbabwe and Zambia on cash transfer impact evaluations;
- 2012 Global Development Network, Washington DC; APPAM Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD; Transfer Project Research Network, Aberdares, Kenya; International AIDS Society Annual Conference, Late-breaker Track 'D', Washington DC; Population Association of America Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

Professional Service

Referee for: Journal of Human Resources; AEJ: Applied; Economic Development & Cultural Change; Journal of Public Policy and Management; Economics of Education Review; Journal of Development Studies, Agricultural Economics; PLoS One; Journal of African Economies; Journal of Development Economics; World Development; Food Policy; Feminist Economics; Contemporary Policy Issues; Social and Economic Studies; Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory; Caribbean Labour Review; Education Evaluation & Policy Analysis; University of the West Indies Press.

Standing Member of Social Science and Population A (SSPA) Study Section, National Institute of Health (2020-2025)

Ad hoc reviewer for National Science Foundation

International Service

Advisor to Governments of South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana and Angola on evaluation of national poverty programs

Advisor to UNICEF on program evaluation and social policy

Advisor to Government of Jamaica on Targeting of National Poverty Alleviation Program (PATH) and updating of National Poverty Line

Consultant to World Bank, IDB, FAO, UNICEF, UNDP

Advisor to Government of the Bahamas on National Poverty Line and Poverty Assessment
Past Member, Survey of Living Conditions Steering Committee, Government of Jamaica

UNC and Department Service

Member, CPC Director Search Committee 2016

Chair, Department of Public Policy, 2011-2013

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Public Policy, 2009-2011, 2017-2021

Search Committee Chair, Department of Public Policy, 2021, 2017, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2006, 2005

Vice-Chair, Division of Social & Behavioural Sciences (elected), College of Arts & Sciences, 2009-2012

Member, UNC Graduate School Administrative Board, 2010-2012

Member, Carolina Population Center Advisory Council, 2009-2013