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University of Oxford 1991–1999 (Magdalen College)

1999 DPhil in Economics.

1995 MSc in Economics for Development (Webb Medley Prize).

1994 MPhil in Christian Political Ethics.

1992 Diploma of Theology (Distinction in Islam).

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1989 Bachelors of Arts in Sociology Cognate: Pre-Medical Studies GPA 4.96/5.00

Employment:

2015– **Oliver T Carr Professor and Professor of Economics, and of International Affairs,**
George Washington University (GWU) (part-time until September 2016)

2006– **Director,** Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI), Oxford Department of
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2003– **Research Collaborator** at the Harvard Global Equity Initiative, Harvard University.

2001–03 **Research Writer** for Commission on Human Security, co-chaired by A.K. Sen and S. Ogata.

1999–01 **Coordinator** of the Culture and Poverty Learning-Research Program, World Bank, PREM.

Honors and Awards:

ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize (International) 2014

Foreign Policy '100 global thinkers 2010'

Thulin Scholar of Religion & Contemporary Culture 2010

George Webb Medley Prize, 1995

V.A. Demant Prize, 1994

Rhodes Scholarship, 1991–1994

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MUCIA Scholar, 1989

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Forthcoming Books, Research in Progress and Working Papers

Multidimensional Poverty Measurement and Analysis: A Counting Approach, with Paola Ballon, James Foster,
Jose Manuel Roche, Maria Emma Santos, and Suman Seth (OUP, forthcoming June 2015).

“Multidimensional Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Levels and Trends.” with Bouba Housseini
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“Social Isolation and its Relationship to Multidimensional Poverty,” with Kim Samuel, John Hammock,
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Approach,” with Suman Seth. *OPHI Working Paper 77*, 2014.

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Counting Approach,” with Suman Seth. *OPHI Working Paper 68*, 2014.

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- “Measuring Destitution in Developing Countries: An Ordinal Approach for Identifying Linked Subset of Multidimensionally Poor,” with Adriana Conconi and Suman Seth. *OPHI Research in Progress* 42a, 2014.
- “Multidimensional Poverty Dynamics: Methodology and Results for 34 Countries,” with Jose Roche and Ana Vaz. *OPHI Research in Progress Paper 41a*, 2014.
- “Multidimensional Poverty and the Post-2015 MDGs,” with Andy Sumner, 2013. *Development*, 2013, 56(1) 46–51.
- “Where do the World’s Multidimensionally Poor People Live?” with José Manuel Roche and Andy Sumner. *OPHI Working Paper 61*, 2013.
- “Evaluating Dimensional and Distributional Contributions to Multidimensional Poverty” with James Foster. *Mimeo*. 2013.
- “Well-being, Happiness and Public Policy”, *OPHI Research in Progress* 37a. 2013.
- “Multidimensional Poverty Reduction in India between 1999 and 2006: Where and How?” with Suman Seth. *OPHI Working Paper 60*. 2013.
- “Measuring Acute Poverty in the Developing World: Robustness and Scope of the Multidimensional Poverty Index”, with Maria Emma Santos. *OPHI Working Paper 59*. 2013.
- “Acute Multidimensional Poverty: A New Index for Developing Countries”, with Maria Emma Santos. *OPHI Working Paper 38* and *UNDP HDRO Background Paper* 2010/11. 2010.
- “Designing the Inequality-Adjusted Human Development Index”, with James Foster. *OPHI Working Paper 37* and *UNDP HDRO Background Paper* 2010/28. 2010.
- “Human Development: Definitions, Critiques, and Related Concepts”. *OPHI Working Paper 36* and *UNDP HDRO Background Paper* 2010/01. 2010.
- “Winning Ideas: Lessons from Free Market Economics”, with Angus Ritchie. *OPHI Working Paper 6*. 2007.

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- “Counting and Multidimensional Poverty Measurement”, with James Foster. *Journal of Public Economics*, 95(7–8), 476–487. 2011.
- “Understandings and Misunderstandings of Multidimensional Poverty Measurement”, with James Foster. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 9, 289–314. 2011.
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