

Curriculum Vitae

**DEBORAH LEVISON**

**CURRENT  
POSITION**

Professor of Population Analysis and Policy  
Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota  
August 2009–present.

**PAST  
POSITIONS**

Associate Professor, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota,  
August 2000–July 2009.  
Volunteer Faculty for Interdisciplinary Research Design and Analysis,  
Whole Village Project and Savannahs Forever, Arusha, Tanzania,  
September 2009–June 2010.  
Senior Economist, IFP/SES, International Labour Organization,  
Geneva, Switzerland, August 2001–July 2002.  
Assistant Professor, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota,  
August 1992–July 2000.  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Economic Growth Center, Yale  
University, September 1990–July 1992.

**CONTACT  
INFORMATION**

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**CITIZENSHIP**

U.S.A.

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, 1991.  
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, 1987.  
B.A. (*Magna Cum Laude*), Economics, Smith College, 1982.  
Université de Genève, Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales,  
and Institut d'Etudes du Développement, Geneva, Switzerland,  
1980–1981.

**GRANTS  
AND  
FELLOWSHIPS**

NSF Grant #SES-1357452, "International Integrated Microdata Series." PI: Steven Ruggles. Role: Co-principal investigator. Total project funding: \$6,699,794. Dates: 9/2014-8/2019.

Interdisciplinary Center for Global Change (UM) Faculty Collaborative Research Circle Grant, "Subjects, Objects, Agents: Children's Lives and Livelihoods in the Global South," PI: Deborah Levison & Fran Vavrus. \$15,000. Dates: 8/2013-7/2015.

NIH/NICHD Grant #1 R01 HD047283, "Integrated Samples of Eurasian Censuses." PI: Robert McCaa. Role: Co-investigator. Total project funding: \$5,880,217. Dates: 9/1/2004-1/31/2015. Extended to 1/31/2016.

NIH/NICHD Grant #R01 HD043392, "Integrated Samples of Latin American Censuses." PI: Robert McCaa. Role: Co-principal investigator. Dates: 9/2013-8/2018. Previously funded for 7/2008-6/2013 and 7/2003-5/2008.

NIH/NICHD Grant #R01 HD069471, "Integrated Demographic and Health Series." PI: Elizabeth Boyle. Role: Faculty Advisor. Total project funding: \$2,906,373. Dates: 5/1/2012 – 2/28/2017.

NSF Grant #SES-0851414, "International Integrated Microdata Series." PI: Steven Ruggles. Role: Co-principal investigator. Total project funding: \$5,963,296. Dates: 9/2009-8/2014, extended to 8/2015. Previously funded for 9/2004-8/2008.

Global Spotlight Seed Grant, Office of International Programs, Univ. of Minn., "Does Fetching Water and Firewood Reduce Children's Educational Success in Tanzania?" \$30,000. Principal Investigator, 9/2010-8/2011.

Cargill Higher Education Partnership Fund, University of Minnesota, \$6000 grant to support course development, 2005.

NSF Grant #SES-9907416 for Enhancing Infrastructure for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, "International Microdata Access Project," \$3,057,939. Co-investigator, 10/1999-9/2005.

Mellon Foundation Research Contract, "Gender, Work and Family in the Middle East," \$359,994. Co-investigator, 2001-2004.

NIH/NICHD Public Health Service Grant, "Household Responses to Economic Shocks in Brazil." Co-investigator, 1997-1999.

Graduate School Grant-in-Aid of Research, Univ. of Minn., 1995-1996.

Graduate School Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 1994.

NIH Individual National Research Service Award (postdoctoral research fellowship), National Institute on Aging, 1991-1992.

NSF Research Planning Grant, Co-investigator, 1990–1991.  
 Population Council Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1990–1991.  
 NICHD Graduate Fellowship in Economic Demography, 1983 to 1987.  
 Smith Alumnae Association Fellowship, 1982–1983.

## HONORS

Instructor of the Year, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 2011-2012.  
 Outstanding Faculty Award, Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota, 2012.  
 Teacher of the Year, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 2007-2008.  
 Distinguished Teaching Professor, Univ of Minnesota, Spring 2006-.  
 Core Teacher of the Year, Humphrey Institute, 2004-2005.  
 Core Teacher of the Year, Humphrey Institute, 2003-2004.  
 Core Teacher of the Year, Humphrey Institute, 2002-2003.  
 Teacher of the Year, Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, 1998-1999.  
 Sidney S. Cohen Prize in Economics, Smith College, 1982.  
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1982.

## BOOKS

*Rights and Wrongs of Children's Work*, with Michael Bourdillon, William Myers, and Ben White. Published in Nov. 2010 by Rutgers University Press as part of its series in Childhood Studies.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Co-authors are listed alphabetically and authorship is shared equally, as is usual in economics, except when contributions to the work were distinctly unequal, as agreed by the authors.*

“Kids at Risk: Children’s Employment in Hazardous Occupations in Brazil,” with Deborah S. DeGraff and Andrea R. Ferro, *Estudos Econômicos* (Economic Studies, São Paulo) 44(4): 685-721, Oct-Dec. 2014.

“Is Policy Well-Targeted to Remedy Financial Strain among Caregivers of Severely Injured U.S. Service Members?” with Courtney Harold Van Houtven, Greta Friedemann-Sánchez, Barbara Clothier, Brent C. Taylor, Agnes C. Jensen, Sean Phelan, and Joan M. Griffen (4th author), *Inquiry: Journal of Health Care Organization and Provision Financing* 49: 339-351. Winter 2012.

“Child Domestic Servants in Latin America,” with Anna Langer. *Population and Development Review* 36(1): 125-149, March 2010. A longer version: “Child Domestic Servants—Numbers, Trends, and Education,” Minnesota Population Center Working Paper #2009-01.

- “The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs on Household Work Decisions in Brazil,” with Andrea R. Ferro and Ana Lucia Kassouf, Chapter 7 in Akee, Edmonds and Tatisamos, eds., *Research in Labor Economics, Volume 31: Child Labor and the Transition between School and Work*, 2010, pp. 193-218.
- “How Much Work Is Too Much? Effects of Child Work Hours on Schooling – The Case of Egypt,” with Ragui Assaad and Hai-Anh Dang, Chapter 3 in Akee, Edmonds and Tatisamos, eds., *Research in Labor Economics, Volume 31: Child Labor and the Transition between School and Work*, 2010, pp. 53-97.
- “The Effect of Domestic Work on Girls’ Schooling: Evidence from Egypt,” with Ragui Assaad and Nadia Zibani. *Feminist Economics* 16(1): 79-128, 2010. Also see Minnesota Population Center Working Paper #2007-04 (“The Effect of Child Work on Schooling: Evidence from Egypt”).
- “Children’s Work and Mother’s Work – What Is the Connection?” with Deborah S. DeGraff. *World Development* 37(9): 1569-1587, September 2009.
- “Child Labor and Mothers’ Work in Brazil,” with Deborah S. DeGraff and Mary Robison, *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 29(3/4): 152-163, 2009.
- “Marking Time: An Analysis of Youth Hours of Work and Study in Urban Mexico,” with Karine Moe and Felicia Knaul, *Review of Development Economics* 12(4): 751-763, 2008.
- “Effects of Economic Shocks on Children’s Employment and Schooling in Brazil,” with Suzanne Duryea and David Lam, *Journal of Development Economics* 84: 188-214, 2007.
- “Intermittent Child Employment and Its Implications for Child Labour Estimates,” with Suzanne Duryea, Jasper Hoek and David Lam, *International Labour Review* 146 (3-4): 217-251, 2007.
- “Tackling the Endogeneity of Fertility in the Study of Women’s Employment: Alternative Estimation Strategies Using Data from Urban Brazil” with Rachel Connelly, Deborah S. DeGraff, and Brian McCall, *Feminist Economics* 12(4): 561-597, October 2006.
- “Challenges in Determining How Child Work Affects Child Health,” with Marta Murray-Close, *Public Health Reports* 120: 1-12, November-December 2005.
- “IPUMS-International: A New Data Series for International Research,” with Steven Ruggles, Miriam King, Robert McCaa, and Matthew Sobek, *Historical Methods* 36(2): 60-65, Spring 2003.
- “Distribution of Income and Job Opportunities: Normative Judgements from Four Continents” with Joseph A. Ritter, Rosamund Stock and Richard Anker, *International Labour Review* 141(4): 385-411, 2002.

- “Women’s Employment Status and Hours Employed in Urban Brazil: Does Husband’s Presence Matter?” with Rachel Connelly and Deborah S. DeGraff, *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations* 15(1): 133-167, 2001.
- “Youth Education and Work in Mexico,” with Karine Moe and Felicia Knaul, *World Development* 29(1), January 2001.
- “Children as Economic Agents,” *Feminist Economics* 6(1): 125-134, Spring 2000.
- “Household Work as a Deterrent to Schooling: An Analysis of Adolescent Girls in Peru,” with Karine Moe, *Journal of Developing Areas* 32: 339-356, Spring 1998.
- “Structural Adjustment and Family Labor Supply in Latin America,” with David Lam, in George Tapinos, Andrew Mason, and Jorge Bravo, eds., *Demographic Responses to Economic Adjustment in Latin America*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997, pp. 201-228.
- “Caring for Preschool Children in Urban Brazil,” with Rachel Connelly and Deborah S. DeGraff, *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations* 10(3): 583-608, Autumn 1996.
- “Women’s Employment and Child Care in Brazil,” with Rachel Connelly and Deborah S. DeGraff, *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 44(3), April 1996.
- “Age, Experience, and Schooling: Decomposing Earnings Inequality in the U.S. and Brazil,” with David Lam, *Sociological Inquiry* 62(2), 1992.
- “Declining Inequality in Schooling in Brazil and Its Effects on Inequality in Earnings” with David Lam, *Journal of Development Economics* 37 (1/2), 1991.
- “O Declínio na Desigualdade da Escolaridade no Brasil e seus Efeitos na Desigualdade de Rendimentos” (Declining Inequality in Schooling in Brazil and Its Effects on Inequality in Earnings) with David Lam, *Revista de Econometria* 10(2), November 1990 (Brazil).
- “Idade, Experiência, Escolaridade e Diferenciais de Renda: Estados Unidos e Brasil,” (Age, Experience, and Schooling: Decomposing Earnings Inequality in the U.S. and Brazil) with David Lam, *Pesquisa e Planejamento Econômica* 20(2), August 1990 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Thoughts on the Regulation of Child Labor in Agriculture,” *UC Davis Journal of International Law and Policy*, forthcoming.
- “Children as Economic Agents,” in Lourdes Benería, Ann Mari May and Diana Strassman, eds. (2011) *Feminist Economics*, Edward Elgar Publishing, International Library of Critical Writings in Economics series. Reprint.

- “The Whole Village Project: A Platform for Evaluating Rural Development Projects,” with Joseph A. Ritter, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, Kari Hartwig, Susan James, Esther Ngadaya, and Craig Packer, Minnesota Population Center Working Paper #2010-02.
- “Child Labor Policy in Developing Nations,” in Hugh Hindman, ed. (2009) *The World of Child Labor: An Historical and Regional Survey*, Amok NY: M.E. Sharpe, pp. 112-117.
- “Dynamics of Child Labor: Labor Force Entry and Exit in Urban Brazil,” with Suzanne Duryea, Jasper Hoek and David Lam. In Guilherme Sedlacek, Peter Orazem and Zafiris Tzannatos, eds. (2009) *Child Labor and Education in Latin America: An Economic Perspective*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan. Also available as Social Protection Discussion Paper No. 0513, The World Bank.
- “A Feminist Economist’s Approach to Children’s Work” in Beatrice Hungerland, Manfred Liebel and Anne Wihstutz, eds. (2007) *Working to Be Someone – Theoretical Approaches and International Empirical Reports on Working Children*. Philadelphia & London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers Ltd, pp. 17-21.
- “Challenges in Determining How Child Work Affects Child Health,” with Marta Murray-Close, Chapter 4 in M. Rajaskehar, ed. (2007) *Child Labour: Global Perspectives*, Hyderabad, India: Icfai University Press, pp. 78-92. Reprint.
- “Building Public and Institutional Support for Children’s Rights,” with Jo Boyden, in Heather Montgomery, Rachel Burr and Martin Woodhead, eds. (2003) *Changing Childhoods: Local and Global*, Chichester UK: John Wiley & Sons, pp. 228-231.
- “Is Child Labour Really Necessary in India’s Carpet Industry?” with Richard Anker, Shahid Ashraf, and Sandhya Barge, Chapter 5 in R. Anker, S. Barge, S. Rajagopal and M.P. Joseph, eds. (1998) *Economics of Child Labour in Hazardous Industries of India*, New Delhi: Hindustan Publishing, pp. 94-134.
- “Economics of Child Labour in India’s Carpet Industry” with Richard Anker, Sandhya Barge, and Shahid Ashraf, Chapter 2 in R. Anker, S. Barge, S. Rajagopal and M.P. Joseph, eds. (1998) *Economics of Child Labour in Hazardous Industries of India*, New Delhi: Hindustan Publishing.
- “Child Labour in Glass-Bangles Industry of Ferozabad - Uttar Pradesh: An Economic Analysis” with Sandhya Barge, Richard Anker, and Shahid Ashraf, Chapter 3 in R. Anker, S. Barge, S. Rajagopal and M.P. Joseph, eds. (1998) *Economics of Child Labour in Hazardous Industries of India*, New Delhi: Hindustan Publishing.

Book review of *Economic Development and Women in the World Community*, edited by Kartik C. Roy, Clement A. Tisdell, and Hans C. Blomqvist, *Feminist Economics* 4(2): 159–162, Summer 1998.

“Health Effects of Population Growth” with Elizabeth Mertz, *Health & Environment Digest* 10(9), February 1997.

## DISSERTATION

*Children’s Labor Force Activity and Schooling in Brazil*, Ph.D. dissertation, University of Michigan, 1991. Thesis Committee: David Lam (co-chair), Eva Mueller (co-chair), Charles C. Brown, and Conrad Kottak.

## REPORTS

“Employment for Youth – a Growing Challenge for the Global Community,” with Ragui Assaad. Commissioned paper for the United Nations’ High-Level Panel on Post-2015 UN MDG Development Agenda, May 2013. Also Minnesota Population Center Working Paper #2013-07.

“Youth at Risk in the Latin America and Caribbean Region: Focus on Early School-Leaving.” Prepared for the World Bank, Washington, D.C., with Mary Arends-Kuenning and Andrea Ferro, October 2006.

“Children as Economic and Social Actors in the Development Process.” Prepared for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Government of Sweden, Stockholm, with Jo Boyden, April 1999.

“Is Child Labour Really Necessary in India’s Carpet Industry?” Prepared for the International Labour Organization, Geneva, with Richard Anker, Shahid Ashraf and Sandhya Barge. Published as ILO Labour Market Papers No. 15, 1996.

“The Costs of Expanding Coverage of Child Care Assistance in Minnesota.” Report prepared for the Alliance of Early Childhood Professionals, Minneapolis, MN, with Deborah Swenson-Klatt, Xueming Hu, and Margaret Boyer, September 1996.

“Child Work and Schooling in Brazil’s Cities: Lessons from Survey Data,” 1993. Commissioned for Alec Fyfe, ed., *Debates in Education and Child Labour*, Geneva: International Labour Office. Publication cancelled due to ILO financial crisis.

“Intergenerational Issues and the Development Process: Families’ Use of Children’s Time,” Report prepared for the Expert Meeting on Family and Development, National Research Council, Committee on Population, Washington, D.C., July 1992.

“Child Care Policy and Women’s Market Work in Urban Brazil,” with Rachel Connelly and Deborah S. DeGraff, Population and Labour Policies Programme Working Paper No. 180, December 1991, Geneva, Switzerland: International Labour Office.

“Child Care in Metropolitan Brazil,” Report prepared for the World Bank, August 1989. Included in *Brazil: Country Assessment of Women’s Role in Development in Brazil*, Sector Report, Confidential Report No. 8043-BR. Published as Latin America and the Caribbean Region (LAC) Discussion Paper Series, Report No. IDP-079, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., 1990.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Implications of Environmental Chores for Human Capital: Children’s Time Fetching Water and Firewood in Tanzania,” with Deborah S. DeGraff and Esther Dungumaro.

“Facing the Global Challenge of Youth Employment,” with Ragui Assaad, book chapter.

“Understanding the Financial Difficulty of Family Caregivers of U.S. Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury and Polytrauma,” with Greta Friedemann-Sánchez, Courtney Harold Van Houtven, Agnes Jensen, Amy Gravely, Sean Phelan, and Joan Griffin. (4th author) Under review.

“Methodological Challenges in Studying the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children’s Human Capital: An Application to Colombia,” with Ragui Assaad and Greta Friedemann-Sánchez. Under review.

“In Harm’s Way: Children’s Work in Risky Occupations in Brazil,” with Deborah S. DeGraff and Andra R. Ferro. Under review.

## LANGUAGES

English—native language; French—good (verbal, reading); Portuguese—moderate (reading); Spanish—advanced beginner; Swahili—advanced beginner



**Participation in Orals as Thesis Supervisor or Examining Committee Member:**

	<u>Master's Supervised</u>	<u>Master's Committee</u>	<u>Ph.D. (prelim.) Committee</u>	<u>Ph.D. (final) Committee</u>
2014	4	3	2	2
2013	1	2	5	1
2012	3	6	3	2
2011	3	0	0	2
2010*	0	0	1	0
2009*	2	1	1	0
2008	8	3	3	3
2007	3	0	1	2
2006	3	4	2	2
2005	6	5	2	2
2004	6	4	4	1
2003	0	4	2	0
2002*	0	0	0	0
2001*	6	5	1	0
2000	9	1	0	0
1998–99	7	5	1	1
1997–98	6	3	3	2
1996–97	14	7	0	3
1995–96	5	2	2	4
1994–95	4	3	4	2
1993–94	2	4	1	1
1992–93	2	1	2	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>28</i>

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**Ph.D. Dissertation Committees (final):**

Martha Rogers, Applied Economics, 2014

John Amuasi, Health Policy & Management, Pub Health, 2014

Sarah Humpage, Applied Economics, 2013

Minzee Kim, Sociology, 2012

Sung Loo Lim, Applied Economics, 2012

Uttam Sharma, Applied Economics, 2011 (co-advisor)

Dennis Rentsch, Conservation Biology, 2011

Patricia Kelly Hall, History, 2008  
Amy Damon, Applied Economics, 2008  
Shwetlena Sabarwal, Applied Economics, 2008  
Jennifer Lee, Sociology, 2007  
Ronda Copher, Sociology, 2007  
Alice Schoonbroodt, Economics, 2006  
Amy Garrett Dikkers, Educational Policy & Admin., 2006  
Cathy Fitch, History, 2005  
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Lisa Dillon, History, 1997  
Ann Beutel, Sociology, 1997  
Xiaoling Shu, Sociology, 1997  
Matthew Sobek, History, 1997  
Cheryl Doss, Applied Economics, 1996  
In-Gang Na, Industrial Relations, 1996  
Karine Moe, Economics, 1995  
Diana Magnuson, History, 1995  
Pi-Ling Fan, Sociology, 1995  
Daniel Kallgren, History, 1995  
Lynn Sikkink, Anthropology, 1994