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EDUCATION

The Fletcher School, Tufts University M.A., Law and Diplomacy (MALD), focus on Development Economics	Medford, MA January 2008
Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University M.S, Nutrition Ph.D. Candidate (ABD)	Boston, MA January 2008
Carleton College B.A., English (Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude)	Northfield, MN June 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy University of Virginia <i>Associate Professor of Practice of Public Policy</i>	Charlottesville, VA August 2018-present
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- Teach graduate and undergraduate policy, international development, and education courses
 - Winner of Batten Excellence in Teaching award (2019-20)
- Conduct applied research to improve child development in low-income and humanitarian contexts:
 - Co-Director of the UVA Humanitarian Collaborative, an initiative focused on collaborative applied research to promote more effective global humanitarian action
 - Co-PI for \$600,000 grant supporting applied, multidisciplinary research on humanitarian crisis
 - PI, Assessment of Early Childhood Development Programming in Humanitarian Settings
 - PI, Early Childhood Development in Humanitarian Standards and Guidance study
 - PI, Assessment of preschool teacher training needs in Bangladesh (with World Bank)
 - PI, Experience of children and families on the US/Mexico border
 - Expert team member, "Effectiveness of psychosocial interventions in the context of forced migration: a systematic review and meta-analysis," funded by GIZ
- Advise a variety of organizations on global ECD policies and programs
 - Global Refugee Forum Education Task Team and Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies ECD Task Team member
 - Moving Minds Alliance member: co-author Global Advocacy Strategy for ECD, member Donor Joint Advisory Group, Evidence and Knowledge Advisory Group, and Implementation Task Force
 - ECDAN Knowledge Fellows Steering Committee member

- Co-founder and co-director, Project Adelante, focused on addressing the humanitarian crisis at the US/Mexico border and endorsed by Bruce Springsteen
- UVA Batten School Global Policy Center member

World Bank

Washington, DC

Education and Social Protection Specialist

August 2009-August 2018

- Led and co-led multi-million-dollar operations focused on improving social protection, nutrition, and education services to support vulnerable children and families in development and humanitarian or post-conflict contexts, including Haiti, Ethiopia, Serbia, Honduras, etc.
- Represented the World Bank in a consortium to develop measurement tools for child development and preschool quality (Measuring Early Learning Quality and Outcomes, MELQO) along with UNICEF, Brookings, and UNESCO.
- Advised country teams and governments on measurement of child development and quality of early learning, including tool selection, adaptation processes, data interpretation, decision-making, and policy formulation.
- Oversaw \$7m grant portfolio supporting early childhood development programs in Africa and South Asia.
- Authored numerous evidence-based policy documents on early childhood development, nutrition, and social protection, which have been translated into policy decisions by Governments.
- Represented the World Bank in the Early Childhood Development Action Network, a global initiative to harmonize investment and support for child protection and development.

Consultant (Haiti)

February 2008-July 2009

- Led a review of national policies for children; spearheaded the development of a national nutrition strategy in collaboration with government ministries and UN partners; member of a national Steering Committee for nutrition and social protection with other donor representatives.

Consultant (Central America)

October 2006-May 2007

- Wrote a policy paper on the design and implementation of community-based programs to improve nutrition and early childhood development in Central America.

Consultant

March 2006-January 2007

- Developed qualitative data collection tools and conducted interviews and qualitative data analysis about working multisectorally in nutrition.

Consultant

January-June 2006

- Reviewed international experience on programmatic and policy successes and failures in improving child health, nutrition, and WASH with relevance to Ecuador; analyzed country-level data; and prepared a study report.

UNICEF Bihar, India

Program Evaluator: nutrition and child development

May-August 2005

- Responsible for an impact evaluation of a community-based nutrition and early childhood development program building on India's Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).

- Designed evaluation methodology; developed household questionnaires and qualitative research tools; trained enumerators; analyzed quantitative and qualitative data; wrote the final report; and presented findings to a wide range of program stakeholders.

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Washington, DC

Senior Research Assistant

May 2007-May 2009

- Designed quantitative and qualitative survey tools for the impact evaluation of a conditional cash transfer program, analyzed data, and prepared policy recommendations for government.
- Co-led a systematic review of cash transfer programs and co-authored a book and several papers on the design and implementation of cash transfer programs to increase their impact children and families affected by HIV and AIDS.

Community Child Protection Program

Banikoara, Benin and Niamey, Niger

Group facilitator

September-December 2004

- Facilitated child health, nutrition, parenting, and early stimulation activities with staff and parents in rural health clinics and preschools.

Peace Corps

Climentoro, Guatemala

Community volunteer

May 2002-August 2004

- Worked with indigenous (K'iche') women's groups to promote improved child protection and development, nutrition, and learning.
- Acted as President of the Peace Corps Gender and Development Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

- Wilson Journal of International Affairs Fall launch, November 19, 2019. Presented keynote: "Children in crisis at the US/Mexico border."
- James Madison University interdisciplinary lecture series, November 2019. Presented: "Central American Immigrants and the Humanitarian Crisis at the US/Mexico Border."
- Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). April 16, 2019. Chaired session on ECE workforce and system developments and presented "Defining Effective ECE Leadership and Applying Principles to the Zimbabwe Context: What Are We Learning?"
- Early Childhood Development in the Republic of Tajikistan. March 14-15, 2019. Presented: "Early Childhood Development Situation Analysis" and "Parenting Education: Reasons, Lessons, and Options."
- University of Virginia Global Leadership Forum. November 1, 2018. Presented: "Investing in Childcare for Women's Economic Empowerment."
- Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). March 5-9, 2017. Presented: "Reach Up: Expanding access to a proven early stimulation program through a web-based package and technical support, experiences from Brazil, Zimbabwe, and Guatemala."
- Expanding Opportunities in Early Childhood Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Regional Conference. Rabat, Morocco. May 12, 2015. Presented: "Early Childhood Development & Inequality over Time: A Case Study of Morocco."
- Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). March 8-13, 2015. Organized a panel on sustainability in education development projects and policies.

- G20 Social Protection Side Meeting, “Comprehensive approach to social protection and food security for sustainable development.” Moscow, Russia. October 21-22, 2013. Presented “Family coaching in Haiti: an integrated approach to social protection and resilience.”
- Social Policy and Social Protection Network Meeting. Hosted by UNICEF, Nairobi, Kenya. May 18-22, 2009. Presented “Targeting mechanisms for cash transfer programs” and “Social cash transfers and integrated service delivery.”
- Third International Conference on Conditional Cash Transfers and Their Impact on Nutrition. Hosted by FAO, CEPAL, UNDP, and WFP. December 1-2, 2008, Santiago, Chile. Presented paper, “Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Nutrition in Latin America: Assessment of Impacts and Strategies for Improvement.”

CONFERENCES

- Comparative International Education Society (CIES) annual conference 2019, 2017, 2015.
- Reach Up Knowledge Exchange Meeting. October 2019.
- Harvard Project Zero “Children Are Citizens: Children and Teachers Collaborating across Washington, DC.” April 25, 2015. Worked with Harvard research team.
- New York Academy of Sciences “Shaping the Developing Brain: Prenatal through Early Childhood: Fifth Annual Aspen Brain Forum.” November 11-13, 2014.
- South-South Learning Forum on Social Protection. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. March 17-21, 2014.
- International Expert Consultation: Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook: from Knowledge to Action. Hosted by World Bank, Washington, DC. March 16-17, 2009.
- Integrating Health, Nutrition, and Food Security: Making the Case. Hosted by Partners in Health, Cambridge, MA. October 11-12, 2007.
- Fighting Chronic Malnutrition in Central America. Hosted by World Bank, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. November 27-30, 2006.

ARTICLES

- Bassett, L. and Nieto, A. (2017). “The Early Childhood Development Action Network: a global network to strengthen support for young children.” *Early Childhood Matters*. Issue 126.
- Quisumbing, A., Meinzen-Dick, R., Behrman, J. & Bassett, L. (2011). Gender and the global food-price crisis. *Development in Practice*, 21:4-5: 488-492.
- Adato, M. & Bassett, L. (2009). Social protection in the context of HIV and AIDS: The potential of cash transfers to protect education, health, and nutrition. *AIDS Care*. 2009 21(S1):44-59.
- Levinson, J., Barney, J., Bassett, L., & Schultink, W. (2007). “The Utilization of Positive Deviance Analysis in the Evaluation of Community-Based Nutrition Programs: An Application to the Dular Project in India.” *Food and Nutrition Bulletin* 28(3):259-265.

REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

- Bassett, L. et. al. (Forthcoming). “Early Childhood Development in Humanitarian Standards and Guidance.” UVA Humanitarian Collaborative and Moving Minds Alliance.
- Ngyuen, A., Lee, C., Lasater, M. Bassett, L., Gelsdorf, K. (Forthcoming). “Evaluation of psychosocial support interventions in the context of forced migration: A systematic review and narrative synthesis of the global literature.” GIZ.

- Bassett, L., Kurbanov, S., Haddad, C. (2020). "Early Childhood Development in Tajikistan: A Rapid Review of the Regulatory Framework, Governance Environment and Current Programs." World Bank.
- Bassett, L. et al. (2018). "Early Stimulation: Supporting Parents to Help Their Children Thrive." Policy brief. World Bank.
- Bassett, L. et al. (2016). "Measuring Child Development and Early Learning." Policy brief. World Bank.
- Bassett, L. et al. (2016). "Measuring the Quality of Early Learning Programs." Policy brief. World Bank.
- El-Kogali, S., Krafft, C., Bassett, L., Benkassmi, B., Chavez, M. & Touhami, A. (2016). "Inequality of Opportunity in Early Childhood Development in Morocco over Time." World Bank.
- El-Kogali, S., Krafft, C., Bassett, L., Benkassmi, B., Chavez, M. & Touhami, A. (2016). "The Impact of a Community Development and Poverty Reduction Program on Early Childhood Development in Morocco." World Bank.
- Bassett, L. & Ruel-Bergeron, J. (2012). Promoting Healthy Child Growth and Development. World Bank.
- Bassett, L. & Ruel-Bergeron, J. (2010). Promoting Nutrition Security in Haiti. World Bank.
- Villalobos, V., Blanco, G. & Bassett, L. (2010). Management Information Systems for Conditional Cash Transfers and Social Protection Systems in Latin America: A Tool for Improved Program Management and Evidence-Based Decision-Making. World Bank.
- Andrews, C., Bassett, L. et al. (2010). Safety Nets How To: A Toolkit for Practitioners. World Bank.
- Marini, A., Bassett, L., Bortman, M., Flores, R., Griffiths, M. & Salazar, M. (2009). "Promoción del Crecimiento para Prevenir la Desnutrición Crónica: Lecciones de Programas con Base Comunitaria en Centro America." Washington, DC: World Bank.
- Wiesmann, D., Bassett, L., Benson, T. & Hoddinott, J. (2009). "Validation of the World Food Programme's Food Consumption Score (FCS) and Alternative Proxy Indicators of Household Food Security." Discussion Paper. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Hoddinott, J. & Bassett, L. (2009). "Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Nutrition in Latin America: Assessment of Impacts and Strategies for Improvement." Working Paper #09. Santiago, Chile: FAO Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative.
- Bassett, L. (2008). "Can Conditional Cash Transfer Programs Play a Greater Role in Reducing Child Undernutrition?" Social Protection Discussion Paper No. 0835. Washington, DC: World Bank.
- Quisumbing, A., Meinzen-Dick, R., & Bassett, L. (2008). "Helping Women Respond to the Food Price Crisis." IFPRI Policy Brief. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Levinson, F. J. & Bassett, L. (2007). "Malnutrition Still A Major Contributor to Child Deaths." Policy Brief. Washington, DC: Population Reference Bureau.
- World Bank. (2007). "Nutritional Failure in Ecuador: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions." World Bank Country Study (sections on international experience and figures illustrating international comparisons and trends). Washington, DC: World Bank.
- Levinson, F. J., Barney, J., Bassett, L. & Schultink, W. (2005). "Generating Further Reductions of Child Malnutrition in India's BIMARU States: What Are the Options Now?" Working Paper in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition. Boston, MA: Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University.

BOOKS

- Adato, M. & Bassett, L. (2012). Social Protection and Cash Transfers to Strengthen Families Affected by HIV and AIDS. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Garrett, J. & Natalicchio, M. (eds.), Levinson, J., Bassett, L. (2011). Working Multisectorally in Nutrition: Principles, Practices, and Case Studies. Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.

POPULAR PRESS PUBLICATIONS

- Bassett, L. & Yoshikawa, H. (2020, Dec 1). "Our Immigration Policy Has Done Terrible Damage to Kids." Scientific American.
- Gelsdorf, K., Nyugen, A., Bassett, L., & Poole, D. (2020, May 15). "Now is the time to prioritize mental health." Devex.
- Haddad, C. & Bassett, L. (2019, Oct 2). "Charlottesville's record-setting temperatures are emblematic of a global issue. The Cavalier Daily.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Partner, Moving Minds Alliance
- Member, Inter-agency Network of Education in Emergencies Early Childhood Development Task Team
- Member, Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)
- Member, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

PERSONAL

- Peer reviewer for the Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Languages: advanced Spanish, French, and K'iche' (indigenous Guatemalan language).
- Danced in The Nutcracker with the Charlottesville Ballet (2019)