

Curriculum Vitae - William G. Jack
www9.georgetown.edu/faculty/wgj

Contact Details

Department of Economics	Phone:	(202) 687 0773
Georgetown University	Fax:	(202) 687 6102
Washington, DC 20057	e-mail:	wgj@georgetown.edu

Current position

Associate Professor, Economics Department, Georgetown University

Research and teaching interests

Applied Microeconomic Theory, Health economics, Public economics, Development economics

Previous positions/activities

2009-2010, Visiting Associate Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, New York University

2005-2007, on leave in Nairobi, Kenya

2001-2004, Assistant Professor, Georgetown University

2000, Consultant, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank

Spring 1999 Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland College Park

1996-1998 Research Fellow, Centre for Economic Policy Research and National Centre for Development Studies, Australian National University

1994-1996 Economist, European I Department, International Monetary Fund

1992-1994 Economist, Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Congress

1991 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of Sydney, Australia

Professional activities

Section editor for Global Health, Elsevier On-line Encyclopedia of Health Economics

Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Health Economics*, *Health Policy*, *Health Policy and Planning*, *IMF Staff Papers*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Rand Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *World Bank Economic Review*,

Member of Financing Task Force, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI), 2000-2001.

Education

D.Phil., University of Oxford, 1990

M.Phil.(Economics) University of Oxford, 1989

B.Sc.(Hons) (Math/Physics) University of Western Australia, 1986

Honours and Awards

Jean Monnet Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence, 1997
 Rhodes Scholarship, Western Australia, 1987
 The H.C. Levey Prize (Mathematics) University of Western Australia, 1986

Publications

Theory/empirical papers

- [1] “Heckle and Chide: Results of a randomized road safety intervention in Kenya,” with James Habyarimana, 2011, *Journal of Public Economics*
- [2] “Effects of a mobile phone short message service on antiretroviral treatment adherence in Kenya (WelTel Kenya1): a randomised trial,” with Richard Lester et al., 2010, *The Lancet*
- [3] “The Promise of Health: Evidence of the Impact of Health on Income and Well-Being,” *The Oxford Handbook of Health Economics*, Sherry Glied and Peter Smith, eds., 2010
- [4] “Monetary theory and mobile banking: Lessons from the Kenyan experience,” with Tavneet Suri and Robert Townsend, December 2009, *Economic Quarterly*, 96(1), 83-122.
- [5] “Balancing financial and in-kind incentives for rural health workers in Ethiopia: Results from a discrete choice experiment,” 2009, *Health Affairs*, with Kara Hanson
- [6] “Conditioning aid on social expenditures,” 2008, *Economics and Politics*
- [7] “Protecting the vulnerable: the trade-off between risk reduction and public insurance,” 2007 *World Bank Economic Review*, with Shanta Devarajan.
- [8] “Employee cost-sharing and the welfare effects of Flexible Spending Accounts,” 2006, *Journal of Public Economics*, with Arik Levinson and Sjamsu Rahardja
- [9] “Social conflict and gradual political succession: An illustrative model,” 2006, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, with Roger Lagunoff
- [10] “Optimal risk adjustment in a model with adverse selection and spatial competition,” 2006, *Journal of Health Economics*
- [11] “Dynamic enfranchisement,” 2006, *Journal of Public Economics*, with Roger Lagunoff.
- [12] “Comparing the distortionary effects of alternative in-kind intergovernmental transfers,” 2005, *Public Finance Review*
- [13] “Financing Pharmaceutical Innovation: How Much Should Poor Countries Contribute?,” (with Jenny Lanjouw), 2005 *World Bank Economic Review*
- [14] “Purchasing health care services from providers with unknown altruism,” 2005 *Journal of Health Economics*
- [15] “The organization of public service provision,” *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 2004.
- [16] “Institutional design and the closure of public facilities in transition economies,” *Economics of Transition*, 2002.

[17] “Designing incentives for rural health care providers in developing countries,” (with Jeff Hammer), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2002.

[18] “Equilibrium in insurance markets with ex ante adverse selection and ex post moral hazard,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 2001.

[19] “The treatment of financial services under a broad based consumption tax,” *National Tax Journal*, 2001.

[20] “Controlling risk selection incentives when health insurance contracts are endogenous,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 2001.

[21] “Intergenerational risk sharing and health insurance financing,” *Economic Record*, 1998.

[22] “Welfare-Improving Health Expenditure Subsidies,” *American Economic Review* (with Louise Oiner), 1997.

[23] “Production Efficiency and the Design of Temporary Investment Incentives,” *Journal of Public Economics* (with Alan D. Viard), July 1996.

[24] “Some Potential Effects of Tax Caps on Health Insurance Pricing and Coverage,” *National Tax Journal*, 1994.

Policy papers

[25] “Health Investments and Economic Growth,” Macroeconomic evidence and microeconomic foundations,” with Maureen Lewis, in *Health and Growth*, edited by Michael Spence and Maureen Lewis

[26] “Tax reform in Kenya: Policy and Administrative Issues,” in *IPD Companion Volume: Tax Policy*, (with Nada Eissa), Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University

[27] “Contracting for health services: An evaluation of recent reforms in Nicaragua,” *Health Policy and Planning*, 2003.

[28] “Falling short of expectations: Public health interventions in developing and transition economies,” with Maureen Lewis, guest editors of special issue “Adjusting for market failure: Challenges in public health alternatives,” *Social Science and Medicine*, 2003.

[29] “The design of incentives for health care providers in developing countries: contracts, competition, and cost-control,” with Jeff Hammer, in *Le financement de la santé dans les pays d’Afrique et d’Asie à faible revenu*, 2003.

[30] “Public Intervention in Health Insurance Markets: Theory and Four Examples from Latin America,” *World Bank Research Observer*, 2001.

[31] “Social investment funds: An organizational approach to improved development assistance,” *World Bank Research Observer*, 2001.

[32] “The public economics of tuberculosis control,” *Health Policy*, 2001.

[33] “Public spending on health care: how are different criteria related? A second opinion,” *Health Policy*, 2000.

[34] “Innovations in the JCT Distribution Methodology,” in proceedings of the American Enterprise Institute conference on Distributional Analysis for Making Tax Policy, December 1993 (with Thomas A. Barthold).

Book

Principles of Health Economics for Developing Countries, World Bank Institute, 1999.

World Bank and IMF reports and papers

“Ethiopia: Analysis of weather risks and institutional alternatives for managing those risks,” with Jerry Skees, Anne Goes, and Kimathi Miriti

“The restructuring of the teachers’ salary scale and the implications for pensions in Jamaica,” report commissioned through the World Bank by the Ministry of Health, Youth, and Culture, Jamaica.

“Purchasing medical care: A conceptual framework,” Health, Nutrition and Population study, 2003, World Bank.

“From whom should publicly financed medical services be purchased?” Health, Nutrition and Population study, 2003, World Bank.

“Provider payment mechanisms in the Czech health care system,” case study for Health, Nutrition and Population study, 2003, World Bank.

“Decentralization and health care: Issues and some country case studies,” report prepared for Europe and Central Asia Region, Human Development network, 2001, World Bank.

“Bulgaria: Public expenditure analysis of the health sector,” chapter for Bulgaria Public Expenditure Review, 2001, World Bank.

“Jamaica’s public pension system,” background paper for Social Sector Public Expenditure Review, 2001, World Bank.

“Post-conflict public investment choices: Using donor funds in East Timor,” consultant’s report, 2000, World Bank.

“Czech Republic: Public expenditure analysis of the health sector,” chapter for Czech Republic Public Expenditure Review, 2000, World Bank.

“The public economics of tuberculosis control,” report prepared for HNP anchor, World Bank.

Contribution to economic analysis for Philippines education project, World Bank, 1999.

“The Efficiency of VAT Implementation: A Comparative Study of Some Central and East European Countries in Transition,” IMF working paper, 1996.

“Pension System Trends and Reforms: A Comparison of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland,” background paper to IMF review of Recent Economic Developments in the Czech Republic, 1995.

“East-West Exports During Transition: The Relative Performance of Central and Eastern European Countries in Accessing Western European Markets,” background paper to IMF review of Recent Economic Developments in the Czech Republic, 1996.

“Decentralization in China,” contribution to Country Economic Memorandum, 1994, World Bank.

“Some Guidelines for the Appraisal of Large Projects,” discussion paper IDP-126, South Asia Region, 1992, World Bank.

“Power Sharing and Pollution Control: Co-ordinating Policies Among Levels of Government,” working paper WPS 887, 1992, Public Economics Division, CEC Department, World Bank.

Policy consulting

Preparation of background paper for DFID: “Assessing the costs and benefits of an expanded IFFIm for Health System Strengthening,” August 2009.

Consultant to DFID and Kenya National AIDS Control Council, resource envelope work. July 2006.