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From 2015:

- Conducted in-depth research on the extent to which Cambridge University has grade inflation, and also has inconsistent grading standards across its different subject areas. The *Times Higher Education* published a [paper](#) by me on this topic.
- Was lead author of the [2020 Comprehensive Plan](#) for Durham, a small town in upstate New York.
- Serve as Chair of [Durham Connect](#), a local community organization.

2013 – 2014: Visiting Fellow, Cambridge University:

Researched and published [Options for Reforming the Global Fund Board](#), based on interviews with more than two dozen Global Fund officials and board delegation members.

2002 – 2012: Executive Director, Aidspace:

Founded [Aidspace](#) as a New York-based international NGO, then moved its base to Nairobi. Built it up to ten staff and raised nearly \$10 million for it.

Aidspace monitors, explains and critiques the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria](#) from a supportive perspective, with the objective of increasing the effectiveness of the Fund and of the implementers of its grants. Aidspace is best known for its newsletter *Global Fund Observer (GFO)*, which when I left had close to 9,000 subscribers. Aidspace covers its budget through grants from foundations and governments.

Previously:

- Founded, grew and eventually sold the New York-based company *Riverside Software*, the world's leading developer of software to help foundations administer proposals received and grants awarded. The software was used by over 650 US and UK foundations.
- Was a senior executive at *Blackbaud*, the leading developer of fundraising software for NGOs, and of *AppNet*, the then leading developer of web sites for large NGOs.
- Served as a consultant to several NGOs and UN agencies.
- Served as Research Director of the *Shipping Research Bureau* (Amsterdam), an NGO that published reports on how oil was getting to South Africa during the apartheid years.
- Was a freelance journalist on energy politics in Africa. Was, with two colleagues, named *Journalist of the Year* in the British Press Awards for writing an investigative series in the *London Sunday Times* that exposed illegal activities in Africa by Western oil companies.
- Was an economic planner for British Airways.

Board and volunteer experience:

- Created and reported to Aidspace's board, which met alternately in New York and Nairobi.
- Attended 25 Global Fund board meetings as an observer and to report for GFO.
- Have served on two for-profit boards and four non-profit boards. Have also worked, sometimes in a leadership capacity, with multiple volunteer-based organizations.

Education: Cambridge University: BA/MA in mathematics and economics.

Nationality: Dual UK-US citizenship.