

# Theresa Beltramo

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## Education

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<b>University of California Berkeley</b> <b>Scientific Evaluation for Global Action (SEGA)</b> <b>Institute for Research on Labor and Employment IRLE</b> <i>Visiting Scholar</i>	July 2007-July 2008 Berkeley, CA
<b>School of Advanced Studies in Venice (SSAV), Venice International University</b> <b>and Department of Economics, Cà Foscari University</b> Ph.D. Candidate <a href="#">Doctoral Program in Economics and Organization (DEO)</a> <i>Recipient of Full Scholarship</i>	September 2006- present Venice, Italy
<b>Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)</b> Masters International Economics Specialization in Quantitative Methods and Economic Theory & Latin American Studies <i>Recipient of SAIS Fellowship &amp; the Nils and Karen Peake Tcheyen Fellowship</i>	May 2004 1 <sup>st</sup> year Bologna, Italy 2 <sup>nd</sup> year Washington, DC
<b>Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies</b> Diploma in International Studies	June 2003 Bologna, Italy
<b>The University of California Santa Cruz</b> Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology	June 1999 Santa Cruz, CA USA

## Employment

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<b>Scientific Evaluation for Global Action (SEGA)</b> <b>University of California Berkeley</b> <a href="#">Dr. David Levine</a> , Advisory Committee Chair <b>Visiting Scholar</b>	July 2007 to present
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- I work with different development projects to design careful impact evaluations. Particularly, I calculate mean detectable errors based on variance of project indicators and help different development project teams build in the necessary effect size power into their project intervention. Core project activities include designing an impact evaluation for a solar oven intervention in both Latin America and Africa and a Youth Employment intervention in Indonesia. Research is in Southern Africa, Latin America, and East Asia and clients range from NGOs to the World Bank.

<b>The World Bank Group, Caribbean CMU</b> Dr. Errol Graham, Senior Economist OECS, <b>Research Analyst (Participant in One of the WB's Young Professional Programs)</b>	July 2004 to August 2006 Washington, DC USA
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- My work at the World Bank in the Caribbean region in operations has fallen in two major areas: Project Management and Quantitative and Economic Analytic Sector Work. On the analytical side, I have made substantive contributions to the following key analytic reports.
  - a. The OECS Growth and Competitiveness Report- [OECS Towards a New Agenda for Growth](#)-,
  - b. the Skills Enhancement in St. Lucia background paper-[Skills Enhancement in the Tourism Industry, A Case Study In St. Lucia](#)-for the [Skills Challenges in the Caribbean: Phase I Report](#),
  - c. [OECS Country Assistance Strategy FY06-FY09](#)-which is a standard bank product that provides an analysis of the region's political, economic, and key growth sectors and sets out the Bank's medium-term investment plan for the region..
- On an annual basis, I updated the WB Economic databases for the Eastern Caribbean countries including all macroeconomic files including the SNA, BOP, and Trade files as well as assisted in projections- including GNI calculations, and evaluating risk in new lending operations.
- On the project management side, I was a core project team member on the following 5-8 person teams:
  - 1). [RedBook](#) Online Database- Caribbean-wide Donor Harmonization Database co-funded w/ UNDP Barbados.
  - 2). OECS Skills Enhancement for Inclusive Growth piloted in St. Lucia and Grenada
  - 3). Dominica Growth and Social Protection Technical Assistance Credit

Overall project preparation includes preparing documents, coordination, and traveling to the region to host conferences and meetings with the authorities.

<b>Inter-American Dialogue</b> Dr. Manuel Orozco, Director Central America	January 2004 to July 2004 Washington, DC USA
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### **Project Consultant on developing country banking and finance**

*Project Partners: Inter-American Development Bank and the Organization for American States*

- Responsibilities included conducting primary research on the costs of sending remittances to 14 Latin American countries from the United States as well as analyzing through econometric methods the causal factors of costs and remittance flows. The results of our research yielded the publication of a paper entitled, ["Markets and Financial Democracy: The Case for Remittance Transfers"](#).

**United Nations ECLAC**  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean  
Dr. Andres Solimano, Regional Advisor

June 2003 to September 2003  
Santiago, Chile

**Development Economics Research Assistant**

*Fellowship Received: Hewlett Foundation Fellowship*

- My research was focused on co-authoring two papers examining through an economics lens the historical trends in migration and globalization, focused Latin America, and particularly Argentina.

**Johns Hopkins University SAIS Economics Department**

The Bologna Center  
Dr. Michael Plummer, Resident Professor of Economics

October 2002 to June 2003  
Bologna, Italy

**Economics Research Assistant**

- Executed research focused on micro and macro economic components of Asian growth. Research pertained particularly to the strengths, future, and history of ASEAN as a regional trading bloc. I further analyzed Asian Trade trends through analysis of the SITC components and foreign direct investment trends in the last thirty years.

**BBC World Business Report**

**Business Television Producer**

September 1999 to August 2002  
New York City, USA

- The BBC World Business Report is a daily half-hour business television program airing in over 300 different countries. The program is co-hosted between New York and London and our office covered the business news in North and South America.
- My main job was to identify stories, put all the elements together- which sometimes included interviewing guests- for both feature and late-breaking news segments. Key skills I developed in this job included the ability to work well under pressure.

**Good Samaritan Hospital Project**

**Spanish/English Translator**

April 1999 to May 1999 &  
March 1998 to April 1998  
La Guama, Honduras

- Responsibilities consisted mainly of translating between hospital patients and medical personnel and staff.

**Additional Information**

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**Language**

French (basic spoken and written skills), Italian (high level), and Spanish (intermediate high),

**Computer Skills**

Proficient in Microsoft Excel, Stata, Eviews, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Power Point, Matlab, Gauss, Aldus Pagemaker, Html, Adobe Photoshop, and Filemaker Pro for both PC and Mac Platforms

**Publications**

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1. My research work provided data analysis for Dr. Michael Plummer's paper entitled, "[Structural Change in a Globalized Asia: Macro Trends and U.S. Policy Challenges](#)" presented at the American Economic Association in January 2003 in Washington D.C. and published in the Journal of Asian Economics 14 (2003) p. 243-281.
2. My research work provided analysis and the raw data for Dr. Manuel Orozco's paper entitled, "[Markets and Financial Democracy: The Case for Remittance Transfers](#)" focused on the costs of sending remittances to 14 Latin American and Caribbean Countries and the importance of lowering costs to increase remittances as a source of development finance.
3. I served as the primary Research Assistant for the World Bank Caribbean flagship report, "[OECS Towards a New Agenda for Growth](#)" published April 2005, and helped write and organize the country consultations for the OECS Country Assistance Strategy (the World Bank's Regional Strategy document for FY06-FY09) published September 6, 2005. In preparation of the 2006-2009 World Bank OECS CAS, I provided analytical and data inputs, coordinated and participated in our country consultations which included government, private sector, and civil society stakeholders.
4. I have also authored a World Bank Background paper on: "[The Role of Skills in Productivity Enhancement in the Tourism Industry- A View from the Private Sector in St. Lucia](#)", which was incorporated in the recent World Bank report: "[Skills Challenges in the OECS Phase I Report](#)" published May 2007.

**Research and Scholarship Grants**

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2003	Hewlett Foundation Fellowship of UN ECLAC Development Economics Department
2003.2004	Johns Hopkins University SAIS Fellowship
2004	Nils and Karen Peake Tcheyan Fellowship
2004	Elected World Bank Youth to Youth Community Steering Committee
2005	World Bank Spot Award for Excellent Leadership and Planning of the World Bank Executive Directors Trip to Grenada

**Volunteer/ Extra Curricular Activities**

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[Native American Youth Leadership Program](#)

July 1997 to Present

**Member of Steering Committee/Program Coordinator**

Project Partners Include: Rotary Club, Save the Children, Tohono O'odham Youth Services (TOYS)

- As a member of the steering board and volunteer for the program, I help manage the structure of this Youth leadership program which is two weeks annually, has existed for 20 years, & includes over 120 youth (ages 6-20) each summer on the rural Tohono O'odham Reservation in Southern Arizona.

[World Bank Youth to Youth Community](#)

Dec. 2004 to March 2006

**Co-chair of Internal/External Partnerships Committee**

- As a member of the steering board and volunteer for the program, I have been one of eight core team members which have piloted a competitive small grants initiative- youth innovation fund- where young Bank staff design projects focused on youth in development.