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Born. July 1, 1940: Happily Married;  
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US Citizen

**Fields of Specialty:** Liberalization & Development of Output, Labor and Capital Markets:  
Trade, Investment, Employment, Privatization, Financial Stabilization  
& Development: Public Sector Tax, Expenditure and Resource  
Mobilization and External Debt Policy: Productive Efficiency &  
Competitiveness.

**Education:**

Ph.D. Economics, 1972 - Syracuse University, Syracuse NY.

Fields: Theory; Fiscal; Trade; Money and Finance; Development.

Dissertation: "Econometric Analysis of Agriculture Settlement Schemes in  
Tanzania."

B.A. (Econ) 1962, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

**Experience:**

Sept.-Dec. 03 Consultant- African Development Bank, Tunis, Tunisia. Author **Concept Paper and Guidelines for Policy-Based Lending to Improve Governance**. Sub-topics include: Accountability, Deregulation and Participation, Combating Corruption, and Legal and Judicial Reform.  
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5/19-6/16/03 Consultant-Chemonics Int. Draft note and associated policy matrix for USAID on substance and phasing of **Second Generation, Best-Practice Macroeconomic & Governance Policy Reforms** (DC-based consultancy).

11/15-11/30/02 Consultant PwC/IBM Macro/Micro/Trade Economist Evaluating three USAID contracts for Private Sector Development and Privatization in Abuja, Nigeria, with major emphasis on stimulating private competitive investment as a means of enhancing privatization success.

9/01-11/01 Consultant-Management Systems International (MSI), Macro/Micro Economist evaluating Think Tanks in **Russia**. Paper (forthcoming) on Role of Think Tanks in providing endogenous policy advice.

- 3/20-5/10/01 Consultant-Chemonics/USAID-Six Week assignment- **Cairo, Egypt**. Headed the design and documentation team for a Second \$400 million, grant-financed Policy Adjustment Operation. Major emphasis on Poverty Alleviation through expanding employment and total factor productivity (TFP) by liberalizing formal and informal domestic markets
- 1/15-2/20/01 Consultant-Chemonics/USAID-**Botswana/SADC**. Paper: "A Strategy for Stimulating Efficient Private Investment & Financing in SADC".
- 9/00-11/00 Consultant-Chemonics/USAID-Three Month assignment- **Cairo, Egypt**. Headed the design and documentation team for a Second \$400 million, grant-financed Policy Adjustment Operation. Major emphasis on expanding GDP, employment and total factor productivity (TFP) through liberalization between formal and informal domestic markets.
- 5/15-5/24/00 Consultant-Chemonics International/USAID- **Abuja, Nigeria COP & Macro Economist** for Macro IQC to prepare Nigeria for CG Meeting.
- 5/1-5/9/00 Consultant-Chemonics International, USA- Eight days writing piece roughly entitled, "Improving the Development Atmosphere," setting out a vision of future development policies and Reform Best Practices
- 11/5/99-12/10-99. Consultant-Chemonics International/USAID-Five week assignment in **Egypt. Acting COP** of TAPR and author of paper advocating targeted policy reform or deregulation entitled, "Should Egypt have EPZs and Should USAID Request a Waiver under PD-20 to Support them?"
- 2/99-8/99 Consultant-Chemonics International/USAID-Macro/Trade Economist. Five month assignment in **Egypt** heading the design and documentation team for a \$400 million, grant-financed Policy Adjustment Operation. Major emphasis on expanding GDP, employment and labor productivity.
- 4/98-6/98 Consultant- African Development Bank, Abidjan, Ivory Coast- Six week assignment to appraise SAL to **Ghana** w/ major emphasis on privatization and expanding formal sector investment & employment. Paper: Appraisal/President's Report.
- 7/97-9/97 Consultant- Chemonics International/USAID- Trade Policy Specialist. Six week assignment in the **Republic of Georgia** advising the Government on trade and investment issues. Paper: "The Role of Trade Liberalization & WTO Accession in Georgia's Economic Transition and Development."
- 1975- 5/1/96 World Bank, Washington, D.C. 20433 USA. (Now Retired) Economist, Senior Economist, Principal Economist.

Country Economic Work: **Africa**-1975-84: (Nigeria/Ghana, Zambia, Zimbabwe); **Eastern Europe**-1987-1990 (**Yugoslavia/Hungary**). Managed Economic and Sector Work (ESW). Issue Areas: Inflation, Financial and Macro Frameworks/Modeling, Dutch Disease & Shocks, Tax Reform & Composition of Govt. Expenditures, Financial Reform, Country Debt & Creditworthiness, Productive Efficiency (TFP), Privatization & Employment.

Policy Research 1984-87 (Under Lyn Squire): Subject Areas - Fiscal, Trade, Country Debt, Privatization, Enterprise & Financial Reform, Subsidies and Total Factor Productivity and Employment.

Evaluation 1990-1996 (OED): Evaluated adjustment, industrial and financial sector reform operations in the above subject areas in **Africa, Eastern Europe and Caribbean**.

Administration/Management: Led Bank economic/appraisal missions. Served as acting Division Chief intermittently and for 8 months in Policy Research after Lyn Squire left that Division. Helped recruit economists and mentored about 40 young economists who came into the Bank as Summer Interns/Young Professionals, etc. Managed ESW throughout Bank career. A motive force behind establishment of the Sectoral Library. Introduced desk by desk computerization into two Departments of about 40 professionals each in the mid-1980s. Started the Bank's first Web Gopher site for Policy and Best Practices Papers (taken over by the Policy Research Department after I left--see Publications, below).

- 1971-1974 Ford Foundation, New York: Economist in **Nigeria**.  
Training, Planning, Project Analysis, Country Economic Work.
- 1968-1971 Asst. Professor, Economics, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI 49006.  
Taught Economics & Poverty Alleviation. Consulted (Development Economics).
- 1965-1967 Ford Foundation Economist in **Tanzania**.  
Seconded as Government Servant: Economist for Rural Settlement;  
heavy emphasis on micro incentives and project analysis.

**Languages:** English - Mother tongue (write, read and speak well).  
Kiswahili - Fluent (but rusty). Spanish - Fair (rusty).  
French – Poor. S-3 World Bank rating, 1976.

**Publications:** Journals (latest) "Economic Processing Zones Can Improve Economy-Wide Reform in Egypt," JOURNAL OF THE FLAGSTAFF INSTITUTE, Vol. 24, No. 1 (April 2000) pp. 22-50.

World Bank, Formal papers. Country Economic Memoranda for Nigeria, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Yugoslavia (draft). The Bank's Approach to Subsidies (Board Paper). Country Borrowing Strategies (two country studies & summary paper, with Homi Kharas, et al). Review of the Bank's Financial Sector Work (several papers, with Hafez Ghanem). Evaluations of lending operations in Tanzania (aid dependency); Gabon (oil price shocks); Hungary (employment & privatization); Zambia (trade reform & private sector growth); Kenya (financial reform & export promotion), Uganda (informal sector growth), Jamaica (project success in the midst of macro chaos).

Informal papers and notes on best economic and policy practices.

Beginning in 1988 I began to circulate these to a group of economists, including Bank/IMF staff. the email list now numbers about 300 economists. In 1995 the World Bank took over my nascent web site and has included it in their Research Web site. Topics included: applications of (a), Principle/Agent theories of reform to the World Bank, to Developing Country public enterprises and to privatization and (b), of theories of altruism to subsidies & IDA lending; (c) informal economic activity and formal private sector employment creation; (d) factor market reforms which can accompany more open BOP Capital A/Cs; and (e) the impact of high external, public sector debt on private sector development.

### **Personal Interests and Passions:**

Local Politics: Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (elective office) in The District of Columbia, 1996-2000.

Intellectual Recreation: Reading/writing economics (I really love it), reading history, politics, biographies or about Africa.

Physical Recreation: Bicycling, walking (trekking), keeping in shape (regular exercise & eating appropriately).

Altruism & Charities: Work for/give to United Way & local charities; write on altruism.

Humor: Have it; love it.

### **References:**

1. Dr. Lyn Squire (Econ) - Retired Boss from World Bank. Director, Global Development Network, lsquire@GDNet.org : 202-338-6350.
2. Dr. Ola Fajana (Econ) - Chief: POPR-Governance, African Development Bank (Tunis), O.FAJANA@afdb.org : 216-71-102-128.
3. Dr. Zmarak Shalizi (Econ) Research Manager for Infrastructure and Environment-World Bank, zshalizi@worldbank.org : 202-473-2921.
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