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EDUCATION	American University Ph.D., International Relations Concentration, International Development Comprehensive Exams, Distinction University of Denver M.A. International Development B.A. International Studies and Spanish <i>Summa cum Laude</i>	May 2026 2014 2013
DISSERTATION TITLE	Schooling the Masses : Secondary Education and Elite Policymaking in Nondemocracies Committee : Profs. Jonathan Fox (Chair), Rachel Robinson, and Lahra Smith	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Politics of Education, Mixed Methods, Sub-Saharan Africa, Civil Society, Evaluation	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	Fox, Jonathan and Abrehet Gebremedhin. 2026. Learning from Action Research . <i>Development in Practice</i> , 1-12. Gebremedhin, Abrehet. 2026. "Mass Demands, Elite Strategies: The Roles of Mobilization and Indoctrination in Expanding Secondary Education in Nondemocracies." <i>International Journal of Educational Development</i> , 120 : 1-11. Gebremedhin, Abrehet. 2026. "Education Policy." <i>Elgar Encyclopedia of African Politics</i> . Anne Mette, Alecia Ndlovu and Moses Khisa (eds). Gebremedhin, Abrehet and Devin Joshi. 2016. "Social Justice, Human Rights and Education Policy Discourse: Assessing Nelson Mandelas Legacy." <i>Education as Change</i> , 20(1) : 172-198.	
PAPERS UNDER REVIEW	Teaching Survival: How Autonomy Influences Strategies of Teacher Unions in Africa	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	Amplifying Voices, Shaping Policy: A Review of the Role of Civil Society in National Education Policy Advocacy in the Global South , with Naomi Hossain and Felipe Hevia. Receiving or Rejecting Aid : The Influence of Populist Rhetoric in Aid-recipient Countries, with Susanna Campbell, Karsten Donnay, and Haley Swedlund.	
POLICY PUBLICATIONS	Aceron, Joy and Abrehet Gebremedhin. 2025. When Citizen Action for Accountability Boosts Legislative Oversight: The Multiply-Ed Experience in the Philippines . Accountability Research Center. Gebremedhin, Abrehet and Clemence Nhliziyo. 2024. Rethinking Reform: The Role of Teacher Unions in Education Advocacy in Zimbabwe . <i>Accountability Brief</i> . Accountability Research Center. Gebremedhin, Abrehet and Naomi Hossain. January 2024. The Role of Civil Society in National Education Policy in the Global South . <i>Accountability Brief</i> . Accountability Research Center. Gebremedhin, Abrehet, Felipe Hevia, and Naomi Hossain. October 2023. Civil Society and National Education Policy: A Literature Review . Accountability Research Center. Gebremedhin, Abrehet. January 2023. Moving on Up: Multilevel Monitoring and Advocacy for Health Rights . <i>Accountability Working Paper</i> . Accountability Research Center.	

GRANTS AND AWARDS	Co-Principal Investigator, Accountability for Education , \$400,000 Accountability Research Center Oxfam Denmark and Global Partnership for Education	2023-2024
	Fulbright Student Scholar in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, \$33,964 Fulbright Fellowship Program	2023-2024
	Housel-Stowell Fellow, \$19,694 American University	2020-2021
	Writing Fellow, \$3,000 Center for Creative Leadership, Addis Ababa	2013
	Phi Beta Kappa University of Denver	2012
TEACHING AND INVITED GUEST LECTURES	Research Fellow UNESCO Etxea, Bilbao, Spain	2011
	Adjunct Lecturer Comparative Politics and Education (EDPP 4042) Teachers College, Columbia University	Spring 2026
	Guest Lecture on Comparative Education Transnational Education (SIS628) with Prof. Naomi Moland American University	Spring 2025
	Guest Lecture on Democracy and Development in Africa Democracy and Development (SISU106) with Instructor Shagun Gupta American University	Spring 2025
	Guest Lecture on Ethiopian Education Policy Institute of Ethiopian Studies Public Seminar Series with Prof. Netsanet Gebremichael Addis Ababa University	Spring 2024
	Teaching Assistant World Politics (SIS105) with Prof. Michael Schroeder American University	Spring 2023
	Guest Lecture on Gender and Development Global Inequality and Development (SIS355) with Instructor Alex Kuehl American University	Spring 2023
	Guest Lecture on Monitoring and Evaluation Global Postcolonial Perspectives in Education (EPA691) with Prof. Meseret Hailu Arizona State University	Spring 2021
CONFERENCE TALKS	American Political Science Association Annual Conference <i>Paper presentation</i> People Power : The Expansion of Secondary Education in the Global South	Fall 2024
	Comparative Education and International Society Annual Conference <i>Paper presentation</i> Undertheorized actors in education advocacy : Teachers unions in Zimbabwe	Spring 2024
	American Political Science Association Annual Conference Ready to Graduate ? Access to Secondary Education in Non-Democratic Regimes selected for panel presentation	Fall 2023
	International Studies Association Annual Conference <i>Paper presentation</i> Receiving or Rejecting Aid : The Influence of Populist Rhetoric in Aid-recipient Countries	Spring 2023

SELECTION OF
MONITORING &
EVALUATION
EXPERIENCE*

**Additional evaluations available upon request*

Mid-Term Review of GPE's Technical Assistance Initiatives Global Partnership for Education	2025-2026
Rapid Review of the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange's Hubs Model Global Partnership for Education	2025
Study of National Education Coalitions in National Policy Processes Oxfam Denmark	2025
Action Research on Kenya Transformative Continuous Teacher Learning Program Aga Khan Foundation and Oxford MeasurEd	2024-2025
Adolescent Girls Program Endline Evaluation UNICEF Ethiopia	2023
Assessment of the Gates Foundation Support to Global Fund Advocacy Portfolio The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation	2022
Mid-Term Review of Education Out Loud Global Partnership for Education	2021-2022
Process Evaluation of the Adolescent 360 Ethiopia Program The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Children Investment Fund Foundation	2019-2020
Evaluation of the Youth Challenge Initiative in Ethiopia Packard Foundation	2017
Evaluation of School Feeding Program Modalities in Lesotho World Food Programme	2017
Evaluation of Pastoralist Afar Girls Education Support Project DFID Ethiopia	2017
Baseline of Strengthening Institutions for Peace and Development in Ethiopia USAID Ethiopia	2016-2017
Baseline Survey of Girl Effect Ethiopia Safe Space Pilot Program Girl Effect Ethiopia	2016-2017
Evaluation of UNICEF's End Child Marriage Program in Amhara UNICEF Ethiopia	2015-2016
Addressing Disaster-Induced Urban Displacement in the Philippines and El Salvador Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	2014

SKILLS

Languages

English (native), Tigrinya (heritage language), Amharic (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

Programs

MAXQDA, NVivo, Wordstat, SAS, SPSS, R, LaTeX

Fieldwork Sites

Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Spain, Uganda, Zimbabwe

REFERENCES

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