

Charles Griffin

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Griffin joined The World Bank in 1992 as a Senior Economist in Human Development for Eastern Africa, where he worked for five years. From 1997 to 2001, he managed first the Social Protection group, then the Health group in the Latin America and Caribbean Region. In 2002, he became Director for Human Development in the South Asia Region. In May 2004, he transferred to the same position in the Europe and Central Asia Region, where for 2.5 years he led a team of approximately 120 technical and support staff located in Washington D.C. and in field offices across Europe and Central Asia. This group handled loan commitments of \$3.5 billion through 70 projects in the 28 countries of the region as well as policy dialogue and policy research in education, health, labor markets, pensions, poverty, and social assistance. Griffin is now on a leave of absence from The World Bank.

Prior to his World Bank experience, Griffin was an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Oregon in Eugene from 1986-92 and a Senior Research Associate at the Urban Institute in Washington D.C. from 1990-1992, as Research Director for the USAID-supported Health Financing and Sustainability Project. His operational and research experience has been in public finance and service delivery related to health, education, pensions, social welfare, and water supply.

Griffin received his M.A. in public policy from Duke University and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, followed by a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in Economic Demography at Yale University. His fields of specialization are Economic Development and Public Finance.