**Brad Cunningham, Development Economist**

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**Affiliations**

*Millennium Challenge Corporation*, *Washington D.C. (2012-13 and 2014-current*). I led and/or contributed to growth diagnostic studies to identify priority issues for promoting growth in MCC countries including Nepal, Liberia, Cote d’Ivoire, Sri Lanka, and Kosovo. I also introduced new analytical techniques and advanced MCC’s application of the methodology.

*Georgetown University, Washington D.C., Adjunct Faculty (2016 – current)*. I teach the course I developed called *Economic Complexity and Development,* which examinesthe challenge of economic development as one of acquiring and coordinating the diverse knowhow of modern society.

*Harvard Center for International Development, Cambridge Massachusetts, Africa Program Fellow (2013-14), Non-resident fellow (2014-2015).* I examined economic growth strategy for countries like Uganda. I worked closely with the Government of Albania to develop and implement an economic growth strategy over the course of 18 months.

*US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economist (2005-2009)*. Contributed to constructing the consumer price index.

**Academic Degrees**

Masters of Public Administration in International Development (2011), Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, USA

B.A. Economics (2003), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, USA

**Expertise**

*Growth diagnostics* – Identifying the priority constraints that hold back a country’s growth.

*Economic complexity and product space analysis* – Understanding a country’s historical growth path and most likely new economic opportunities given their current productive structure.

*Building state capability* – The “PDIA” approach to government reform focused on implementation.

**Selected papers**

* “How Should Uganda Grow?” Ricardo Hausmann, Brad Cunningham, John Matovu, Rosie Osire, Kelly Wyett, CID Working Paper No. 275, January 2014 http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid/publications/faculty-working-papers/how-should-uganda-grow
* “Spurring Innovation Through Prizes” Brad Cunningham, March 2011 http://bsc.cid.harvard.edu/other-related-research
* Nepal Growth Diagnostic, May 2014, Lead author of an interagency effort http://mof.gov.np/ieccd/pdf/Nepal\_CA\_report.pdf
* “On the Economic Performance of MCC Compact Countries – A synthetic control application” Brad Cunningham, MCC working paper, May 2013
* “Liberia Constraints Analysis” September 2013 (contributing author) http://www.mcc.gov/documents/press/LIBERIA\_CONSTRAINTS\_ANALYSIS\_FINAL\_VERSION.PDF

**Selected Speaking Engagements**

* *Can Tunisia’s Economy Survive the Terror Attacks?* US Institute of Peace. Discussed the economic situation in Tunisia as part of a panel that included Nobel Peace Prize Winner Houcine Abassi. http://www.usip.org/events/can-tunisia-s-economy-survive-the-terror-attacks
* *Jamaica Economic Growth Symposium* – Presented my perspective on Jamaica’s economic growth challenges and reform options in a nationally broadcast event. http://jis.gov.jm/vital-support-msmes/

**Selected Blog Posts**

* *Good Governance and Cheese… China’s Cheese Capabilities*. China’s efforts to develop a cheese industry provides an example of the challenge developing and coordinating the knowhow needed to become competitive in the world economy.
* *Practicing Governance: PDIA and Basketball*. Basketball as an analogy for how governments should learn to get better at their work. https://buildingstatecapability.com/2015/01/13/practicing-governance-pdia-and-basketball/