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EDUCATION

Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
Bachelor of Arts in Development Economics,
CGPA: 4.14/5.0

2017- 2021

The City College of New York, USA
Studied graduate Econometrics with Dr Kevin Foster

August 2020 – October 2020

Coventry University, England
Studied Macroeconomic Policy in Uganda and the UK with Dr. Judith Kabajulizi and Dr Fred Matovu

August 2018-May 2019

Uganda Technical College Bushenyi, Bushenyi, Uganda
National Diploma in Civil Engineering
CGPA: 4.18/5.0

2014-2016

Bishop Cipriano Kihangire Secondary School, Bbina, Kampala, Uganda
Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education
Grade: 17/20 points (Physics , Economics
,Mathematics)

2011-2013

Honors & Awards

- Kapadia Education Foundation Scholarship worth \$ 1200
- Tertiary Government Scholarship: Merit scholarship covering tuition and living expenses ,2014 -2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Centralized Choice and Assignment Systems

September 2021-present

Research Assistant, Dr. Christopher Neilson, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University

- Collected background information on centralized systems of school choice in African countries through web search, reading background papers and references
- Reviewed the Centralized Choice and Assignment System database mainly focusing on African countries <https://www.ccas-project.org/>

Online International Learning Project, Coventry University, England

August 2018-May 2019

Student and Researcher

- Participated in discussions with macroeconomists and students both at Coventry and Makerere University
- Gathered sources and created graphics for “How do monetary policies differ between the UK and Uganda and what consequences do these differences have on the economy as a whole, firms and consumers themselves?” (submitted to *The Centre for Global Engagement* at Coventry University in 2019)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Africa Finance and Economics Association (AFEA)

August 2020-present

Co-Chair Communications and Social Media Committee

- Kept AFEA membership fully informed on opportunities within AFEA including, but not limited to, general developments that impact our organization and the economies of African countries, research and conference opportunities, professional development, permanent job and consulting opportunities amongst others.

Makerere University Economics Society, Kampala, Uganda

2018-2020

Founding and Executive Committee Member,

- Organized career talks to develop economics students academically and professionally
- Increased number of active members by 500% (30 to 150 students) through social media campaigns, new merchandise, and a semester schedule of discussions to assist students with econometrics and mathematics
- Oversaw and led strategies to target 200+ students during orientation week

Move Network International, Kampala, Uganda**January 2019-Present**

Co-Director,

- Developed and moderated meetings, events such as “*Sanyuka Nange*”, a Christmas celebration with teenage mothers, which had 30+ in attendance and with Keynote speakers from FINCA Uganda on “Teenage mothers and savings”
- Headed Community awareness campaigns, an initiative to share emotional and physical challenges of teenage mothers with the Luzira Community and globally through a digital strike
- Designed the Girl Space program where over 25 teenage mothers in my community accessed counselling, mentorship and skills development
- Spearheaded leadership training for 20 students in professional development and communication skills

Makerere Gavel Club, Kampala, Uganda**August 2019- December 2020**

Active Member

- Convened the Gavel Club Conference 2019 under the Theme “The Role of The Youth in the African Continental Free Area”.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv_B-3zU0cU

WORK EXPERIENCE**Centre for Policy Analysis, Kampala, Uganda****May 2021 – present**

Volunteer Policy Analyst

- Communicated and publicized programs and initiatives through social media
- Contributed in analysis and display of road traffic accident data on the Uganda Road Safety project

Centre for Policy Analysis, Kampala, Uganda**July 2020 – October 2020**

Intern

- Collected qualitative data about the preliminary parliamentary sessions and submitted analysis of these sessions in form of weekly reports
- Created, examined, and analyzed large data sets with 900+ observations using Excel

The Economic Misfit, Kampala, Uganda**July 2019-present**

Co- Founder, Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor

- Performed managerial duties such as website upkeep, updating editing calendar, and logistics with 50+ active members
- Managed team of 12 (editing, layout/design, and marketing teams) to publish weekly insightful articles.
- Instituted new marketing and recruitment tactics leading to 48% more applications for staff writer positions

Africa Renewal Ministries – Luzira Child Development Program, Kampala, Uganda**2014-August 2016**

Volunteer

- Carried out home and school visitations for the sponsored children and consolidated data in form of reports that indicates their health and school performance
- Mentored and counseled 5 children in the project by tutoring them mathematics and sharing my personal life experience resulting into improved grades

LANGUAGES, INTERESTS, & SKILLS**Languages:** Native in English, Basic proficiency in French and Korean. **Other Languages:** Luganda, Rutoro, Ruyankole**Interests:** Jogging, Soccer and Afro house dancing**IT skills & Programming Languages:** Microsoft Office Applications, SPSS, R, Python

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA)

Association for the Advancement of African Women Economist

The Econometric Society