

# Kensley Blaise

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of East Anglia (UEA)</b> <i>Ph.D. Candidate in Economics</i> <i>Supervisors: Prof. Peter G. Moffatt, Dr. Andrea Calef and Dr Simone Valente</i>	Norwich, United Kingdom <i>Oct. 2020 –</i>
<b>University of East Anglia (UEA)</b> <i>MSc. Economics with Distinction</i> <i>Dissertation: GBP/USD volatility measurement with ultra high-frequency data</i>	Norwich, United Kingdom <i>Oct. 2017 – sept. 2018</i>
<b>State University of Haiti</b> <i>Bsc. Economics (Valedictorian / Highest GPA of the cohort)</i> <i>Dissertation: External aid and Economic growth in Haiti (in French)</i>	Port-au-Prince, Haiti <i>Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2013</i>

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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**Fields:** Finance, Macroeconomics and Digital Currencies

## EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of East Anglia</b> <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	Norwich, United Kingdom <i>Oct. 2021 – Present</i>
Econometric Methods (MSc. level) Macroeconomics (undergraduate level)	
<b>Central Bank of Haiti</b> <i>Economist at the Research Department (Macroeconomic Unit)</i>	Port-au-Prince, Haiti <i>Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020</i>
<b>Central Bank of Haiti (with 1 year of study leave)</b> <i>Economist at the International Economy Department (External statistics unit)</i>	Port-au-Prince, Haiti <i>Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2019</i>
<b>State University of Haiti</b> <i>Part-time Teaching Assistant in Financial Economics</i>	Port-au-Prince, Haiti <i>April 2019 – Sept. 2020</i>

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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### University of East Anglia (UEA)

- Postgraduate Research Scholarship (16,035 Pounds per annum for living stipends plus tuition fee waiver)
- Master's degree awarded with distinction
- Recipient of the British Government scholarship (Chevening) for the funding of my Master's Degree at UEA (30,000 pounds approximately for tuition and living expenses)

### State University of Haiti

- Valedictorian (Highest score for the cohort)
- Prize of 1,000 US dollar grant for the best dissertation proposal

### Leadership Development Program (LDP)

- Full merit-based scholarship for the duration of my undergraduate studies

## FURTHER ACADEMIC TRAINING

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### University of Oxford (July 2022 Summer School)

- Advanced Monetary Economics

### Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (June/July 2021 Summer School)

- Time Series Models for Macroeconomic Analysis I
- Time Series Models for Macroeconomic Analysis II
- Bayesian Time Series Methods I: Introductory
- Bayesian Time Series Methods III: DSGE Models Estimation

### International Monetary Fund

- External statistics and Balance of Payments (Saint Lucia / 2019)
- Macroeconomic Forecasting (Online / 2015)
- Financial Programming and Policies I & II (Online / 2015 )

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- A Copula Approach to the Volatility Modelling on the Cryptocurrency Market
- Co-movement Between Exchange Rate and Inflation in Haiti: An Econometric Appraisal (With Djykerson Alexandre)

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

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25 July 2021 "*Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: a Primer*", Coin de la Finance, Haiti (in French).

9 March 2022 "*Digital Currencies and the Road Ahead*", UEA Economics Society, United Kingdom.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Software: Proficiency in R, Python, Stata, Eviews and LaTeX

Language: French (native), Haitian Creole (native), English (full professional proficiency) and Spanish (beginner)

## AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of the Royal Economic Society

## REFERENCES

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