Kensley Blaise

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Education

University of East Anglia (UEA) Norwich, United Kingdom
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics *Oct. 2020 –*
Supervisors: Prof. Peter G. Moffatt, Dr. Andrea Calef and Dr Simone Valente

University of East Anglia (UEA) Norwich, United Kingdom
MSc. Economics with Distinction *Oct. 2017 – sept. 2018*
Dissertation: GBP/USD volatility measurement with ultra high-frequency data

State University of Haiti Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Bsc. Economics (Valedictorian / Highest GPA of the cohort) *Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2013*
Dissertation: External aid and Economic growth in Haiti (in French)

Research Fields

Fields: Finance, Macroeconomics and Digital Currencies

Experience

University of East Anglia Norwich, United Kingdom
Graduate Teaching Assistant *Oct. 2021 – Present*

Econometric Methods (MSc. level)
Macroeconomics (undegraduate level)

Central Bank of Haiti Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Economist at the Research Department (Macroeconomic Unit) *Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020*

Central Bank of Haiti (with 1 year of study leave) Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Economist at the International Economy Department (External statistics unit) *Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2019*

State University of Haiti Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Part-time Teaching Assistant in Financial Economics *April 2019 – Sept. 2020*

Awards and Grants

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

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

- 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

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

Software: Proficiency in R, Python, Stata, Eviews and LaTeX
Language: French (native), Haitian Creole (native), English (full professional proficiency) and Spanish (beginner)

Affiliations

- Member of the Royal Economic Society

References

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Dr. Jean-Marie Cayemitte
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