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#### **EDUCATION**

Aug. 2020-present : **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Houston, Texas, U.S.A

Aug. 2017-Jun. 2018 : Master's in Mathematical Sciences, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences

(AIMS-Cameroon), Limbe, Cameroon.

Aug. 2015-Dec. 2017 : Master's in Mathematics Economics and Statistics, African School of Economics

(ASE), Abomey- Calavi, Benin.

Oct. 2010-Dec. 2013 : Bachelor's in Statistics, National School of Applied Economics and Management

(ENEAM), Cotonou, Benin.

## **WORK EXPERIENCES**

Sep. 2019-Aug. 2020 : **African School of Economics**, *Co-Associate Director of the Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IERPE)*, Abomey-Calavi, Benin

- Principle coordinator of a project about Youth Employment and Violence;
- Conducted secondary data collection from institutions, analyzed the data, and adjusted the project methodology after secondary data analysis;
- Designed data collection tools, trained 46 enumerators, and supervised the data collection for a sample size of over 1800 respondents;
- Supervise 4 research assistants and oversee and manage all aspects of the project, serving as the primary point of contact for stakeholders.

Sept. 2018-Aug. 2019 : African School of Economics, Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Abomey-Calavi, Benin

- Facilitated academic discussions related to agriculture, infrastructure, and trade for a master's level Thematic Reading Group;
- Wrote technical propositions to be submitted for grants, designed questionnaires, and coded high frequency checks using Stata as a Research Assistant for the Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy.

Sep. 2017-Jun. 2018 : African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Tutor and Mentor, Limbe, Cameroon

- Tutored high school students in mathematics;
- Trained Buea university's staff members in using Microsoft word, Microsoft excel and google applications.

Feb. 2017-May 2017 : Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IERPE), Missionary teacher,
Djougou, Benin

• Mathematics' tutor in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the Pelebina General Education center.

Jan. 2016-Aug. 2017

- : African School of Economics, Student Research and Communications Assistant, Abomey-Calavi, Benin
  - Worked as an investigator on the bureaucrats' motivation project, wrote a literature review about power calculation, and designed questionnaires to evaluate the Rural Transport Sector Support Program;
  - Wrote news articles on events happening at ASE, assisted with drafting ASE monthly newsletters.

Jun. 2016-Aug. 2016

- : National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis (INSAE-BENIN), M&E Assistant, Cotonou, Benin
  - Wrote a literature review about local governance for a project aiming to create an index to evaluate the performance of local governments in Benin.

Mar. 2015-Aug. 2015

- : Program for Strengthening the Performance of the Health System (PRPSS-BENIN), M&E Assistant, Cotonou, Benin
  - Produced input masks for data entry and conducted data entry and analysis;
  - Assisted with the management and oversight of over 30 surveyors on the field:
  - Drafted the final report for the project, summarizing data and presenting the findings.

Feb. 2014 -Sep. 2014

- Ministry of Health, Intern in the Health Information Management System Office, Cotonou, Benin
  - Produced input masks, performed data entry, data cleaning and analysis;
  - Drafted sections of the 2013 edition of the Health Indicators annual report;
  - Enumerator on various surveys such as the Integrated modular survey on households' living conditions, the survey on securing reproductive health products.

### FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Aug. 2017-Jun. 2018 : Mastercard Foundation Scholarship.

Aug. 2015-Jul. 2017 : Excellence African Centre Scholarship.

Oct. 2010-Dec. 2013 : Benin's government Scholarship.

### **SKILLS**

**Software**: Python, Stata, Latex, Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Language : Fon (Native), French (Native), English (Fluent).

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

1. Violence and Youth Employment: An impact analysis in Benin (in partnership with IDRC)