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Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2019 – Present

Ph.D. in Economics

Case Western Reserve University

2015 – 2019

BA Economics, BS Math and Physics

Research Interests

Economic History, Development Economics

Working Papers

"Land Grants in Colonial Brazil: Long-Term Effects on Development" (Job Market Paper)

"Jesuit Missionaries in the Colonial Amazon: Long-term Effects on Human Capital." (*Submitted*)

"Long-Lasting Effects of Bible Translations on Literacy: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa"

with Noelia Romero, Abigail Stocker, and Rebecca Thornton

"Staple Crop Pest Damage and Natural Resources Exploitation: Fall Army Worm Infestation and Charcoal Production in Zambia"

with Protensia Hadunka and Kathy Baylis

Work in Progress

"Effect of the 2011 Libyan Crisis on Insecurity in the Sahel Region" *with Togbedji Gansey and*

Mahounan Yedomiffi

Teaching Experience

Department of Economics - University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Lecturer:

Spring 2023: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics

Fall 2022: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics*

Head Teaching Assistant:

Fall 2023: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics

Fall 2022: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics*

Spring 2022: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics*

Fall 2021: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics*

Teaching Assistant:

Spring 2021: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics

Fall 2020: ECON 303 - Intermediate Macroeconomics*

* indicates ranked in the "List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students".

Awards

Lemann Fellowship - Summer 2023

Presentations

- [Southern Economic Association \(2023\)](#)
"Long-Lasting Effects of Exposure to Bible Translations: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa."
- [Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Conference \(2023\)](#)
"Jesuit Missionaries in the Colonial Amazon: Long-term Effects on Human Capital."
- [Comparative & International Education Society Conference \(2023\)](#)
"Long-Lasting Effects of Bible Translation on Literacy: Evidence from Uganda"
- [Development Day at Notre Dame \(2021\)](#)
"Jesuit Missionaries in the Colonial Amazon: Long-term Effects on Human Capital."

Referee Services

Economics of Education Review