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## EDUCATION

Ph.D in Economics, University of Houston, Houston, TX	Expected May 2025
Masters in Mathematical Sciences, <a href="#">AIMS</a> , Limbe, Cameroon	2017 – 2018
Masters in Mathematics, Economics, and Statistics, <a href="#">ASE</a> , Ab-Calavi, Benin	2015 – 2017
Undergraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics, <a href="#">ENEAM</a> , Cotonou, Benin	2011 – 2013

## FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION

- Primary: Development Economics
- Secondary: Economics of Education

## WORKING PAPERS

- Exposure to Heat and Student Cognitive Functioning in Ghana (Job Market Paper)
- Structural Change in Africa: An Open Economy Perspective  
*with Gaaitzen de Vries, Hagen Kruse, Emmanuel Mensah, and Kei-Mu Yi*
- Temperature and Learning in West and Central Africa  
*with Risto Conte Keivabu, Julia Behrman, and Liliana Andriano*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- Secondary School Subsidy for Girls and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Benin

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher <i>University of Houston</i>	2023 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NSF-funded project <a href="#">Climate Risk, Pollution, and Childhood Inequalities in Low- and Middle-Income Countries</a></li><li>• Investigating inequalities in education due to climate change in Sub-Saharan Africa</li></ul>	
Research Assistant <i>Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy</i>	2018 – 2020 <i>Ab-Calavi, Benin</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research Assistant on the “Youth Employment and Violence” project</li><li>• Primary point of contact for stakeholders</li><li>• Designed data collection tools, trained 46 enumerators, and supervised the data collection for a sample size of over 1800 respondents</li><li>• Facilitated academic discussions related to agriculture, infrastructure, and trade for a Master’s level thematic reading group</li></ul>	

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Causal Inference, Estimation and Hypothesis Testing

Instructor, [Learning Days 14 Workshop](#)

Principles of Macroeconomics

Instructor

Randomization

Instructor, [Learning Days 12 Workshop](#)

Summer 2024

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Spring 2024

University of Houston

Summer 2023

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

## TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Houston, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- Introduction to Economic Data Analysis, University of Houston, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- Microeconomics, African School of Economics, Spring 2020

## FELLOWSHIP & AWARDS

- Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Houston, 2020–2022
- CLASS Dean's Scholarship, University of Houston, 2020–2021
- Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, African School of Economics, 2018–2019
- Mastercard Foundation Scholarship, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, 2017–2018
- Centre d'Excellence Africain Scholarship, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, 2015–2017
- Benin's Government Scholarship, Ecole d'Economie Appliquée et de Management, 2010–2013

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference (Scheduled), Dallas, TX, Nov 2024
- Kiel-CEPR African Economic Development Conference, Berlin, Sept 2024
- 2nd Texas Applied Microeconomics Students Workshop, Houston, Apr 2024

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discussant at [Citizen-State Interactions in Comparative Perspective](#)

Nov 2023

*"The impact of Biometric Voter Registration on African Elections"* by Paul Friesen & Nicolas van de Walle

## OTHER SKILLS

- Programming Languages: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Matlab, Python, Stata
- Languages: Fon, French, English, Spanish (beginner)

## REFERENCES

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