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EDUCATION	University of Houston	Ph.D. in Economics	2020-2025
	African Institute for Mathematical Sciences	MS in Mathematical Sciences	2018-2019
	African School of Economics	MA in Economics	2015-2017
	Ecole Nationale d'Economie Appliquée et de Management	BA in Applied Statistics	2010-2013

FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION Primary: Development Economics
Secondary: Economics of Education, Trade

POSITION Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania 2025-

WORKING PAPERS [Exposure to Heat and Student Cognitive Functioning in Ghana \(Job Market Paper\)](#), with Sharon Wolf
[Temperature and Learning in West and Central Africa \(Submitted\)](#), with Risto Conte Keivabu, Julia Behrman, and Liliana Andriano
[Structural Change in Africa: An Open Economy Perspective \(R&R\)](#), with Gaaitzen de Vries, Hagen Kruse, Emmanuel Mensah, and Kei-Mu Yi

WORK IN PROGRESS [Secondary School Subsidy for Girls and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Benin](#)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE University of Houston: Doctoral Researcher 2023-Present

- NSF-funded project [Climate Risk, Pollution, and Childhood Inequalities in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)

Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (Ab-Calavi, Benin): Research Assistant 2018-2020

- IDRC-funded project “Youth Employment and Violence”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE University of Houston Principles of Macroeconomics, Instructor Spring 2024
[CERAP-Evidence in Governance and Politics](#) Causal Inference & Hypothesis Testing, June 2024
Instructor
[CERAP-Evidence in Governance and Politics](#) Randomization, Instructor June 2023

TEACHING ASSISTANT University of Houston Principles of Macroeconomics, TA Spring 2023
University of Houston Principles of Macroeconomics, TA Fall 2022
University of Houston Introduction to Economic Data Analysis, TA Spring 2022
University of Houston Introduction to Economic Data Analysis, TA Fall 2021
African School of Economics Microeconomics 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 School of Economics, 2015-2017
Benin's Government Scholarship, Ecole d'Economie Appliquée et de Management, 2010--2013

Population Association of America 2025 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, US, April 2025

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATION**

CSAE Conference 2025: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford, UK, March 2025
Texas Camp Econometrics 2025, Burnet, TX, US, Feb 2025
Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, 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](#), November 2023
“The impact of Biometric Voter Registration on African Elections” by Paul Friesen & Nicolas van de Walle

OTHER SKILLS

Programming Languages: LaTeX, MATLAB, Python, Stata
Languages: Fon, French, English, Spanish (beginner)

REFERENCES

Aimee Chin (Primary), Professor of Economics, University of Houston
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