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Visa Status: Permanent Resident

Fields of interest

Public Finance, Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Health Economics, Applied Econometrics.

Education

- 2016 – 2021 **PhD in Economics (expected 2021)**, Georgia State University - Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Atlanta, USA.
- 2009 – 2012 **M.S. in Statistics and Economics**, National Advanced School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.
- 2005 – 2009 **B.S. in Statistics**, National School of Applied Economics (ENEA), Dakar, Senegal.

Training and certificates

- 2014 **Certificate in Financial programming and policies**, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Online courses.
- 2014 **Certificate in Understanding economic policy-making**, IE Business School, Online courses.
- 2014 **Certificate in Evaluating Social Programs**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Online courses.

Work Experience

- 2016 – 2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- 2013 – 2016 **Research Assistant**, Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), Cotonou, Benin.
- 2012 – 2013 **Professional internship**, National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED), Lomé, Togo.
- 2011 **Research internship**, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), Lomé, Togo.
- 2009 **Research internship**, Conference of the Ministers of Education of Francophonie's (CONFEMEN) Permanent Technical Secretariat, Dakar, Senegal.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2019 **Instructor of Principles of Macroeconomics**, Georgia State University.
- Fall 2017 **Teaching assistant, Econometrics for MA students (ECON 8740)**, Georgia State University.
- 2012 – 2013 **Instructor of Macroeconomics and Statistics**, University of Sciences and Technologies, Lomé, Togo.
- 2011 – 2012 **Trainer in econometric modelling of time series and categorical dependent variables**, ENSEA Junior Services, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Honors & Awards

- 2018 **Quantitative Economics Award**, Georgia State University.
- 2016 – 2019 **Andrew Young Fellowship**, Georgia State University.
- 2016 – 2021 **Tuition Waiver Scholarship**, Georgia State University.

- 2014 **Best-paper sponsorship of the UNFPA**, 4th ISIBALO Young African Statisticians Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, Jul 31 - Aug 03.
- 2013 **Best-paper sponsorship of the African Development Bank**, 59th World Statistics Congress, Hong Kong, Aug 25 - 30.
- 2009 – 2012 **Scholarship of “Fondation La Science Statistique”**, National Advanced School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA).
- 2006 – 2009 **Scholarship of “Fondation La Science Statistique”**, National School of Applied Economics (ENEA).

Computer Skills

- **Operating System:** Windows
- **Words Processors and others:** Office, Latex
- **Database:** Access
- **Statistics and Econometrics:** STATA, R, MATLAB, EvIEWS, CPro, SPSS, SPAD, etc.

Research

Publications

- Variations in agronomic and grain quality traits of rice grown under irrigated lowland conditions in West Africa (with Graham-Acquah Seth *et al.*), Food Science and Nutrition 6 (2018) 970-982, Wiley.
- Participatory evaluation of mechanical weeders in lowland rice production systems in Benin (with Saito Kazuki *et al.*), Crop Protection 61 (2014) 32-37, Elsevier.

Working papers

- The Impact of Plastic Money Use on VAT Compliance: Evidence from EU countries (with Antonios M. Koumpias & Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), International Center for Public Policy Working Paper Series 20-04.
- A tale of a comprehensive pro-poor education policy
- Does free primary schooling curb child labor in Africa? Evidence from the universal primary education policy in Togo

Unpublished works

- Do gender disparities influence the economic development of African countries? (with Wilson Adjele L.), Aug 2014.
- Impact of migrant workers' remittances on the Togolese economy, BCEAO, Oct 2011.
- Multilevel analysis of school performance factors of pupils in Sub-Saharan African countries (with Amovin-Assagba Eyram K. T.)

Conferences & Seminars

- 2019 **Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association**, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov 23–25.
- 2019 **Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association**, Atlanta, GA, Jan 4–6.
- 2014 **ISIBALO Young African Statisticians Conference**, Pretoria, South Africa, Jul 31–Aug 3.
- 2014 **Multi-Year Course of the Generation Challenge Programme (GCP)**, Zaragoza, Spain, Nov 2–8.
- 2014 **Multi-Year Course of the GCP**, Zaragoza, Spain, May 19–30.
- 2013 **World Statistics Congress**, Hong Kong, Aug 25–30.

Professional Affiliations

- American Economic Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

- International Center for Public Policy (ICePP)
- International Statistical Institute (ISI)
- ISIBALO Young African Statisticians Association

References

- **Dr. Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (jorgemartinez@gsu.edu)**, Regents Professor of Economics and Director, Public Finance Research Cluster, ICePP, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- **Dr. Pierre Nguimkeu (nnguimkeu@gsu.edu)**, Professor of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- **Dr. Alberto Chong (achong6@gsu.edu)**, Professor of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- **Dr. Charles Hankla (chankla@gsu.edu)**, Professor of Political Science, College of Arts & Sciences, Georgia State University.