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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, International Trade, Environmental Economics.

## CURRENT POSITION

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July 2024 – Present | Assistant Professor, [University of Northern British Columbia \(UNBC\)](#), Canada

## EDUCATION

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Sept. 2017– May 2024 | *Ph.D. in Economics*, [University of Quebec at Montreal \(UQAM\)](#), Canada.  
Dissertation: Essays on Innovation and Development.  
Supervisors: Pavel Ševčík and Alain Paquet (Université du Québec à Montréal)

Sept. 2013 – July 2016 | *M.A. in Statistics and Economics*, [ENSEA](#), Côte d'Ivoire.  
Thesis : Financial Liberalization, Financial Development, and Institutions Quality  
Supervisor: Coffie José N'guessan (CIRES)

Oct. 2009 – June 2012 | *B.Sc. in Mathematics and Physics*, [Université de Lomé](#), Togo.  
Concentration : Mathematics

## PAST POSITIONS

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Jan. 2024 – June 2024 | Lecturer, [National School of Public Administration](#), Quebec City.  
*Teaching International Finance.*

May 2023 – Feb. 2024 | Research Fellow, [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#), Washington D.C.  
*Collaboration with a team of researchers to conduct extensive research on Technology Adoption, Structural Change and Biodiversity.*

Jan. 2019 – May 2023 | Lecturer, [UQAM's School of Management \(ESG-UQAM\)](#), Montreal.  
*Teaching Macroeconomics for undergraduate classes.*

Aug. 2016 – June 2018 | Statistician Consultant, [World Bank Group](#), Washington D.C.  
*Ensuring data quality and accuracy, conducting data analysis and statistical modeling to support research and policy development.*

Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2016	Statistician-Economist, <a href="#">Ivorian Center for Economic and Social Research</a> , Abidjan. <i>Analyzing data, reviewing scientific literature, and synthesizing findings to contribute to the understanding of the structural transformation differences between South Korea and Côte d'Ivoire.</i>
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## RESEARCH

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### WORKING PAPERS

- [Financial Development, Technology Adoption, and Sectoral Productivity Convergence](#) , Job Market Paper
- [Financial Development, Globalization, and Structural Transformation in Developing Countries](#)
- [Innovation, International Trade, and Structural Change](#)

### WORK IN PROGRESS

- ["Technology Adoption, Structural Change and Biodiversity"](#) , joint with [Juha Siikamäki](#) and [Matías Piaggio](#).
- ["Time-Varying Sectoral Input-Output Linkages and Structural Change"](#) , joint with [Isambert Leunga Noukwé](#).
- ["Organic Farming versus Conventional Farming: Adoption, Transition, and Profitability"](#) , joint with [Moustapha Thiam](#)

## CONFERENCES

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| 2024 | African Econometric Society, Abidjan (June)<br>University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George (April)<br>Calvin University, Grands Rapids (February)<br>Graduate Student Conference of ESG-UQAM , Montreal (January)   |
| 2023 | Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (November)<br>Canadian Economics Association, Winnipeg (June)<br>18th CIREQ Ph.D. Students' Conference, Montreal (May)<br>UQAM Seminar, Montreal (March)<br>Quebec Social Sciences PhD Students Presentations, Montreal (February)           |
| 2022 | Bank of Canada Graduate Student Paper Award, Ottawa (September)<br>Canadian Economics Association, Ottawa (June)<br>17th CIREQ Ph.D. Students' Conference , Montreal (June)<br>African Econometric Association, Addis-Abeba (May)<br>Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (April) |
| 2021 | Quebec Social Sciences PhD Students Presentations, Montreal (August)<br>Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (March)<br>Quebec Social Sciences PhD Students Presentations, Montreal (February)  |

2020 | Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (March)

## REFeree ACTIVITY

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July 2024 – Present | Economic Modelling (1), Canadian Journal of Economics (1)

## FELLOWSHIPS AND CERTIFICATES

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Jan. 2024	Best research paper, ESG-UQAM
Sept. 2022 – May 2023	Scholarships from <i>Fondation UQAM</i>
Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2021	Scholarships from <i>UQAM and the National Bank of Canada</i>
Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2016	Scholarship from <i>Centre d'Appui aux Ecoles de Statistiques Africaines</i> .
June 2015	1st laureate of the <i>Writing Competition</i> of the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA): Best economic analysis.
Dec. 2014	2nd laureate of the <i>Innovation Competition of the Engineering Schools</i> of Côte d'Ivoire.

## MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

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Jan. 2022 – Present	Member, Econometric Society and Canadian Economic Association
Sept. 2022 – June 2024	Parent member and Vice President of School Council, Perce-Neige Primary School, QC.
Sept. 2021 – June 2022	Parent member of School Council, Harfang Des Neiges Primary School, QC.
Sept. 2020 – June 2024	Treasurer of the Board of Directors, CPE AMBCAL, QC.
Oct. 2018 – June 2020	Vice President for Professional Affairs, Association of Graduate Students in Economics (AECSE) at UQAM, QC.
Nov. 2013 – Nov. 2015	Financial Director, Junior Services Enterprise (EJS) of the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA), Côte d'Ivoire.

## OTHER

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<b>Softskills</b>	Stata, R, Python, Matlab, Eviews, SPSS, LaTeX, Microsoft Office.
<b>Language</b>	English : <i>Fluent</i> ; French: <i>Native</i> .
<b>Legal Status</b>	Permanent Resident of Canada ; Citizenship : <i>Togo</i> .

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