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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Development Economics, International Trade, Environmental Economics.

CURRENT POSITION

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

EDUCATION

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

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

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, Ivorian Center for Economic and Social Research , 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

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](#)

PRESENTATIONS

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

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

REFeree ACTIVITY

July 2024 – Present | Economic Modelling (1)

FELLOWSHIPS AND CERTIFICATES

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

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

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

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