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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, International Trade, Environmental Economics.

CURRENT POSITION

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

EDUCATION

Sept. 2017– Nov. 2024 | **Ph.D. in Economics**, [Université du Québec à Montréal \(UQAM\)](#), Canada.
Title of Dissertation: Essays on Innovation and Development.
Supervisors: Pavel Ševčík and Alain Paquet (Université du Québec à Montréal)
Committee: Julien Martin and Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado (McGill University)
Best 2024 ESG UQAM Ph.D. Thesis

Sept. 2013 – July 2016 | **M.Sc. in Statistics and Applied 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.
Major : Mathematics

PAST POSITIONS

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 Intermediate Macroeconomics.

Aug. 2016 – June 2018	Statistician Consultant, World Bank Group , Washington D.C. <i>Ensuring data quality and accuracy, conducting data analysis and statistical modeling to support research and policy development.</i>
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>

RESEARCH

WORKING PAPERS

- Financial Development, Technology Adoption, and Sectoral Productivity Convergence, [PDF](#).
- Financial Development, Globalization, and Structural Transformation in Developing Countries, [PDF](#), joint with [Isambert Leunga Noukwé](#).
- Innovation, International Trade, and Structural Change, [PDF](#).
- Time-Varying Intermediate Input Use and Structural Change, [PDF](#), joint with [Isambert Leunga Noukwé](#).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Technology Adoption, Structural Change and Biodiversity", joint with [Juha Siikamäki](#) and [Matías Piaggio](#).
- "Organic Farming versus Conventional Farming: Adoption, Transition, and Profitability", joint with [Moustapha Thiam](#)

PRESENTATIONS

African Econometric Society, Abidjan (June, 2024); University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George (April, 2024); Calvin University, Grand Rapids (February, 2024); Graduate Student Conference of ESG-UQAM , Montreal (January, 2024); Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (November, 2023); Canadian Economics Association, Winnipeg (June, 2023); 18th CIREQ Ph.D. Students' Conference, Montreal (May, 2023); UQAM Seminar, Montreal (March, 2023); Quebec Social Sciences PhD Students Presentations, Montreal (February, 2023); Bank of Canada Graduate Student Paper Award, Ottawa (September, 2022); Canadian Economics Association, Ottawa (June, 2022); 17th CIREQ Ph.D. Students' Conference , Montreal (June, 2022); African Econometric Association, Addis-Abeba (May, 2022); Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (April, 2022); Quebec Social Sciences PhD Students Presentations, Montreal (August, 2021); Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (March, 2021); Quebec Social Sciences PhD Students Presentations, Montreal (February, 2021); Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal (March, 2020).

REFeree ACTIVITY

July 2024 – Present	Economic Modelling , Canadian Journal of Economics
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AWARDS AND GRANTS

<i>March 2025</i>	Best Ph.D. Dissertation, ESG-UQAM (\$3,000).
<i>Jan. 2024</i>	Best research paper, ESG-UQAM (\$750).
<i>Sept. 2022 – May 2023</i>	Scholarships from <i>Fondation UQAM</i> (\$9,000).
<i>Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2021</i>	University of Quebec at Montreal Doctoral Fellowship (\$80,000).
<i>Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2016</i>	Scholarship from CAPESA <i>Centre d'Appui aux Ecoles de Statistiques Africaines</i> (\$3000)
<i>June 2015</i>	1st laureate of the <i>Writing Competition</i> of the National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA): Best economic analysis.
<i>Dec. 2014</i>	2nd laureate of the <i>Innovation Competition of the Engineering Schools</i> of Côte d'Ivoire (\$1000).

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

<i>Jan. 2022 – Present</i>	<i>Member</i> , Econometric Society and Canadian Economic Association
<i>Sept. 2022 – June 2024</i>	<i>Parent member</i> and Vice President of School Council, Perce-Neige Primary School, QC.
<i>Sept. 2021 – June 2022</i>	<i>Parent member</i> of School Council, Harfang Des Neiges Primary School, QC.
<i>Sept. 2020 – June 2024</i>	<i>Treasurer</i> of the Board of Directors, CPE AMBCAL, QC.
<i>Oct. 2018 – June 2020</i>	<i>Vice President</i> for Professional Affairs, Association of Graduate Students in Economics (AECSE) at UQAM, QC.
<i>Nov. 2013 – Nov. 2015</i>	<i>Financial Director</i> , 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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