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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, International Economics, 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 Economic Growth and Development.
Supervisors: Pavel Ševčík and Alain Paquet (UQAM)
Committee: Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado (McGill), Julien Martin and Florian Pelgrin (UQAM)
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 Constraints, Technology Adoption, and Convergence, [PDF](#).
- Innovation, International Trade, and Structural Change, [PDF](#).
- Financial Development, Technology Adoption, and Structural Transformation in Developing Countries, [PDF](#), joint with [Isambert Leunga Noukwé](#).
- Time-Varying Sectoral Linkages and Structural Change, [PDF](#), joint with [Isambert Leunga Noukwé](#).
- Dynamic Input Intensities and Productivity Measurement, [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](#)
- An Endogenous Growth Model of Premature Deindustrialization, joint with [Isambert Leunga Noukwé](#).

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Canadian Economics Association, Montreal (May 2025); University of Alberta (December 2024); African Econometric Society, Abidjan (June, 2024); University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George (April, 2024); Calvin University, Grands 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

AWARDS AND GRANTS

RESEARCH FUNDING

- UNBC Research Start-Up Fund, University of Northern British Columbia, July 2024 – June 2027, \$10, 000
- SSHRC Explore Grant, SSHRC, Aug. 2025 – March 2026, \$10, 000
- UQAM Professors’ Union Scholarship, Fondation UQAM, Sept. 2022 – May 2023, \$9, 000
- Doctoral Fellowship, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2021, \$80, 000
- Scholarship for Statistician–Economist Engineers, CAPESA, Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2016, \$3, 000

AWARDS

- Best Ph.D. Dissertation, ESG-UQAM, March 2025, \$3,000.
- Best research paper, ESG-UQAM, Jan. 2024, \$750.
- 1st laureate, Writing Competition: Best economic analysis, National School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA), June 2015.
- 2nd laureate, Innovation Competition of the Engineering Schools, Côte d’Ivoire, Dec. 2014, \$1, 000.

SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

PH.D. STUDENTS

- Jacob Eliezer Jean-François (Ph.D. in Economics, in progress) – Monetary Policy in the Caribbean: A Comparison Between Haiti and Other Caribbean Countries – Supervisor, Institut Universitaire des Sciences, since 2025
- Ricardon Thomas (Ph.D. in Economics, in progress) – Financial Literacy and the Governance of Savings and Credit Cooperatives: An Analysis of the Financial and Social Performance of SCCs in the South-East of Haiti – Supervisor, Institut Universitaire des Sciences, since 2025

MASTER'S STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theophilus Amaning (MA in Economics, in progress) – Green Policies and Firms Entry and Exit Across Sectors – Supervisor, University of Northern British Columbia, since 2025 • Gabriel Nomotsu Teye-Ali (MSc. in Business Administration, 2025) – ESG, the 2008 global financial crisis and access to external finance by Canadian firms – Committee Member, University of Northern British Columbia
OTHER SUPERVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abel Ocheng & Theophilus Amaning (Intern, Summer 2025) – Data collection and processing for project on taxes and productivity

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICES

MEMBERSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Econometric Society, since January 2022. • Canadian Economic Association, since January 2022.
SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNBC Faculty Association Treasurer, since July 2025. • Northern Economic Student Society Faculty Liaison, since Sept. 2024. • Treasurer of Board of Directors, CPE AMBCAL-QC, Sept. 2020 – June 2024. • Vice President of School Council, Perce-Neige Primary School, Sept. 2021 – June 2024. • Vice President for Professional Affairs, Economics Graduate Students Association (AECSE), Université du Québec à Montréal, Oct. 2018 – June 2020. • Financial Director, ENSEA Junior Services Enterprise, Nov. 2013 – Nov. 2015.

OTHER

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

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