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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](#), 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.
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.

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)

FELLOWSHIPS AND CERTIFICATES

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

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

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