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Economist with over seven years of experience in applied macroeconomic analysis, econometrics, and data-intensive research, including contributions to the World Bank Group's Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment (MTI) and Poverty Global Practices. Strong background in macroeconomic diagnostics, poverty and distributional analysis, and empirical policy assessment. Experienced in supporting country teams and task team leaders through the preparation of analytical and advisory services, contributing to flagship and regional products, and translating rigorous empirical work into policy-relevant insights for operational and senior audiences in collaborative, deadline-driven environments. Fluent in English and French.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Montreal, Canada,

Focus: Fiscal policy, Macroeconomics, and International economics May 2026 (Expected completion)

M.Sc. in Economics and Statistics,

École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Économique (ENSAE), Sénégal 2018

M.Sc. in Applied Statistics,

École Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Économique (ENSAE), Sénégal 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Fiscal Policy, Public Finance, International Economics, Trade, Macro-climate linkages

WORKING PAPERS

- *Fiscal Rules and Fiscal Policy: A Quantitative Analysis (Job Market Paper)*
- *Trade Policy and U.S. Multinationals activities*

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Geo-economic fragmentation: Implications for the global economy*, (with Kodjovi Eklou)
- *Transition to Renewable and Public Debt Sustainability*, (with Lucien Chaffa and Fansa Kone)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research Economist Consultant

2018 - 2026

World Bank Group, Macroeconomics, Trade, and Investment (MTI) & Poverty and Equity, Global Practice
Washington D.C., USA

- Developed and implemented econometric and macroeconomic models to assess growth, fiscal policy, poverty, and inequality across multiple countries.

- Built large-scale household welfare aggregates and simulated the impact of economic and policy shocks using microdata from over 35 countries.
- Conducted macro-fiscal analysis supporting country economic updates and surveillance products.
- Designed analytical methodologies and computational workflows for data-intensive projects, ensuring reproducibility and computational efficiency.
- Delivered policy-oriented analytical reports and presented results to Ministries of Finance, Central Banks, and senior World Bank economists.
- Strengthened data collection in Sub-Saharan African Countries through the National Statistical Office Staff's capacity building.
- Led and contributed to capacity development activities, training national statistical offices and government staff in applied econometrics and data use.
- Conducted poverty, welfare and labor market analysis combining different data sources.
- Processed and analyzed large, multi-country datasets using Stata, Python, and Matlab, ensuring data quality, automation, and reproducibility.

Research Assistant

2023

Observatoire de la Francophonie Économique, OFE

Montréal, Canada

- Contributed to quantitative policy notes and analytical reports using applied econometric methods.

Research Assistant

2020

USAID-RTAC

Washington D.C., USA

- Conducted macro-poverty simulations assessing the welfare impact of food price shocks and malnutrition in Haiti.
- Produced statistical models and policy recommendations for poverty and inequality reduction.

Economist (Intern)

2017

Banque Centrale des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest, BCEAO

Dakar, Sénégal

- Assisted in macroeconomic surveillance, inflation monitoring, and analysis of monetary policy transmission in the WAEMU region.
- Supported macroeconomic surveillance, inflation analysis, and monetary policy transmission studies and contributed to reports for internal committees at the Central Bank.

Statistician

2016

Laboratoire de Recherches Économiques et Monétaires, LAREM

Dakar, Sénégal

- Conducted enterprises data analysis.
- Contributed to reports on Small and Medium Enterprises performance in Cameroon.

Statistician (Intern)

2014, 2015

Institut National de la Statistique, des Études Économiques et de la Démographie

Lomé, Togo

- Conducted labour and living standard data analyses.
- Contributed to a report on the labour market in Togo.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer/Instructor, University of Montreal

- Econometrics (2022,2024)
- Mathematics for Economic Analysis (2024,2026)
- Introduction to Economics (2022-2025)

Teaching Assistant, University of Montreal

- Macroeconomic Theory (2021-2025)
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023-2025)
- Econometrics (2020-2023)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

58 th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association	<i>May 2024</i>
Macroeconomics weekly workshop for Ph.D. Students, University of Montreal	<i>May 2024</i>
World Bank Group seminar (BBL)	<i>Jan 2024</i>
62 th Congress - Société Canadienne de Science Economique (SCSE)	<i>May 2023</i>
18 th CIREQ Ph.D. Students' conference	<i>May 2023</i>
The Quebec Ph.D. weekly workshop in Economics, Statistics, and Finance	<i>Jan 2022</i>

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Ph.D. Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Montreal	<i>2019 - 2024</i>
Ph.D. Fellowship, CIREQ, University of Montreal	<i>2019 - 2024</i>
World Bank Group VPU Team awards	<i>2022</i>
Tuition-fee waiver Scholarship, University of Montreal	<i>2019 - 2021</i>
Excellence Scholarship, United Nations Development Programme	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
Tuition-fee waiver Scholarship, ENSAE, Senegal	<i>2012 - 2018</i>
Excellence Scholarship, Odon-Vallet, ENSAE, Senegal	<i>2012 - 2014</i>

TECHNICAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Programming & Econometrics:	Stata, Matlab, R, Python, SPSS, EViews, SPAD
Other software:	LaTeX, Git, Excel advanced, ArcGIS / QGIS, CSPRO, KoBo Data Kits, Tableau Dashboard
Languages:	English (Professional), French (Native), Ewe (Native)
Household and firm-level surveys data expertise:	Household Surveys (in more than 35 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa), DHS (Haiti, Madagascar, Burundi), MICS (Madagascar), Enterprise Data
Fiscal & Statistical Expertise:	Government Finance Statistics (GFS), Public Sector Debt Statistics (PSDS), Expenditure Efficiency Analysis, Survey Design & Implementation, Fiscal Data Compilation, Structural models, Macro-poverty and development linkages.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

- *Do subsistence zones matter for poverty reduction?*, 2024, World Bank Group, Washington D.C., (with Grace Doherty and Johannes Hoogeveen).
- *Creating Consistent Subsistence Zones with Spatial Clustering for the Sahel Region*, 2024, World Bank Group, Washington D.C., (with Grace Doherty and Johannes Hoogeveen).
- *Monitoring health service delivery in Burundi*, 2021, World Bank Group, Washington D.C., (with Alexandra Jarotschkin, Soazic E. W. Sonne, and Laura A. R. Rivera).
- *Poverty and Malnutrition in Haiti*, 2020, USAID-RTAC, (with Angelino Viceisza, Kodjo Aflah, Atabanam Simbou, and Dixita Gupta).

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE & MISSIONS

- Worked on projects covering: Demographic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Chad, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Eswatini, Madagascar, Ghana, and multi-country global analytics.
- Participated in World Bank missions across Africa and the Caribbean and collaborated with Ministries of Finance, National Statistical Offices, and central banks.
- Delivered training and technical support to government officials and World Bank teams on the application of international statistical methodologies, fiscal data use in evaluations, and evidence-based policymaking.
- Conducted country-level assessments of fiscal data systems and expenditure programs, contributing to policy analysis, including poverty and inequality distributional analysis, and country macroeconomic diagnostics.
- Led analytical and statistical work on the efficiency of government finance and social sector expenditures, supporting the development of consistent fiscal datasets in Sub-Saharan Africa.

References

Guillaume Sublet (chair)

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