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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

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### 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

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

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## WORKING PAPERS

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

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## 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)

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## 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***

*Observatoire de la Francophonie Économique, OFE*

2023

*Montréal, Canada*

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

***Research Assistant***

*USAID-RTAC*

2020

*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)***

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

2017

*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***

*Laboratoire de Recherches Économiques et Monétaires, LAREM*

2016

*Dakar, Sénégal*

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

***Statistician (Intern)***

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

2014, 2015

*Lomé, Togo*

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### 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)

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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

## TECHNICAL SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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**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)

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- *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 Aflagah, Atabanam Simbou, and Dixita Gupta).

## SELECTED INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE & MISSIONS

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- 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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