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Education

2023 - 2024	York University, MA Economics, Toronto, Canada A+ all courses: (2023 Fall) Applied Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Macroeconomics, Industrial Organization (2024 Winter) Econometric Theory, Econometrics of Financial Markets, International Monetary Economics, Economics of Education
2008 - 2011	University College London, BSc(Econ) Economics 2:1, London, UK

Awards and Scholarships

2008 – 2011	Full Overseas University Scholarship, Hang Seng School of Commerce, Hong Kong
2023 - 2024	York Graduate Scholarship/ Master's Fellowship/ TAship/ RAship (Full Package), York University, Toronto

Work Experience

Apr 2024 – Present	Research Assistant, York University, Toronto, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">For econometrician Prof. Antoine Djogbenou on local projections of VAR model.Wrote a report and replicated results in Matlab of a paper and researched relevant literature.
Sep 2023 – Apr 2024	Graduate Teaching Assistant, York University, Toronto, Canada
Mar 2021 – May 2023	Y-LOT Foundation Ltd., Strategy & Project Director, Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none">Built a greenfield and first charity offering patient capital to science research and technology transfer in HK.Conducted focus group interviews and desktop policy research and analysis.Formulated strategy and business model using policy research as input.Steered the management to position the charity strategically in the ecosystem.Coached and built team that could deliver niche and innovative initiatives.Pitched ideas and built strong partnership across private and public stakeholders.Fundraised USD 100,000 in 9 months and expanded work team from 3 to 8 and advisor team from 0 to 9.
Nov 2017 – Present (Break from Jun 2020 – Present)	Art Around !, Director/ Teacher, Hong Kong/ Japan (www.artaround.co) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ran a non-profit proof-of-concept YogArt wellness studio as a certified yoga and mindfulness teacherDelivered 30+ workshops in 3 countries. Reached 200+ clients including students at Chinese University of Hong Kong, elderly in Hong Kong, artists at an artist-run Dust Depo Studio and kids from Baba Dogo Slum as part of World Friend's Banjuka project in Nairobi.Ran 2 cultural art tours to village in Japan with Yamakiwa Gallery. http://bit.ly/2rmipPd
July – Aug 2017	The Mills Fabrica Incubator, Director Assistant, Hong Kong
Mar 2017 – Present	The Scholars, Economics/ English/ Maths Private Tutor, Hong Kong
June 2016 – July 2017	Career Break, East Africa, Taipei, Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none">Filmed and interviewed artists in East Africa for 2 months.Studied paintings, drawings and sculptures at National Taiwan University of Arts in Taipei for 5 months.Freelance paid art exhibition helper with an art foundation, The Mill6 Foundation.Organised an art tour from Hong Kong to Europe for 8 people. Turnover USD 30,000 and 25% profit margin.
Nov 2015 – June 2016	Afrika Equity Partners, Founder, Nairobi <ul style="list-style-type: none">Advised and supplied capital to grow SMEs in East Africa with social and environmental impact.Founded the fund with a former Barclays ibanker and ICCO former Regional Investment Officer.

- Originated, site-visited, reviewed financials, valued businesses, drafted investment term sheet and contract, negotiated and coached entrepreneurs, monitored the on-going progress.
- Prospects included a fish tannery, a MFI in Kenya, and a Rwandan meat processing company.

July 2014 – June 2016	Barclays Kenya (now Absa Bank Kenya) Global Corporates Asia Desk, Relationship Manager, Nairobi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid deal experience - Reviewed financial models of debt finance of USD 30m ceramic factory construction; Advised infrastructural/ power projects valued USD 100m+ for Dongfang Electric, TBEA Intl. • Result-oriented and Razor-sharp focus on execution – Given limited mandate and risk appetite, on-boarded 20+ large corporate accounts; Grew revenue 150% in less than 2 years to USD 830,000. • Strong relationship acquisition skills - Project managed a successful client event (USD 20,000 budget) with 200 guests within 5 months in the role. • Excellent stakeholder management and navigation skills - Engaged Kenyan Government, transaction advisors like PwC, Private Equity, internal stakeholders like CEO, debt, IBD, project finance, credit, compliance teams.
Jan 2014 – July 2014	Barclays Africa Wholesale Corporate Credit Risk Secondment, Sanctioner, London, UK <i>(Headquarter Approval)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-Africa exposure - Sanctioned debt/ trade finance, working capital, FX hedging limits across 9 African countries, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Botswana, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zambia and Mozambique. • Cross-industry exposure - Analysed financials and assessed credit risks of corporate credit applications ranging from real estates, farms, hotels, factory construction.
Sept 2011 – Dec 2013 <i>Mar 2013 – Dec 2013</i> <i>Sept 2012 – Mar 2013</i> <i>Mar – Sept 2012</i> <i>Sept 2011 – Mar 2012</i>	Barclays, Future Leaders Development Program – Credit Risk, UK <i>Group Retail Credit Risk, Portfolio Management Analyst, London</i> <i>Group Retail Credit Risk, Retail Model Risk Analyst, London</i> <i>Barclaycard, UK Cards Collections Strategy Analyst, Northampton/ London</i> <i>Barclaycard, UK Cards Credit Limit Increase Strategy Analyst, Northampton</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodical, scientific, risk and compliance-minded - Gained hand-on experience on credit risk policies, compliance and capital models. • Highly skilled in data analytics - Acquired data analytics skills, SQL and SAS, to inform business strategies.

Volunteering

Jan 2020	World Friends Banjuka Project, Yoga and Art Instructor, Nairobi
2015	Africa Insight – Africa Young Entrepreneurs Support Program, Trainer and Mentor, Nairobi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered corporate finance and credit workshop for start-ups. Coached entrepreneurs.
2015	Endeavour, Researcher, New York and Nairobi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted market research for Entersekt, a South African digital authenticating startup.
Jun 2009 – Present	Rural Impact Professionals Internship (charity), Advisor, Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysed customer data and helped MFI in China to understand performance of their portfolio.
Jul – Sept 2009	Tenteleni, Teaching assistant, Kisumu (Kenya)
Jun – Jul 2009	Wokai (US-based Microfinance Institution advisory NGO), Summer Internship, Beijing and Sichuan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed an account template, cleaned up data and analyzed financial reporting • Delivered accounting trainings for a MFI in Sichuan.

Qualifications

Nov 2020	Somatic Experiencing Beginning I/ II Training with Pedro Prado, Somatic Experiencing Trauma Institute
Apr – Jun 2020	Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Foundations, Brown University Mindfulness Centre
Dec 2018	The Foundation Training for Yoga Teachers, 200-hr with Patrick Creelman & Rinat Perlman, Pure Yoga HK

Skills and Interests

Languages	Native Cantonese, Mandarin and Chinese, Native-level English, Basic French, Japanese and Swahili
Corp. Credit Risks	Moody's Analytics' (Omega performance) Credit Skills Development – commercial lending & financial analysis
Accounting	Jun 2005 Distinction in Level 2 Book-keeping and Accounts, LCCI
I.T.	Proficient in SAS, SQL, Excel pivot table/ nested formulae. Basic HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python.
Visual Art	Chinese Painting; Drawing; Painting; Sculpting
Others	East African Art, Yoga for 7+ years, Gym, Hiking, Backpacking, Literature, Theatre, Horse-riding

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