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Citizenship: Togo

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Fields of interest

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Public Finance, Development Economics, Applied Econometrics.

Education

2016 – 2021 **Ph.D. Economics**, expected May 2021, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.

Dissertation Topic: *Essays on Pro-Poor Education Policies and Tax Compliance*

2009 – 2012 **M.S. Statistics & Economics**, National Advanced School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

2005 – 2009 **B.S. Statistics**, National School of Applied Economics (ENEA), Dakar, Senegal.

Professional Experience

2016 – 2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.

2013 – 2016 **Research Assistant**, Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), Cotonou, Benin.

2012 – 2013 **Professional internship**, National Institute of Statistics and Economic and Demographic Studies (INSEED), Lomé, Togo.

2011 **Research internship**, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), Lomé, Togo.

2009 **Research internship**, Permanent Technical Secretariat of the Conference of the Ministers of Education of Francophonie (CONFEMEN), Dakar, Senegal.

Research

Publications

- "The Impact of Plastic Money Use on VAT Compliance: Evidence from EU countries" (with Antonios M. Koumpias & Jorge Martinez-Vazquez), Hacienda Pública Española/Review of Public Economics (forthcoming)

Working papers

- "A Tale of a Comprehensive Pro-Poor Education Policy?", Job Market Paper
- "Does free primary schooling curb child labor in Africa? Evidence from the universal primary education policy in Togo"

Other publications

- "Variations in agronomic and grain quality traits of rice grown under irrigated lowland conditions in West Africa (with Graham-Acquah Seth *et al.*), Food Science and Nutrition 6 (2018) 970-982, Wiley."
- "Participatory evaluation of mechanical weeders in lowland rice production systems in Benin" (with Saito Kazuki *et al.*), Crop Protection 61 (2014) 32-37, Elsevier.

Honors & Awards

- 2019 **Travel grant**, to *Florida*, International Center for Public Policy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- 2018 **Quantitative Economics Award**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- 2016 – 2019 **Andrew Young Fellowship**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- 2016 – 2021 **Tuition Waiver Scholarship**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
- 2014 **Travel grant**, to *Pretoria*, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Pretoria, South Africa.
- 2013 **Travel grant**, to *Hong Kong*, African Development Bank, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.
- 2009 – 2012 **Scholarship**, Fondation La Science Statistique, National Advanced School of Statistics and Applied Economics (ENSEA), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.
- 2006 – 2009 **Scholarship**, Fondation La Science Statistique, National School of Applied Economics (ENEA), Dakar, Senegal.

Teaching Experience

- Fall 2020 **Instructor**, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Georgia State University.
- Spring 2019 **Instructor**, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Georgia State University.
- Fall 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *Applied Statistics & Econometrics (M.A.)*, Georgia State University.
- Fall 2012 **Instructor**, *Macroeconomics & Statistics*, University of Sciences and Technology, Lomé, Togo.

Certificates

- 2020 **Certificate**, *Mastering Online Teaching*, Georgia State University, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL).
- 2014 **Certificate**, *Financial Programming and Policies*, International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- 2014 **Certificate**, *Understanding Economic Policy-making*, IE Business School.
- 2014 **Certificate**, *Evaluating Social Programs*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Conferences & Seminars

- 2020 **Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance**, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Aug 19–21.
- 2019 **Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association**, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov 23–25.
- 2019 **Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association**, Atlanta, GA, Jan 4–6.
- 2014 **ISIBALO Young African Statisticians Conference**, Pretoria, South Africa, Jul 31–Aug 3.
- 2014 **Multi-Year Course of the Generation Challenge Programme (GCP)**, Zaragoza, Spain, Nov 2–8.
- 2014 **Multi-Year Course of the GCP**, Zaragoza, Spain, May 19–30.
- 2013 **World Statistics Congress**, Hong Kong, Aug 25–30.

Professional Affiliations

- American Economic Association (AEA)
- AEA Minority Mentorship Program
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
- International Center for Public Policy (ICePP)
- International Statistical Institute (ISI)

Referees

- Dr. Jorge Martinez-Vazquez (jorgemartinez@gsu.edu), Regents Professor of Economics and Director of the Public Finance Research Cluster, ICePP, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- Dr. Alberto Chong (achong6@gsu.edu), Professor of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- Dr. Pierre Nguimkeu (nnguimkeu@gsu.edu), Associate Professor of Economics, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University.
- Dr. Charles Hankla (chankla@gsu.edu), Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Governance Programs, College of Arts & Sciences, Georgia State University.