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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current positions and affiliations

World Bank, Office of the Chief Economist, Africa Region

Senior Economist

2018 -

Economist

2015 - 2018

Previous positions and affiliations

Assistant Professor of Economics and IAS, University of Oklahoma

2012 - 2015

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Ottawa, Canada

2014

Adjunct Professor of Economics, Georgetown University

2017 - 2019

Postdoctoral Fellow, SIEPR, Stanford University

2010 - 2012

Founding Director of The Center for Research and Opinion Polls, Togo

2011 - 2015

Afrobarometer Network's National Partner for Togo

2012 - 2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, New York University

2004 - 2010

M.A. in Political Science (Political Economy), New York University

2007

Maîtrise, Applied Math, University of Pau and the Adour Region, France

2003

B.Sc., Mathematics, University of Pau and the Adour Region, France

2002

AWARDS and HONORS

Co-Principal Investigator, "Teacher Training and Entrepreneurship Education: Long-term Evidence from a Curriculum Reform in Rwanda." Jameel Poverty Action Lab, 2020, \$49,922

Co-Principal Investigator, "Teacher Training and Entrepreneurship Education: Evidence from a Curriculum Reform in Rwanda." Jameel Poverty Action Lab, 2015, \$390,321

Co-Principal Investigator, "Teacher Training and Entrepreneurship Education: Evidence from a Curriculum Reform in Rwanda." IZA Growth in Labor Markets in Low Income Countries Programme, 2018, \$170,000

World Bank Vice President's Team Award for outstanding team achievement for the regional study on energy access in Africa, World Bank, 2018

William W. Talley, II Award for excellence in teaching and academic services to students, University of Oklahoma, 2015

Teacher Training and Entrepreneurship Education: Evidence from a Curriculum Reform in Rwanda" (Jameel Poverty Action Lab (Co-PI with Todd Pugatch), 2016-2019, \$300,000

National Science Foundation (NSF), Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, NSF Award No. SES-0750962, 2008- 2009, \$15,300

Henry MacCracken Scholarship, Economics Department NYU, 2004-2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books and chapters in books

Books

1. [Electricity Access in Sub-Saharan Africa : Uptake, Reliability, and Complementary Factors for Economic Impact](#). Moussa P. Blimpo and Malcolm Cosgrove-Davies 2019. Africa Development Forum;. Washington, DC: World Bank.
2. [Leapfrogging : the Key to Africa's Development - from Constraints to Investment Opportunities](#), Moussa P. Blimpo; Michael Minges; Wilfried Kouame; Theophile Azomahou; Emmanuel Lartey; Christelle Meniago; Mapi Buitano; Albert Zeufack 2017. Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.

Chapters in books

1. Chapter 2: Developing Universal Foundational Skills in Sub-Saharan Africa, with David K. Evans and Muthoni Ngatia, in "[The Skills Balancing Act in Sub-Saharan Africa : Investing in Skills for Productivity, Inclusivity, and Adaptability](#)," Omar Arias Diaz; David Evans; Indhira Santos. 2019. Africa Development Forum. Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group
2. Chapter 2: Human Capital, with Solomon Owusu, in "[Future of Work in Africa : Harnessing the Potential of Digital Technologies for All](#)," Jieun Choi; Mark Dutz; Zainab Usman. 2019. The Washington, DC: World Bank Group.

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

1. [Teacher Training and Entrepreneurship Education: Evidence from a Curriculum Reform in Rwanda](#) (with Todd Pugatch). **Journal of Development Economics**, Volume 149, March 2021, 102583.
2. [Improving Access and Quality in Early Childhood Development Programs: Experimental Evidence from The Gambia](#) (with Pedro Carneiro, Pamela Jervis, and Todd Pugatch). **Forthcoming, Economic Development and Cultural Change**.
3. [Why is Household Electricity Uptake Low in Sub-Saharan Africa?](#), with Agnieszka Postepska and Yanbin Xu, **World Development**, Volume 133, September 2020, 105002
4. [Financial Constraints and Girls Post-Primary Education: Evidence from a School Fee Elimination Program in The Gambia](#) (with Todd Pugatch and Ousman Gajigo), **World Bank Economic Review**, 33 (1):185-208, 2016.
5. [Trust and Moral Hazard: An Analysis of the Motorcycle-Taxi Market in Togo and Benin](#), **Journal of African Economies**, 24 (2):173-192, 2015
6. [Team Incentives for Education in Developing Countries: A Randomized Field Experiment in Benin](#), **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, 6(4): 90-109, 2014.
7. [Public Investment in Rural Infrastructure: Some Political Economy Considerations](#) (with Robin Harding and Leonard Wantchekon), **Journal of African Economies**, 22: ii57-ii83, 2013.

RECENT SEMINARS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

As speaker/presenter: University of Wisconsin-Madison (2020), University of Oxford (BSG, 2020), Foreign Service Institute (2020), Williams College (2020), Fordham University (2019), George Washington University (2019), The American Economic Association's Annual Meeting (Atlanta, 2019), Econometrics Society 2018 Africa Meeting (Cotonou, Benin, July 2018), Columbia University (SIPA and Teacher College) 2018; Princeton University (African Studies) 2018; Duke University (SETI Conference) 2018; World Bank (Green Growth Knowledge Platform Conference) 2018; University of Maryland (Population Studies, 2018); Annual Bank Conference on Africa at Stanford University 2018; CSAE Conference 2017 (Oxford University); The 17th GDN Annual Global Development Conference (Lima, Peru, March 2016); ABCA conference (UC-Berkeley, Session chair, 2015); RISE conference (Center for Global Development, Washington, 2015); Joint 3ie/IFRPRI Seminar Series (Washington DC, 2015)

As Invited Plenary or panel speaker:

- Making Systems Work: A Global Conference on Education Systems (World Bank and Australian Government, Sydney, March 2016)
- Invited panelist by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at The 17th GDN Annual Global Development Conference (Lima, Peru on 17-18 March, 2016)
- Education for Inclusive Growth in Africa, Oxford University (CSAE)'s Annual Conference (Oxford, UK, March 2013);