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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Dickinson College, Department of International Studies 2024-

Adjunct Professor, African Leadership University 2024

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Southern California 2018 - 2024

M.A. in Economics, University of Southern California 2018 - 2021

B.A. in Economics, University of Notre Dame 2014 - 2018
Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society member

RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics
Development Economics
International Economics

PUBLICATIONS

[Growth Decomposition and Analysis: A Comparative Study of Mauritius and Senegal](#), **Journal of Productivity Analysis** (2026), 65 (9).

[Misallocation and Financial Constraints Among Firms in Africa](#), **SN Business & Economics** (2026), 6 (6).

[COVID-19 and Gender Inequality: Impact in Southern Africa](#) (with Giorgia Albertin, Romina Kazandjian, and Tianyuan Wang). In Lisa Kolovich and Monique Newiak (Ed) [Gender Equality and Economic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) (pp. 81-96). **International Monetary Fund** (2024).

WORKING PAPERS

[Disparate Structural Change and Growth Among African Countries: A Comparative Analysis of Mauritius and Senegal](#) *Under Review*

COVID-19 and Gender Inequality: Impact in Southern Africa (with Giorgia Albertin, Romina Kazandjian, Tianyuan Wang) *Forthcoming IMF Working Paper*

WORK IN PROGRESS

Export Processing Zones and Firm Productivity in Mauritius.

Trade and Labor Market in Uganda.

The Malawi Input Subsidy Program and Agricultural Productivity.

OTHER WORKS

Can Financial Conditions Influence Economic Activity in the CFA Zone: A Case Study of Senegal

Colonial Rule and Education in Africa: Comparing French and English Legacies in Yorubaland

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

World Bank January-June 2024
WBG-Africa Fellow, Education Global Practice *Washington, DC*

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Summer 2023
AEA Research Analyst, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute *Minneapolis, MN*

- Conducted independent research on structural transformation and economic growth in Mauritius and Senegal under the supervision of Illenin Kondo
- Presented research design and findings to a panel of economists at the institute

International Monetary Fund June - December 2021
Research Intern, Fund Internship Program (FIP), African Department *Remote/ Washington, DC*

- Conducted econometric research on the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women in Southern Africa
- Managed collaboration among diverse country teams and external partners for successful project completion
- Collected and analyzed five different micro and macro datasets to produce stylized facts on the Southern African countries' gender disparities using Stata and Excel
- Co-authored forthcoming IMF Working Paper highlighting gender disparities, pandemic impacts, and policy solutions for Southern African economic recovery

Urban Institute Summer 2020
Research Intern, Center on International Development and Governance *Remote/ Washington, DC*

- Supported a Kenya case study on revenue distribution, identifying budget execution delays between national and local governments
- Assessed Kenya's fiscal policy and revenue data to create a revenue forecast model, enabling equitable revenue-sharing and timely fiscal planning
- Researched barriers to rural electrification policy implementation to inform Gates Foundation African Agriculture team's policy resources

Ministry of Economy and Finance Summer 2017
Research Intern *Dakar, Senegal*

- Researched factors influencing industrial productivity in Senegal and advised on strategies to boost productivity for the government's development plan
- Delivered results and recommendations to department leaders for use in further research on diverse economic aspects

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025: Glasgow, Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference

2025: virtual, CAREED Annual Conference

2024: NYU Abu Dhabi, STEG Annual Conference

2023: Los Angeles, Southern California Graduate Conference in Applied Economics

2023: Minneapolis, Federal Reserve Bank
2023: Mauritius/ virtual, Africa Training Institute Course
2022: University of San Francisco/ virtual, The Pacific Conference for Development Economics
2022: virtual, The STEG Annual Conference
2021: Washington DC/ virtual, The Sadie Collective Research Reception
2021: Washington DC/ virtual, Research Therapy Seminar at the IMF
2017: Dakar, Senegal, Annual Symposium of The Dakar Institute of African Studies

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESEARCH GRANTS

WBG-Africa Fellowship, 2024
AEA CSWEP Summer Fellowship, 2023
USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grants, 2023, \$2000
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Summer Research Funding, 2023, \$3500
STEG PhD Research Grant, 2022, £15,000
Kellogg/ Kroc Research Grant, 2017

SKILLS

Software	Stata, Matlab, R, Latex
Soft	Data analysis, quantitative reasoning, qualitative reasoning
Language	Wolof (native); French, English (fluent); Modern Standard Arabic (conversational); Sereer (beginner)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Dickinson College	August 2024-
Assistant Professor	<i>Carlisle, PA</i>

- Global Economy, Topics in macro development, Political economy of development, Poverty Reduction Policies

University of Southern California	August 2019-December 2023
Teaching Assistant	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>

- Intermediate microeconomics, Intermediate macroeconomics

REFERENCES

Caroline Betts University of Southern California Professor of Economics cbetts@usc.edu	Illenin Kondo Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Senior Research Economist kondo@illenin.com	Jeffrey Nugent University of Southern California Professor of Economics nugent@usc.edu
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