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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](#)

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

WORK IN PROGRESS

EPZ and Economic Growth in Mauritius.

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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