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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), 1998
M.S., Economics, UIUC, 1994
M.S., Mathematics, UIUC, 1992
B.S. (Hon), Mathematics & Computer Science, University of Ghana, 1988

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Professor, Department of Economics, University of Kansas (KU), May 2012-Present
- Research Scholar, Institute for Policy and Social Research, KU, June 2003-Present
- Core Faculty, Center for Global and International Studies, KU, August 2012-Present
- Visiting Scholar, Monash University, Australia, May 2013-June 2013
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, KU, August 2004-May 2012
- Associate Chair, Department of Economics, KU, June 2007-June 2009
- Director of Graduate Studies, KU, June 2007-June 2009
- Director of MA Program, Department of Economics, KU, August 2004-June 2005
- Oswald Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, KU, August 1998-July 2004
- Visiting Scholar, International Monetary Fund Institute, February 2003-March 2003
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UIUC, January 1993-May 1998
- Intern, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C., May 1995-August 1995
- Computer Programmer, Office of Minority Students Affairs, UIUC, January 1990-May 1993
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, UIUC, January 1990-May 1992
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, University of Ghana, August 1988-December 1989

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

- Development Economics
- International Economics
- Macroeconomics

AWARDS and HONORS

Teaching/Mentoring Awards

- Kemper Teaching Award, 2008, KU
- Byron Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2008, KU
- Woman of Distinction Award, 2008, KU
- Outstanding Woman Educator Award, 2003, KU
- University of Illinois PanHellenic Council Teaching Award, 1996
- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellowship, 1995-1996

Research/Academic Awards

- Statistics for Social Science Research Network (SSRN) as of June 2017 – Scholarly Papers – 17
Downloads – 7,405 (Ranked 4,481)
Citations – 140 (Ranked 3,875)
- Emerging Scholar Award, 2007, awarded by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. Nation-wide award, honors minority faculty in academia; 10 awards annually
- Fulbright Specialist Scholar List, November 2008-Present
- Big XII Fellowship, August 2008-June 2009

Editorial Experience

- Editor, [De Gruyter Open](#), 2016-Present
- Editor, [Journal of African Development](#), January 2014-Present
- Editorial Board, [Journal of African Trade](#), June 2013-Present
- Associate Editor, [Journal of African Economies](#), September 2009-May 2011

Other Honors (Selected)

- President and Founder, [Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists \(AAWE\)](#), March 2012-Present
- Member, Global Research Competition Steering Committee, [Global Development Network](#), India, October 2011-Present
- Member, Distinguished External Reference Group, [The African Capacity Building Foundation](#), Zimbabwe, April 2012-Present
- Board member, [National Economic Association](#), January 2016-2019.
- Board member, [African Finance Economic Association \(AFEA\)](#), January 2012-Present
- President, [AFEA](#), January 2011-January 2013
- Vice President, [AFEA](#), December 2007-December 2010
- Member of a four-scholar international panel committee to conduct a ten-year review of [The United Nations University/ World Institute of Development and Economic Research \(UNU/WIDER\)](#), Finland, May 2010-January 2011

RESEARCH

Publications

1. [The impact of HIV/AIDS on Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa](#), (with Isaac Kalonda-Kanyama and Yi Jin), *Journal of African Trade*, 2015, 2 (2), 1-17
2. “[Remittances and Investment in Education: Evidence from Ghana](#)” (with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong), *The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, 2015, 24 (2), 173-200
3. “Foreign Direct Investment, Natural Resources and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa” in [Africa at a Fork in the Road: Taking Off or Disappointment Once Again?](#) (with Komla Dzigbede and Akwasi Nti-Addae), 2015, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, ed. Ernesto Zedillo and Olivier Cattaneo
4. “[Does Foreign Aid In Education Promote Economic Growth? Evidence From Sub-Saharan Africa](#)” *Journal of African Development*, 2014, 16 (1), 37-59
5. “[Access to Credit by Firms in Sub-Saharan Africa: How Relevant is Gender?](#)” (with Isaac Kalonda-Kanyama, Leonce Ndikumana and Akwasi Nti-Addae), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2013, 103 (3), 293-297
6. “[The Paradox of Capital Flight from a Capital-Starved Continent](#)” (with John Nana Francois and Akwasi Nti-Addae), *Concerned Africa’s Scholars Bulletin*, 2012, 87, 22-28

7. [“Access to Credit by Small Businesses: How Relevant is Race, Ethnicity and Gender?”](#) (with James Freeman and Akwasi Nti-Addae), American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, 2012, 102 (3), 532-537
8. [“The HIV/AIDS Risk Profiles of Adults in Lesotho, Malawi, Swaziland and Zimbabwe”](#) (with Christobel Asiedu and Francis Owusu), Development Policy Review, 2012, 30 (3), 305-326
9. “Foreign Direct Investment, Growth and Poverty Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa” in Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa, 2012. Oxford University Press, ed. by Ernest Aryeetey, Shantayanan Devarajan, Ravi Kanbur and Louis Kasekende
10. [“Democracy, Foreign Direct Investment and Natural Resources,”](#) (with Donald Lien), Journal of International Economics, 2011, 84 (1), 99-111
11. [“Young Women’s Marital Status and HIV Risk in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe,”](#) (with Christobel Asiedu and Francis Owusu), Journal of African Development, 2010, 12 (2), 33-46
12. [“Does Foreign Aid Mitigate the Adverse Effect of Expropriation Risk on Foreign Direct Investment?”](#) (with Yi Jin and Boaz Nandwa), Journal of International Economics, 2009, 78 (2), 268-275
13. “The Effect of Corruption on Firm Level Investment: Evidence from Transition Countries, Latin America and the Caribbean and Sub-Saharan Africa” (with James Freeman), Review of Development Economics, 2009, 13 (2), 200-214
14. [“Is the World Flat? Differential Regulation of Domestic and Foreign Owned Firms”](#) (with H.S. Esfahani), Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, 2008, (48), 389-411
15. “The Impact of Trade and Investment Liberalization on Foreign Direct Investment, Wages and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong), African Development Review, 2008, 20 (1), 49-66
16. [“On the Impact of Foreign Aid in Education on Growth: How Relevant is the Heterogeneity of Aid Flows and the Heterogeneity of Aid Recipients?”](#) (with Boaz Nandwa), Review of World Economics, 2007, 143 (4), 631-649
17. [“The Effect of Globalization on Firm Profit: Do Owners’ Race/Ethnicity Matter?”](#) (with James Freeman), American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, 2007, 97 (2), 368-372
18. [“Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: The Role of Government Policy, Institutions and Political Instability”](#) World Economy, 2006, 29 (1), 63-77
19. [“Do Lack of Transparency and Enforcement Undermine International Risk-Sharing?”](#) (with Yi Jin and Anne Villamil), Annals of Finance, 2006, 2 (2), 123-140
20. [“The Determinants of Employment of Affiliates of U.S. Multinational Enterprises in Africa”](#) Development Policy Review, 2004, 22 (4), 371-379. Paper is also published in The Role of MNCs in Alleviating Global Poverty, Edward Edgar Publishing, ed. by Subhash C. Jain and Sushil Vachani
21. [“Policy Reform and Foreign Direct Investment to Africa: Absolute Progress but Relative Decline”](#) Development Policy Review, 2004, 22 (1), 41-48. Paper is also published in The New Economic Partnership for Africa’s Development: Macroeconomics, Institutions and Poverty, International Monetary Fund, ed. by Saleh Nsouli
22. [“Debt Relief and Institutional Reform: A Focus on Heavily Indebted Poor Countries”](#) Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, 2003, 43, 614-626

23. "[Capital Controls and Foreign Direct Investment](#)" (with Donald Lien), World Development, 2003, 32 (3) 479-490
24. "[Imperfect Enforcement, Foreign Investment and Foreign Aid](#)" (with A. P. Villamil), Macroeconomic Dynamics, 2002, 6 (4), 476-495
25. "[On the Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment to Developing Countries: Is Africa Different?](#)" World Development, 2002, 30 (1), 107-119
26. "[Ownership Structure in Foreign Direct Investment Projects](#)" (with H.S. Esfahani), Review of Economics and Statistics, 2001, 83 (4), 647-662
27. "[Discount Factors and Thresholds: Foreign Investment when Enforcement is Imperfect](#)" (with A. P. Villamil), Macroeconomic Dynamics, 2000, 4 (1), 1-21