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Information

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Employment

Dalhousie University

2018–Present Associate Professor of Economics and Graduate Coordinator

2013–2018 Assistant Professor of Economics

Center for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA)

2019-Present Non-Resident Fellow

Education

Ph.D.	Economics	University of Western Ontario	2013
B.A. Honors	Economics (With Distinction)	University of Western Ontario	2008

Research Interests

Economic Growth and Development, Human Capital, History and Economic Development, Education, Technology Adoption

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Appropriate Technology and Income Differences, *International Economic Review*, 2016, 57(3): 955-996
2. Can Brain Drain Be Good for Human Capital Growth? Evidence from Cross-Country Skill Premiums and Education Costs, *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 2016, 49(March): 74-99
3. Economic Growth, Health Care Reform, and Child Nutrition in Ghana (with Jemima Fimpong and Roland Pongou), *Journal of African Development*, 2016, 18(2): 41-60
4. Six Decades after Independence: The Enduring Influence of Missionary Activities on Regional Wealth Inequalities in Ghana, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 20.1 (2020): 93-122. (with Godfred Boateng, Jonathan Amoyaw, and Isaac Luginaah)
5. New technology, better economy? The Heterogeneous Impact of Colonial Railroads in Nigeria, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2019, 140: 320-354. (with Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa and Tite Yokossi, MIT and Analysis Group)
6. Social Changes In Impressionable Years And Adult Political Attitudes: Evidence From Jewish Expulsions In Nazi Germany, *Economic Inquiry*, 2020, 58.1: 184-208. (with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel and Mutlu Yuksel, Dalhousie University)
7. "Things fall apart? missions, institutions, and interpersonal trust." *Journal of Development Economics*, 148 (2021): 102568.
8. Education for Control and Liberation in Africa and Among the Black Diaspora, Forthcoming at *Comparative Education Review*. (with Guilherme Lambais, ICS–University of Lisbon, Shourya Sen and Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University)

9. Historical Christian Missions and African Societies Today: Perspectives from Economic History, Forthcoming at *Economic History of Developing Regions*

Working Papers

10. Expressway to Power: Infrastructure Projects and Political Support [Revised and Resubmitted to *The Economic Journal*] (with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel and Belgi Turan)
11. Missions, Fertility Transition, and the Reversal of Fortunes: Evidence from Border Discontinuities in the Emirates of Nigeria [Submitted] (with Roland Pongou)
12. Welfare Comparisons Within African Countries Beyond GDP: An Application to Nigeria [Submitted]
13. Parental Investments, COVID-19 Learning Losses, and Recovery: Evidence from Low-Cost Private Schools in Nigeria [Submitted]
14. Learning in Schools: Lessons from School-Aged Children in Nigeria using a Pedagogical Production Function [Submitted] (with Adedeji Adeniran and Sone Osakwe)
15. Political Disruptions and Learning in Schools (with Leonard Wantchekon)
16. Sea Change: The Competing Long-Run Impacts of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Missionary Activity in Africa (with Roland Pongou)
17. State Capacity and Extremism: Evidence from a Millennium of Islam in West Africa (with Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University)
18. Historical Missionary Activity, Schooling, and the Reversal of Fortunes: Evidence from Nigeria (with Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa)[Under Review]

Works in Progress

19. Political Economy of Education Demand and Education Systems Change (with Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton and ASE, Research Director; David Johnson, Oxford; Chukwuka Onyekwena, CSEA Nigeria; Belinda Archibong, Barnard College; HarounancKazianga, Oklahoma State)

**Invited and
Conference
Presentations**

- 2022 The Wheeler Institute at the London Business School; Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; University of Prince Edward Island; Blavatnik School at the University of Oxford
- 2021 PIPE Symposium, University of San Francisco; CIES 2021 Annual Conference; 2021 SASE Annual Conference; 2021 UNU-WIDER Development Conference; 2021 LEAP Annual Lecture (scheduled September)
- 2020 RISE Education Conference, Addis Ababa; LEAP Webinar, Stellenbosch, South Africa; NEUDC Annual Conference; RISE Country Research Team Meetings 2020
- 2019 RISE Annual Conference, London, UK; UNCTAD, Abuja, Nigeria
- 2018 AEA Session on African Leaders, Longevity, Policies, and Impacts, Philadelphia, PA; CEA Meetings, McGill University; Data Driven Development in Africa, Indiana; Canadian Health Economics Study Group, McGill University; ICRC, Abuja, Nigeria
- 2017 Panellist on World Development Reports Launch Event at Dalhousie; St. Mary's University Economics Seminar; Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference, Oxford; Canadian Health Economics Study Group Meetings; 2nd Annual Conference on Data-Driven Development in Africa
- 2016 St. Francis Xavier University Economics Seminar; Western Economics 50th Anniversary Conference; Atlantic Canada Economics Association; Summer Institute for Economic Research, Cotonou, Benin; Special Canadian Development Economics Study Group Day, Ottawa
- 2015 The 2nd Annual World Bank Conference on Africa; Canadian Network for Economic History at the CEA; American Sociological Association Annual Meetings; Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario
- 2014 Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario; Dalhousie University; Canadian Sociological Association Meetings; Canadian Development Economics Study Group at the CEA

**Academic
Honours,
Grants, and
Contracts**

Dalhousie University

- 2020 Political Disruptions and Learning £30000.
co-P.I.'s: Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University and ASE)
- 2020 RISE Grant for COVID-19, Parental Investments, and Learning £52000.
co-P.I.'s: Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University and ASE); Chukwuka Onyekwena (CSEA Nigeria)
- 2019-2022 Research on Improving Systems of Education Nigeria Country Research Team, £3 million.
P.I.: Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University and ASE); Co-P.I.'s: David Johnson (Oxford), Harounan Kazianga (Oklahoma State), Belinda Archibong (Barnard); Chukwuka Onyekwena (CSEA Nigeria)
- 2019-2020 SSHRC Connection Grant for 4th Annual Data Driven Development in Africa Workshop at Dalhousie University, \$18500
- 2018-2020 SSHRC Insight Development Grant for Climate Change, Weather Variability, and Farmer-Herder Conflicts, \$30868
- 2016-2018 Research Development Fund Grant for Climate Change and Farmer-Herder Conflicts, \$3500
- 2014 Albert Berry Prize for Best CEA Conference Paper in Development Economics by a Junior Scholar for *Things Fall Apart: Missions, Institutions, and Trust*
- 2013–2015 Dalhousie Faculty of Science Start-up Grant

The University of Western Ontario

- 2013 Harold Crabtree Foundation Graduate Scholarships
- 2012 Grant Reuber Graduate Scholarships in Economics
- 2011/2012 Ontario Graduate Scholarships
- 2010 The Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Scholarship
- 2008 S.F. Glass Gold Medals Award
- 2007 The Godsoe Family Scholarships
- 2006/2007 The Dr. W. Glenn Campbell and Dr. Mark K. Inman Scholarships
- 2006 The Benjamin Higgins Prize in Development Economics
- 2004–2008 Faculty Dean's Honor List

PhD Students: Committee Member

- 2020 Sarah Zhang (Expected 2021)
- 2018-2019 Ayodeji Ogunlesi (Visiting Student)
- 2013-2017 Md. Arefin (Completed 2017)
- 2013-2018 Obed Owusu (Completed 2018)

Masters Students: Thesis Supervision and Essay Reader

- 2013–Present Rui Wang (2013); Yang Yang, Yanmin Yu, Xiang Gao (2014); Martin Umeh, Suwei Sun, Jiyu Jang, Modupe Adeboye (2015), Xu Wang (2017), Mallory Ross (2019)
- ASE Immaculee Affognon, Chinasa Ikelu, Moussa Swadogo, Gaetan Nandong (2016), Fataneh Etseki (2022)

**Service and
Professional
Activities**

Dalhousie University

2019-2022	Member, SSHRC Insight Development Grants Selection Committee
2022	Panelist, SSHRC Panel Discussions, Faculty of Management
2019	Member, Unit Review Committee for Department of International Development Studies
2019	Chair, PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee (Macro Theory)
2017-Present	Economics Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee
2016-Present	Executive, Canadian Development Economics Study Group
2016-Present	Member of the Faculty of Science Equity Committee
2016-Present	Faculty Mentor for Dalhousie's Black Student Advising Centre
2017	Member, PhD Field Exam Committee (Labour Economics)
2016-2017	Coordinator for the Department of Economics Diversity Fund
2015-Present	Research Training, African School of Economics
2014-Present	Member, PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee (Macro Theory)
2014-Present	Member, PhD Field Exam Committee (Macroeconomics and Development)
2013-Present	Faculty Member and Presenter, Macroeconomics and Development Study Group (MED)
2013-2017	Departmental Physical Resources Committee
2013-2017	Department of Economics United Way Convenor

Refereeing

Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Economic Journal, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Economic Journals: Economic Policy, Journal of Economic Geography, Review of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, International Journal of Educational Development, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada (SSHRC), Economic Development and Cultural Change, Explorations in Economic History, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Social Indicators Research, Canadian Foreign Policy Journal, Journal of African Development, Economic Letters, Economic Analysis and Policy, Applied Economic Letters, Empirical Economics, Review of Black Political Economy, Oxford University Press

Event Organization

2018	4th Annual Conference on Data Driven Development in Africa (2019), Dalhousie University
2018-2021	Econometric Society Meetings (Africa Region), Cotonou, Benin and Abidjan, CIV
2017-Present	Organizing Committee, Canadian Development Economics Study Group Meetings at the CEA, Antigonish, NS
2017	3rd Annual Conference on Data Driven Development in Africa (2018), Department of International Studies, Indiana University

Personal

Citizenship: Canadian, Nigerian
Languages: English, Nigerian Pidgin English, Igbo, French (Intermediate)