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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics. Yale University, May 2003
M.A., University of Toronto, June 1994
B.Ed., University of Western Ontario, June 1992
B.Math (Honours, Co-op) University of Waterloo, May 1992, Dean's Honour List

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Economics, 2009 – present
Department of Management, University of Toronto at Scarborough
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto
School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2002-2009
Department of Management, University of Toronto at Scarborough
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Associate Editor, Journal of African Economies (July 2011 - present)

INVITED MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Trade Research Group, International Growth Centre, 2011-present

AREAS OF INTEREST

International Trade; Economic Development; Africa; Firm-employee relations; Productivity

TEACHING

International Trade, Undergraduate, University of Toronto
Economic development, Undergraduate, University of Toronto
Introductory Graduate Statistics, University of Toronto

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Wynne and Beryl Plumptre Research Award, 2015-16
International Growth Centre Research Grant, 2014-2016
SSHRC SIG Grant, University of Toronto, 2013, 2009, 2005, 2003
SSHRC Standard Research Grant, University of Toronto, 2008-2011
Connaught Startup Grant, University of Toronto, 2002
Department Research Award, University of Toronto, 2002
MacArthur Network on Inequality and Economic Performance Fellowship, Yale University, 2001-02
John F. Enders Fellowship, Yale University, 2001
Sasakawa Fellowship, 1999-2000
Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 1997-2001
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship 1997-2001

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

“Identification Properties of Recent Production Function Estimators,” (joint with Dan Akerberg and Kevin Caves), *Econometrica*, 83(6), November 2015, p. 2411-2452.

“Trade Growth under the African Growth and Opportunity Act,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 92(1), February 2010, p. 128-144. (joint with Johannes Van Biesbroeck)

“Used Clothing Donations and Apparel Production in Africa,” *Economic Journal*, 118(532), October 2008, pp. 1764-1784.

“Learning the Master’s Trade: Apprenticeship and Human Capital in Ghana,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 81(2), December 2006, pp. 259-298. (lead article)

“Inequality and Development Across and Within Countries,” *World Development*, 34(9), September 2006, pp. 1459-1481. (lead article)

“Which Firms Die?: A Look at Exit from Manufacturing in Ghana?” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 53(3), April 2005, pp.585-617.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS and BOOK REVIEWS

“Industrial Relations in Ghana,” in Geoffrey Wood and Chris Brewster, eds., *Industrial Relations in Africa*. New York: Palgrave, 2007.

Book Review of: Marcel Fafchamps, *Market Institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa—Theory and Evidence* (MIT Press, 2004). In *Journal of African Economies* 14(2), 2005, pp. 321-325.

WORKING PAPERS

“Imports, Import Sources, and Skill Utilization”

“Four Parties and Preferences over Government Outcomes: Duverger and the Canadian Case”

"Mobile Phones and Economic Growth in Africa"

PRESENTATIONS

Seminar/Conference and Invited Presentations:

- “Reducing Trade Costs to Increase Exports and Raise Productivity: The Case of Rwanda”
Trade and Development Symposium at the World Trade Organization Ministerial Meeting,
December, 2015, Nairobi, Kenya
- “Imports, Import Sources and Skill Utilization”
NBER Summer Institute in Development Economics, July, 2014
London School of Economics and Political Science, March 19, 2014
Yale University, April 8, 2013
IGC Trade Group Meetings, University of California-Berkeley, November, 2013
Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade (RMET) Conference, Banff (FREIT and University of
Calgary) – May, 2014
NEUDC Conference, November, 2013
RECODE Conference, University of Ottawa, October, 2013
- “Evaluating the Common External Tariff (CET) of the East African Community from the
Perspective of Rwanda”
International Growth Centre (IGC) Growth Week, Rwanda, February, 2012
International Growth Centre (IGC) Trade and Development Research Network Meeting,
New York City, March, 2012
IGC Growth Week, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, Sept., 2012
- "Mobile Phones and Economic Growth in Africa"
K.U. Leuven, Belgium, March, 2010
Goethe University Frankfurt, January, 2010
Canadian Economics Association Meetings – Quebec, May, 2010
CIRPEE/PEP/Laval University Mini-Conference on Development – Quebec, April 2011
- “Trade Growth Under the African Growth and Opportunity Act”
Small Open Economies in a Globalized World, Wilfrid Laurier University, June 2008
Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference, Berlin 2007
BREAD Meetings – October, 2006
Canadian Economics Association Meetings – Hamilton, May, 2005
Econometric Society World Congress – London, August 2005
Columbia University, September, 2005
Yale University, November, 2005
- “Used Clothing Donations and Apparel Production in Africa”
NBER Summer Institute in International Trade and Investment 2004
American Economics Association Annual Meeting 2005
Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, September 2004
- “Unions, Productivity, and Profitability in Ghanaian Manufacturing”
World Bank, Washington, DC, April 21, 2009
Wilfrid Laurier University, April 3, 2009
Canadian Economics Association and Canadian Development Economics Study Group
Meetings, University of British Columbia, June, 2008
International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA) 5th African Regional Congress, Cape
Town, South Africa, March, 2008
Canadian Industrial Relations Association (CIRA) Annual Meeting, University of British
Columbia, June 2008

“Learning the Master’s Trade: Apprenticeship and Human Capital in Ghana”

Canadian Economic Association (CEA) Meetings, May 2003;

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Summer Workshop (June 2003);

Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings (May 2003);

NEUDC Conference (October 2003)

Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, November, 2003

“Structural Identification of Production Functions”

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference (July 2004)

GREDEG, University of Nice at Sophia Antipolis (UNSA), Nice, France (March 2010)

“Which Firms Die?: A Look at Exit from Manufacturing in Ghana”

75 Years of Development Research--International Colloquium-Cornell University, May 2004

Canadian Economics Association Meetings – Toronto, May, 2004

Other Seminar Presentations:

University of California at San Diego, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Texas-Austin, Boston University, University of Toronto, University of Colorado at Boulder, McGill University, University of Alberta, Carleton University, University of Guelph, Wilfrid Laurier University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee:

Econometrica

American Economic Review

Quarterly Journal of Economics

Journal of Political Economy

Review of Economic Studies

Review of Economics and Statistics

Economic Journal

RAND Journal of Economics

International Economic Review

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

Journal of International Economics

Journal of Development Economics

Journal of Labor Economics

Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

Economic Development and Cultural Change

Journal of Applied Econometrics

World Bank Economic Review

American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Canadian Journal of Economics

World Development

The World Economy

Journal of Development Studies

Journal of African Economies

Journal of Productivity Analysis

National Science Foundation

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) Program of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)

University Service:

Dean's Rep, Faculty Search Committee in Computer Science, 2014-15
Member, Search Committee for Graduate Chair in Economics, 2014-15
Lead Faculty for Designing a New Undergraduate Program in Economics, 2014-15
Interview Committee Member, Management-International Business (MIB) Co-op Program, 2015
Chair, Admissions Committee, School of Public Policy and Governance, 2014-15
Interview Committee Member, Management-International Business (MIB) Co-op Program, 2014
Member, Teaching Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2013
Member, Teaching Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2013
Member, Promotion Committee for promotion to Senior Lecturer, 2013
Chair, 3-year review committee, 2013
Member, Bladen Award Selection Committee, 2013
Chair, Admissions Committee, School of Public Policy and Governance, 2013-14
Facilitator, Practice Group A, School of Public Policy and Governance, 2012-present
Interview Committee Member, Management-International Business (MIB) Co-op Program, 2013
Member, Teaching Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2013
Member, Teaching Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2012
Member, Research Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2012
Member, Hiring Committee, Department Chair, September, 2011 – 2013
Chair, Hiring Committee, I/O-Strategy Faculty Position, 2010-2011
Member, Academic Standing Committee, School of Public Policy and Governance, 2010
Reader, Admissions Committee, School of Public Policy and Governance, 2011
Member, Research Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2010
Member, Teaching Review Committee for Tenure/Promotion case, 2010
Member, 3-year review committee, 2009
Member, 3-year review committee, 2009
Member, PhD Admissions Committee, Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, 2009
Member, MIRHR Admissions Committee, Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, 2009
Member, Hiring Committee, I/O-Strategy Faculty Position, 2008-09
Member, Hiring Committee, Applied Micro Faculty Position, 2008-09
Member, Hiring Committee, Economics Lecturer (3 positions), 2002-03
Member, Hiring Committee, Economics Assistant Professor (1 position), 2007-08
Organizer, Brown Bag Lunch Seminar Series, Department of Management, University of Toronto at Scarborough, Management 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06
Member, International Development Studies (IDS) Faculty Group (2004-present)
Member, International Development Studies (IDS) Admissions Committee (2004-present)

Other Service:

Member, Executive Board, Canadian Industrial Relations Association (CIRA) (2008 – 2010)

POLICY AND FIELD WORK

Policy Papers on International Trade and Development:

["Trade Policy as Development Policy."](#) VOX-EU, August 7, 2007 (joint with Johannes Van Biesebroeck)

Op-Eds:

[“Punishing Bangladesh Over Factory Disaster Will Only Add to Workers’ Woes”](#), *Toronto Star*, May 8, 2013

Field Research/International Experience:

Field Research on Import Utilizations in Firms in Rwanda, Rwanda, 2014

- interviewed dozens of firms regarding their utilization of imports in Rwanda

Ghanaian Manufacturing Enterprise Survey (GMES), Ghana, 2000

- co-managed a survey of manufacturing firms in Ghana

- interviewed one-quarter of the firm owners personally, and managed my team of interviewers

Field Research on Unionization and Firm Performance in Ghana, Ghana, 2006

- organized and executed personal field research interviewing firm owners, union leaders, government officials, and industry representatives in Ghana, April, 2006

Canada World Youth (CWY) Exchange Program, Kenya, September 1985 - April 1986

- participated in a youth exchange program where I lived and worked with a family in rural Kenya for 3 months

- program included intensive cross-cultural sensitivity training

Languages:

I have a working knowledge of French from school study and having lived in Rivière-du-Loup, Québec, Canada (May-June, 1992) and Nice, France (September, 2009 to June, 2010).

At the end of the program in Kenya, I had a working ability in KiSwahili, but I have lost that.