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EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS (Selected)

- Associate Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, University of Kansas (KU), June 2007-June 2009.
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, KU, Aug 2004-Present.
- Research Scholar, Institute for Policy and Social Research, KU, June 2003-Present.
- Director of MA Program, Department of Economics, KU, Aug 2004-June 2005.
- Oswald Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, KU, Aug 1998- July 2004.
- Visiting Scholar, International Monetary Fund Institute, February 2003-March 2003.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

- Development Economics
- International Economics
- Macroeconomics

AWARDS and HONORS

Teaching/Research/Mentoring Awards

- Kemper Teaching Award, 2008, University of Kansas.
- Byron Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2008, University of Kansas.
- Woman of Distinction Award, 2008, University of Kansas.
- Emerging Scholar Award, 2007, awarded by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. Nation-wide award, honors minority faculty in academia; 10 awards annually.
- Outstanding Woman Educator Award, 2003, awarded by the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center, University of Kansas.
- University of Illinois Panhellenic Council Teaching Award, 1996.
- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellowship, 1995-1996

Other Honors

- Fulbright Specialist Scholar List, November 2008-Present.
- Big XII Fellowship, Aug 2008-June 2009.
- President Elect, African Finance Economic Association (AFEA), Dec 2010-Present
- Vice President, AFEA, December 2007-December 2010; June 2002-2004.
- Board of Directors, AFEA, March 2001- May 2002.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (Keynote/Plenary Speaker)

- Keynote Speaker, Franklin College Symposium, Franklin, Indiana, April 2011.
- Keynote Speaker, International Policy Conference Organized by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ghana, March 2011.
- Plenary Speaker, Global Development Network 12th Annual Development Conference, Bogotá, Colombia, January 2011.
- Keynote Speaker, Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting, Kansas City, October 2009.
- Keynote Speaker, KU Model United Nations Conference on UN World Health Day, Lawrence, KS, April 2009.
- Keynote Speaker, Conference on African Issues: Food Security, Environmental Sustainability, and Human Health, Kansas State University, March 2009.
- Plenary Speaker, Young Economists Outreach Conference, Accra, Ghana, January 2008.
- Keynote Speaker, Conference by the European-Latin American Network for Research and Learning on Industrial Development Policy, Costa Rica, August 2007.
- Keynote Speaker, Conference on Engaging Africa in the 21st Century, University of Memphis, May 2006.
- Keynote Speaker, International Monetary Fund's High-Level Seminar on the New Partnership for Africa's Development, Senegal, West Africa, December 2002.
- Keynote Speaker, Conference on Globalization, Liberalization, and the Role of Women in Development in Africa in the 21st Century, Wake Forest University, North Carolina, September 2002.

CONSULTING (Selected)

- African Development Bank, Tunisia.
- Global Development Network, India.
- International Labor Organization (ILO), Switzerland.
- Joint IMF/World Bank Africa Institute, Tunisia.
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia.
- United Nations University/World Institute of Development Economics Research, Finland.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

International Engagement (Selected)

- Member of a four international panel committee to review and evaluate the work of The United Nations University/ World Institute of Development and Economic Research (UNU/WIDER), August 2010-April 2011.
- Reviewed proposals for The Global Development Awards and Medals Competition, organized by the Global Development Network, India, November 2010.
- Reviewed *The African Economic Outlook*, an annual publication produced by the African Development Bank and the OECD, January 2009, January 2010, January 2011.
- Evaluated dissertations for the African Economic and Research Consortium Collaborative Masters Program Thesis Competition, November 2009, November 2010.
- Reviewed *The Economic Report on Africa*, an annual publication produced by The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, April 2005.

National Engagement (Selected)

- Associate Editor, *Journal of African Economies*, September 2009-Present.
- Guest Editor, Special Issue of the *Journal of African Development*, based on the conference on Africa Trade and Development organized by The University of Kansas African Studies Center (KASC), October 2009.
- Member of the selection committee for the papers to be included in the 2011 *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* publication, 2010.
- Mentor, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, 2010.
- Reviewer, U.S. Student Fulbright Scholarship Competition, 2005

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS (Selected)

- Executive Committee, Kansas African Studies Center, August 2007-August 2010.
- Curriculum & Advising Committee, Center for Global & International Studies, 2009-2010.
- Distinguished Teaching Award Committee, Spring 2009.
- Committee to Develop the University of Kansas Strategic Planning Document for 2008-2015, Fall 2008.
- Search Committee for Associate Vice Provost for International Programs, Fall 2008.
- Search Committee for the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Fall 2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Published Papers

- “Democracy, Foreign Direct Investment and Natural Resources,” (with Donald Lien), forthcoming, *Journal of International Economics*. [PDF](#)
- “Young Women’s Marital Status and HIV Risk in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe,” forthcoming, *Journal of African Development*.
- “Foreign Direct Investment, Growth and Poverty Reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa,” forthcoming in *Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa*, Includes papers by four Nobel Laureates in Economics, Oxford University Press, ed. by Ernest Aryeetey, Shantayanan Devarajan, Ravi Kanbur and Louis Kasekende.
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “Is the World Flat? Differential Regulation of Domestic and Foreign Owned Firms,” (with H.S. Esfahani), *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 2008, 48, 389-4111. [PDF](#)
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “Foreign Direct Investment in Africa: The Role of Government Policy, Institutions and Political Instability,” *World Economy*, 2006, 29 (1), 63-77. [PDF](#)

- “Do Lack of Transparency and Enforcement Undermine International Risk-Sharing?” (with Yi Jin and Anne Villamil), *Annals of Finance*, 2006, 2 (2), 123-140. [PDF](#)
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “Women’s Education, Labor Force Participation and Development in Africa,” 2005, (with Donald Lien) in *Globalization, Liberalization and the Role of Women in African Development*, African World Press/The Red Sea Press, Trenton, New Jersey, ed. by Sylvain Boko, Mina Balamoune and Sitawa Kimuna.
- “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. [PDF](#)
- “Debt Relief and Institutional Reform: A Focus on Heavily Indebted Poor Countries,” *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 2003, 43, 614-626.
- “Capital Controls and Foreign Direct Investment,” (with Donald Lien), *World Development*, 2003, 32 (3) 479-490. [PDF](#)
- “Imperfect Enforcement, Foreign Investment and Foreign Aid,” (with A. P. Villamil), *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, 2002, 6 (4), 476-495. [PDF](#)
- “On the Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment to Developing Countries: Is Africa Different?” *World Development*, 2002, 30 (1), 107-119. Paper ranked ninth among the most requested papers in 2002. As at December 2010, the paper is the 8th most downloaded paper since the inception of the Journal in 1973. [PDF](#)
- “Ownership Structure in Foreign Direct Investment Projects,” (with H.S. Esfahani), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, November 2001, 83 (4), 647-662. [PDF](#)
- “Discount Factors and Thresholds: Foreign Investment when Enforcement is Imperfect,” (with A. P. Villamil), *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, January 2000, 4 (1), 1-21. [PDF](#)