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Research interests	Applied Microeconomics (Development, Labor, and Education Economics)	
Education	University of Houston (UH)	Houston, Texas
	PhD in Economics	2021 – 2026
	University of Houston (UH)	Houston, Texas
	MA in Economics	2021 – 2023
	African School of Economics (ASE)	Abomey-Calavi, Benin
	MS in Mathematics, Economics, and Statistics	2016 – 2018
	Universite d’Abomey-Calavi (UAC)	Abomey-Calavi, Benin
	BS in Statistics and Econometrics	2011 – 2014

Job Market Paper "Rethinking Intergenerational Mobility: Evidence from West Africa Beyond the Co-Residence Sample Bias"

Abstract: This paper revisits the measurement and drivers of intergenerational mobility in education and occupation across eight West African countries, using nationally representative and harmonized microdata from the Enquête Harmonisée sur les Conditions de Vie des Ménages (EHCVM). A key innovation is the inclusion of both co-resident and non-co-resident adult children, addressing a pervasive source of sample selection bias in prior mobility estimates in West Africa. I document substantial upward educational mobility, largely reflecting low parental attainment and rapid educational expansion, but also show that mobility levels in years of schooling are systematically understated in co-resident samples. Occupational mobility displays higher upward trends in capital cities for son, and in rural for daughter showing marked gender and spatial heterogeneity. Leveraging variation in regional exposure among movers, I find that early-life exposure to high-mobility regions causally increases educational and occupational mobility. Effects are concentrated during primary school years ages (6–11) for boys, and during early childhood (0-5) for girls, with stronger consistent impacts in informal labor markets. Finally, exploiting the abolition of primary school fees in Niger and Mali, I show that reforms led to a decline in years of schooling and upward occupational mobility, particularly in rural areas, consistent with a quality–quantity trade-off. These findings underscore the importance of household structure, migration, and place-based opportunities in shaping intergenerational mobility and provide new evidence on the unintended distributional consequences of mass education policies in low-income settings.

Working Papers	"Gender Differences in Business Performance: Evidence from a Business Plan Competition in Nigeria" (<i>with Karim Nchare</i>) "A Comment on "Network Formation and Efficiency in Linear-Quadratic Games: An Experimental Study"" (<i>with Gefry Alapini and Kirill Zhazhin</i>)
Policy Papers	"Ongoing Evaluation of Harris County's Early REACH Contracted Slots Child Care Program" (<i>With Coleen Carlson, David J. Francis, Willa Friedman, Elizabeth Gregory, Zachary Hough, Elaine Liu, Fan Wang, Yuwei Zhang</i>), <i>First Annual Report, September 2025, Institute for Research on Women Gender & Sexuality.</i> "Economic Opportunities and Reducing Youth Violence in Benin" (<i>With Emilien Akotenou, Ian Heffernan, Yannick Ngongang, Yabo Gwladys Vidogbena, Leonard Wantchekon, and Songbian Zimé</i>), <i>Third Semester Report, Projet N° 109006, IREEP, July 2020.</i>
Work in Progress	"Disrupting Education: Teacher Strikes, Degree Completion, and Labor Market Outcomes in Benin" "Impact of students mobility on the academic performance in high school: Evidence from Benin" "An Equilibrium Model of the Impact of the EARLY REACH Program in Harris County" (<i>with Fan Wang and Yuwei Zhang</i>) "Digital Literacy and Opportunity: How Early ICT Training Program Influences Gender Equity in STEM and Employment" (<i>with Tanguy Agbokpanzo, Emilien Akotenou, and Hugues Djima</i>)
Research Experience	Research Assistant to Willa Friedman, Elain M. Liu, and Fan Wang. 2024 Project: Early REACH Contracted Slots Child Care Program Summer & Fall Research Assistant / Field Coordinator at Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy 2018-2021
Teaching Experience Instructor	Microeconomic Theory I (MA) African School of Economics (Summer 2025) Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergrad) University of Houston (Spring 2025)
Teaching Assistant	Intermediate Microeconomics & Data Analysis University of Houston (Fall 2025) Introduction to Game Theory University of Houston (Fall 2023) Asynchronous Principle of Macroeconomics University of Houston (Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2023) Principle of Microeconomics University of Houston (Spring 2022) Principle of Macroeconomics and History of Economic Doctrine University of Houston (Fall 2021)

Mathematics for Economists, Microeconomics I, and Econometrics
African School of Economics (Sep. 2018 - Dec. 2020)
Statistics and Introductory Econometrics (Math Camp)
African School of Economics (Summer 2018)

Awards & Fellowship

Presidential Graduate Fellowship (UH)	2021 – 2022
Graduate Fellowship (UH)	2021 – Present
Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (ASE)	2018 – 2019
Centre d’Excellence Africain Scholarship (ASE)	2016 – 2017
Benin’s Government Scholarship (UAC)	2010 – 2013

Conferences

Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Baylor, TX	Oct 2025
Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), Cotonou, Benin	Jun 2019

Certificates

Transforming your Research into Teaching (TYRIT)	
Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning	Summer 2025
Integrating Gender Equality and Inclusion for High Quality Research	
Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP)	Apr 2025
Manage Successful Field Research	
World Bank Group, DIME	Nov 2024
Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers (Human Research)	
CITI Program	Jul 2024

Service

Journal Referee: Economics of Education Review

Discussant at [Citizen-State Interactions in Comparative Perspective](#), Nov 2023

“The impact of Biometric Voter Registration on African Elections” by Paul Friesen & Nicolas van de Walle

Other Skills

Programming Languages: Stata, R, Python, Matlab, SPSS, EvIEWS, QGIS, $\LaTeX$ and Survey Solution

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