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EDUCATION

Certificate in International Studies (*underway*), Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), John Hopkins University, Washington DC.

Ph. D. in Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa, June 2010, Dissertation Title: “Essays on the Political Economy of 20th Century Colonization & Decolonization in Africa”. Advisors: Professors Johannes Fedderke & Nicola Viegi

M. Com in Economics (*Cum Laude*), University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, 2004. Thesis: “The Fundamental Determinants of Long-run Growth in the Cameroonian Economy”

Postgraduate Diploma (Post & Telecoms Mgt), Advanced Sch. of Post & Telecoms of Cameroon, 1999

Licence ès Sciences Economiques, Université de Yaoundé II (Cameroon), 1993

RESEARCH INTEREST

Fields: International Political Economy, Development Macroeconomics, and Game Theory

Thematic Interest: Institutions, Human Capital, Monetary Policy Strategy in a Globalizing World Economy

PRESENT POSITION

Africa Research Fellow at the Africa Growth Initiative, Global Economy & Development, Brookings, July 2011– present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, July 2010 – June 2011.

Part-time Lectureship Positions, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, 2007 – 2010.

Human Resources and Administration Manager, Creolink Cameroon, Yaoundé, March – Sept. 2006.

Economist, Ministry of Post & Telecommunications of Cameroon, Yaoundé, Oct 1999 – Feb. 2006

SPECIAL INVITATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Invited speaker at the US State Department’s Foreign Service Institute (FSI), Africa Area Studies Program Washington DC

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the following societies: American Economic Association (AEA), The International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE), Cambridge Advanced Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (CAPORDE) Network, Center for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN) Network, African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE) Network.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Ph.D. dissertation prize nominee by the 2012 World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch (South Africa); 2010 Top Graduating Ph.D. Student Award School of Economics, University of Cape Town (UCT); AERC Ph.D. Dissertation Grant (UCT) 2009–2010; A. W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship (UCT) 2008-2010; International Students’ Scholarship (UCT) 2008-2010; Carnegie Foundation Scholarship (Univ. Western Cape) 2003-2004.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & WORKING PAPERS

- 1) AGBOR, J.A., 2011. “How Does Colonial Origin Matter for Economic Performance in sub-Saharan Africa?” United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) Working Paper No. 2011/27
- 2) AGBOR, J.A., FEDDERKE, J.W., & VIEGI, N., 2010. “A Theory of Colonial Governance”. Economic Research Southern Africa Working Paper No. 172
- 3) AGBOR, J.A. 2010. “The Economic Origins of 20th Century Decolonization in West Africa”. Economic Research Southern Africa Working Paper No. 177
- 4) AGBOR, J.A. 2011. “Does School Education Reduce the Likelihood of Societal Conflict in Africa?” Economic Research Southern Africa Working Paper No. 218
- 5) AGBOR, J.A. 2011. “Effects of Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Education on Conflict Intensity in Africa” Brookings Africa Growth Initiative Working Paper (forthcoming)
- 6) AGBOR, J.A. & PRICE, G., 2012. “Famine and Adolescent Human Capital Acquisition in sub-Saharan Africa” (in progress)

OP-EDS AND POLICY DOCUMENTS

- 1) Senegal's 2012 Election: Towards a Replay of Ivory Coast?, 2012 Brookings Publication
- 2) Minimizing the Impact of Global Economic Slowdown on Africa, Foresight Africa 2012 Policy Document produced by the Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings.
- 3) Sub-Saharan Africa's Youth Bulge: A Demographic Dividend or Disaster? Foresight Africa 2012 Policy Document produced by the Africa Growth Initiative at Brookings
- 4) Local Governance Reforms Are Critical to Improving the Effectiveness of IMF/World Bank Lending to Africa, 2011 Brookings Publication
- 5) Education Is Critical to Tackling the Long-Term Consequences of the Famine in Somalia, 2011 Brookings Publication
- 6) Democratic Governance Is Critical to Averting Famines in Africa, 2011 Brookings Publication
- 7) Averting Further Crisis in Malawi, 2011 Brookings Publication
- 8) Sustaining a Stable Post-Elections Democracy is the Crucial Challenge Facing Madagascar, 2011 Brookings Publication

TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa: Assistant Professor of Economics.

Courses offered: Macroeconomics, Public Economics & Principles of Economics.

Supervision offered: one completed Masters Degree minor dissertation on "The Impact of Trade Openness on Foreign Direct Investment in Emerging Market Economies"; in addition to several Honours degree projects.

Examiner Role: Examined a couple of Masters Degree minor dissertations.

SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENTS

Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University (South Africa)

Referee, Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA) Working Paper Series.

Council Member of the Economic History Society of Southern Africa (EHSSA) – which publishes the Journal "Economic History of Developing Regions"

CONSULTANCIES

Africa Institute for Policy Analysis & Economic Integration (AIPA) Cape Town – South Africa:

Senior Researcher; Light Africa Trade & Investment Consulting, South Africa: Projects Consultant;

Euromonitor International Plc – United Kingdom: Research Analyst for Cameroon (previously). The

Herald Newspaper, Cameroon: Economic Desk Editor (previously)

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED

1) 8th Summer School of the "Cambridge Advanced Programme on Rethinking Development Economics" (CAPORDE), Department of Economics, University of Cambridge: June - July 2008.

2) 2009 Summer School of the European School on New Institutional Economics (ESNIE), Université de Paris Ouest (France). May 2009.

3) 1st Residential School of the MO Ibrahim Foundation Governance for Development in Africa Initiative (GDAI), School of Oriental and African Studies (UL) held in Dakar, Senegal. March-April 2009.

4) 8th Summer School on International and Development Economics organized by Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano, Universities of Milan & Turin (Italy): Gargnano, 2009.

5) 26th Management of Interdependence Seminar Series of the Center for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN), Geneva, Switzerland: June 2004. Theme "Local Business, Global Policies: Creating an enabling Environment for Trade & Development".

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1) 2012 Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford (UK). Paper to be presented: "Famine and Adolescent Human Capital Acquisition in sub-Saharan Africa"

2) 2011 Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford (UK). Paper presented: "How Does School Education Matter for Conflict Mitigation in Africa?"

3) 2011 Annual Conference of the American Economic Association, Denver, CO. Jan 7-9. Paper presented: "How Does Colonial Origin Matter for Economic Performance in sub-Saharan Africa?"

4) 2010 Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford (UK), March 20-23. Paper presented: "How Does Colonial Origin Matter for Economic Performance in sub-Saharan Africa?"

5) 13th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE) held at the University of California – Berkeley (US). Haas School of Business, June 18 – 20. Paper presented: "A Theory of Colonial Governance".

- 6) United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) Conference on “The Role of Elites in Economic Development”. Helsinki, Finland. June 12-13. Paper presented: “A Theory of Colonial Governance”.
- 7) United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) Project Conference on “African Economic Development: Myths & Realities”. Accra, Ghana. Dec 11-12. Paper presented: “Does Colonial Origin Really Matter for Economic Growth in sub-Saharan Africa?”
- 8) 2009 Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford (UK), March 22-24. Paper presented: “A Model of Human Capital, Conflict & Growth using the experience of Ghana in the 20th Century”.
- 9) 2009 Annual Conference of the Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA). Port Elisabeth, South Africa, September 7–9. Paper presented: “Does Colonial Origin Really Matter for Economic Growth in sub-Saharan Africa?”

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and French: oral and written

VOLUNTARY WORK

Guest lecturer, American School of Yaoundé, Cameroon, 2001; Volunteer Trainer, US Peace Corps Yaoundé, 1993-95; Managing Editor, “Le Pigeon” a magazine of the Advanced School of P & T, Cameroon, 1997-99; Contributing Editor, “L’Action” - a magazine of the Cameroon Peoples’ Democratic Movement Party, 2001-02.