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PROFESSION

Economist/PhD Candidate

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PERSONAL

Date of birth: 12th April, 1985.

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Nationality: Ghanaian

SUMMARY

Economist, specializing in the area of development economics and policy. Master of Philosophy degree in Economics and Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with Mathematics (*first class honors*), University of Ghana. Research focuses on financial sector development, taxation, financial inclusion, poverty, inequality, and education analysis as well as monitoring and evaluation of projects. Experience in presenting research at international conferences and working in a multi-cultural environment. A team player and shows commitment to project time lines. Published a number of peer-reviewed journal papers in renowned academic journal outlets including the *Journal of Development Studies*, the *Review of Development Economics*, and the *Review of Development Finance*. Strong quantitative and qualitative research skills including macro- and micro-econometric data analysis techniques and experience in managing/conducting field surveys.

EDUCATION

- 2015 – 2018** PhD Candidate in Development Economics, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra
Thesis Title: Banks, Financial Inclusion and Household Welfare: Examining the Drivers and Welfare Effects of Financial Inclusion in Ghana
Supervisors: Prof. Peter Quartey, Dr. Michael Danquah, and Dr. Eric Osei-Assibey
- 2010 – 2012** Master of Philosophy in Economics, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra
Thesis Title: Poverty and Children's Education in Ghana
Supervisors: Prof. Amoah Baah-Nuakoh and Dr. K. A. Tutu
- 2005 – 2009** B. A. (Hons) Economics with Mathematics, University of Ghana, Legon, Accra
(*First Class Honors*)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September, 2018 – *Part-time lecturer*, Wisconsin International University College, Ghana.

- **Courses taught:** Economic Theory I (Level 400) and Econometrics I (Level 400)

2016 – Independent Researcher

2012 – 2015 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Ghana, Legon.

- **Assisted in teaching the following courses:** Microeconomics and Macroeconomics (undergraduate); Elements of Mathematics and Statistics (undergraduate); Macroeconomics (M.A. Economic Policy Management program); Statistical and Mathematical Methods (M.A. Economic Policy Management program); Applied Econometrics (M.A. Economic Policy Management program).
- **Assisted research works (selected)**
 - Project topic: Migrating out of poverty
A project carried out in collaboration with the University of Sussex – Worked under Prof. Peter Quartey, Head of Economics Department, University of Ghana.
 - Project topic: Review of Ghana’s Macroeconomic Policies
Worked under Dr. K. A. Tutu, Department of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Ghana.
 - Project topic: Policies for Development
A project carried out in collaboration with the Dutch government – Worked under Prof. Amoah Baah-Nuakoh, Department of Economics, University of Ghana.

2010 – 2011 *Accounts Officer*, Swedru All Blacks F/C, Accra-Ghana.

2010 – 2011 *Programmes manager (Assistant)*, HPEE Foundation, Japan/Ghana.

2009 – 2010 *National Service Personnel*, Department of Economics, University of Ghana.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles and Book Chapter

1. “Immigrants’ contribution to public finance in Ghana” (with Peter Quartey, Delali Badasu, Diana Assuman, Angelina Blaboe and Sandra Berger), in *How Immigrants Contribute to Ghana’s Economy*, (OECD/ILO: OECD Publishing, Paris, 2018), 127-144.
2. “Access to mobile phones and the wellbeing of nonfarm enterprise households: new evidence from Ghana” (with Michael Danquah), *Technology in Society*, 54 (2018): 1-9.
3. “Unmasking the Contributing Factors of Entrepreneurial Activities among Men and Women in Ghana” (with Peter Quartey, Michael Danquah, and George Owusu), *Journal of Economic Studies*, 45.1 (2018): 114-125, <https://doi.org/10.1108/JES-08-2016-0152>.
4. “Paying for Education among Households in Ghana: Is there any Role for Household Resources and Contextual Effects?” (with Michael Danquah and Peter Quartey), *International Journal of Development Issues*, 16.2 (2017): 214-226, DOI: 10.1108/IJDI-02-2017-0017.

5. “Financing the growth of SMEs in Africa: What are the constraints to SME financing within ECOWAS?” (with Peter Quartey, Ebo Turkson, and Joshua Abor), *Review of Development Finance*, 7 (2017): 18-28.
6. “Analysis of School Enrollment in Ghana: A Sequential Approach” (with Michael Danquah and Peter Quartey), *Review of Development Economics*, 21.4 (2017): 1158-1177. DOI: 10.1111/rode.12302.
7. “A Micro-Level Study of the Relationship between Experienced Corruption and Subjective Wellbeing in Africa” (with Iddisah Sulemana and Jude E. Kyoore), *The Journal of Development Studies*, 53.1 (2017): 138-155, DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2016.1187721.
8. “Access to Financial Services via Rural and Community Banks and welfare in rural households in Ghana” (with Michael Danquah and Peter Quartey), *Journal of African Development*, 19.2 (2017): 67-76.
9. “The Effect of Poverty, Household Structure and Child Work on School Enrolment” *Journal of Education and Practice*, 5.6 (2014): 145-156.

Journal Articles under review

1. “Gender bias in households’ educational expenditures: does the stage of schooling matter?” (with Michael Danquah, Peter Quartey and Williams Ohemeng), *World Development Perspectives* (Accepted, 2018).
2. “Gender, age cohort and households’ investment in child schooling: an individual-level analysis” (with Michael Danquah), *Review of Development of Economics*.
3. “Rural financial intermediation and poverty reduction in Ghana: A micro-level analysis” (with Peter Quartey and Michael Danquah), *Journal of Rural Studies*.

Technical Publications

1. “Are Ghanaian women more entrepreneurial than men?” (with Peter Quartey, George Owusu, Michael Danquah), ISSER/Brookings research project on the Global Entrepreneurship Monitoring (GEM) Survey (2014).
2. “Financing the growth and transformation of SMEs in Africa: What are the constraints to SME financing within ECOWAS” (with Peter Quartey, Ebo Turkson and Joshua Abor), AERC research project on financial sector reform and development in Africa (2015).
3. “Rural financial intermediation and poverty reduction: Evidence from Ghana” (with Peter Quartey and Michael Danquah), Office for Research, Innovation and Development (ORID), University of Ghana, funded project (2016).
4. “Ghana’s long run growth: Policy options for equity and sustainable growth” (with Michael Danquah), African Development Bank (AfDB) project on Ghana Policy Series (2016).

5. “Assessing the Economic Contribution of Labour Migration in Developing Countries as Countries of Destination (ECLM)” (with Peter Quartey, Delali Badasu, Diana Assuman and Angelina Blaboe), OECD Development Centre, Paris, France (2017).

Research Grants

1. “The Impact of Public Investment in Graduate Training on Development Outcomes in Ghana” (with Michael Danquah), International Growth Center (IGC), London School of Economics (LSE): Funding amount - £ 9,995.00.
2. “Natural Resource Taxation in Ghana” (with Michael Danquah), Ministry of Finance, Ghana: Funding amount - US\$12,000.00.
3. “Identifying key policy options for growth and gainful employment in Ghana”, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP): Funding amount - US\$22,000.00.
4. “Ghana’s long run growth: Policy options for equity and sustainable growth” (with Michael Danquah), African Development Bank (AfDB): Funding amount - US\$5,000.00.
5. “Rural financial intermediation and poverty reduction: Evidence from Ghana” (with Peter Quartey and Michael Danquah), Office for Research, Innovation and Development (ORID), University of Ghana: Funding amount – GHC25,000.00.

Works in progress

1. The financial inclusion agenda: does conventional banks play a role?
2. On the importance of access to credit on household welfare: does less credit constrained households show better welfare than their more credit constrained counterparts?
3. On the welfare effects of financial inclusion: an exploration based on a multidimensional measure of financial inclusion
4. Rural households’ attitude towards child schooling in Ghana: a new evidence on gender discrimination?
5. “A micro-level study of the relationship between educational attainment and subjective well-being in Africa” (with Iddisah Sulemana)
6. Going to school: exploring the effect of the free compulsory basic education (FCUBE) policy on child school attendance in Ghana
7. I am in school today because of food: investigating the role of the free school feeding program on child schooling in Ghana

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1st – 3rd February, 2017: *Co-Facilitator*, EViews Training Workshop, Mensvic Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

- Using Eviews for Advanced Econometric Analysis and Forecasting – A course organized for Staff of the Tax Policy Division of the Ministry of Finance, Accra – Ghana.

14th – 16th September, 2016: *Co-Facilitator*, STATA Training Workshop, Mensvic Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

- An Introduction to the Basics of STATA for Economic Analysis – A course organized for Staff of the Tax Policy Division of the Ministry of Finance, Accra – Ghana.

26th – 28th October, 2016: *Co-Facilitator*, EViews Training Workshop, Mensvic Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

- An Introduction to EViews for Economic Forecasting – A course organized for Staff of the Tax Policy Division of the Ministry of Finance, Accra – Ghana.

21st – 23rd December, 2016: *Co-Facilitator*, STATA Training Workshop, Mensvic Hotel, Accra, Ghana.

- Using STATA for Advanced Economic Analysis – A course organized for Staff of the Tax Policy Division of the Ministry of Finance, Accra – Ghana.

2012 – 2013: *Local associate*, National Opinion Research Centre (NORC) at the University of Chicago, USA.

- *Enumerator*, Transparency and Accountability Project Phase III (TAP-3). TAP-3 is a project to build the capacity of civil society organisations to contribute to policy formulation and improvement of service delivery.

July – Sep. 2012: *Associate*, Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana.

Enumerator, Ghana Social Opportunities Project (GSOP) – A baseline survey for the Ghana labour intensive public works project to be implemented in rural Ghana.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/TRAINING PROGRAMMES

1. **Participant**, UNU-WIDER/ISSER's Training Course on "GHAMOD: A Tax-Benefit Microsimulation Model for Ghana", University of Ghana, 26-28th June, 2018.
2. **Participant**, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) 2018 Annual Conference, Bangalore, India, June 7 – 13, 2018.
3. **Participant**, a course on Computable General Equilibrium Modelling jointly organized by the Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) and University of Laval, Canada, February – April, 2018.
4. **Participant**, UNU-WIDER Development Conference jointly organized with ARUA on Migration and Mobility – New Frontiers for Research and Policy, Ghana, 5-6 October, 2017. *Discussant*: Poster sessions.
5. **Presenter**, 3rd College of Humanities International Conference, University of Ghana, 18-20 July, 2017. **Paper presented**: "Gender, age cohort and households' investment in child schooling: A new evidence from sub-Saharan Africa".
6. **Presenter**, 3rd College of Humanities International Conference, University of Ghana, 18-20 July, 2017. **Paper presented**: "Bank branch expansion and financial inclusion: A pseudo panel data approach".

7. **Participant**, ISSER's Training Course on "An introduction to GHAMOD: A Tax-Benefit Microsimulation Model for Ghana", University of Ghana, 17-19th May, 2017.
8. **Presenter**, 3rd School of Social Sciences International Conference, University of Ghana, 5-6 April, 2017. **Paper presented**: "Households' investment in child schooling: where do we find a gender bias?"
9. **Participant**, ORID's PhD course in Poverty Measurement and Analysis, University of Ghana, 16-18 January, 2017.
10. **Internship**, UNU-WIDER Head Office in Helsinki, Finland, April – June, 2016.
11. **Participant**, UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital Development, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland, 6-7 June, 2016.
12. **Participant**, Project meeting on Extractive Industries and Development, UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, Finland, 11-12 April, 2016.
13. **Participant**, African Development Bank's Project Seminar on Ghana Policy Series, March 2016. **Paper presented**: "Ghana's long run growth: Policy options for equity and sustainable growth" (with Michael Danquah).
14. **Participant**, *The Management and Analysis of Data using Stata*, ASRI Stata training programme, 21st – 31st July, 2015, University of Ghana, Legon.
15. **Presenter**, International Research Conference on Multidisciplinary Research and Transformation in Africa. College of Humanities, University of Ghana, 18th – 20th June, 2015. **Paper presented**: "Econometric Analysis of School Enrolment in Ghana: A Sequential Approach".
16. **Participant**, *Managing the Doctoral Process*, Pan African Doctoral Academy, University of Ghana, 13th – 17th June, 2015.
17. **Participant**, Innovation and African Development Conference and Training Course, DILIC 2014 Conference, 3 – 5th November 2014, Accra, Ghana.
18. **Participant**, *Joint Facility of Electives (JFE) Programme* (2011), African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi, Kenya.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Beneficiary, UNU-WIDER PhD scholarship, Development Economics, University of Ghana 2015
2. Beneficiary, University of Ghana Financial Aid Programme 2007
3. Beneficiary, Zo-Simli Naa Scholarship for Brilliant but needy students 2005
4. Best Elective Mathematics Student, 40th Anniversary Celebration, BISCO 2004

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/VOLUNTARY WORKS

March, 2010: *Voluntary member*, World Vision-South Korea, Afram plains project, Ghana.

- Harnessing the talent of the child for progressive growth and development

June, 2009: *Voluntary member*, INFANTA Malaria Foundation, Ghana.

- Distribution of treated mosquito nets to nursing mothers in less privileged communities.

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Computer literacy skills (Advanced) – Conversant with statistical software packages such as STATA, E-VIEWS, GAMS, GHAMOD and SPSS as well as Microsoft office applications (i.e. Word, Excel, Power point, etc) and internet usage.
- Possess good knowledge in data gathering (including the use of electronic data collection devices such as CSPro) and data analysis skills.

- Possess in depth knowledge on the management and analysis of different data structures including cross-sectional, time series and panel data sets.
- Able to present research results in a clear and concise manner.
- Possess strong written and oral communication skills.

REFERENCES

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