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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Agricultural Economics

Mississippi State University, Department of Agricultural Economics August 2024
Thesis: Diffusion of water-conserving irrigation practices in the Mississippi Delta

Master of Philosophy in Economics

University of Ghana, Department of Economics July 2018
Thesis: Effects of world oil prices on Ghana's cereal prices

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (Minor in Information Studies)

University of Ghana, Department of Economics June 2014

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Natural Resource Economics
- Environmental Policies Analysis
- Innovation and Technology Diffusion
- Applied Econometrics

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mississippi State University

August 2022- August 2024

Research Assistant

- Estimated costs and benefits for wetland restoration function to agricultural watersheds in Mississippi
- Cleaned data and conducted data analysis using Stata
- Conducted literature reviews on adoption of water conservation practices
- Summarized research findings

University of Ghana Department of Economics

August 2014 – July 2015

Research Assistant

- Assisted in data collection and analysis
- Conducted literature reviews

Teaching Assistant

Course: Elements of Mathematics for Economists

- Organized tutoring sessions for 2nd-year undergraduate students
- Graded mid-semester quizzes and end-of-semester examinations

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Submitted

Oku, E., Quintana-Ashwell, N., Yun, S. Krutz, L.J, & Lacy, K. “Adoption Timing of Water-Conserving Irrigation Practices in the Mississippi Delta: An Application of Duration Analysis,” submitted to the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (under review)

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Oku, E., Quintana-Ashwell, N., Yun, S. Krutz, L.J, & Lacy, K. “Diffusion of Water-Conserving Irrigation Practices in the Mississippi Delta” 2024 Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, Georgia Feb. 3-6, 2024)

WORK EXPERIENCE

SBC Beverages Ghana Limited Jan 2019 - May 2022
Consulting Assistant

- Drafted Standard Operating Procedures for four Departments to ensure the effective running of the company

West Africa Examinations Council June 2013 - Aug 2013
Administrative Assistant

- Issued and received examination scripts from examiners
- Captured marks obtained by candidates into a computerized system

Social Security and National Insurance Trust June 2011 - Aug 2011
Compliance Intern

- Registered new customers into the scheme
- Ensured companies adhered to the Social Security Scheme’s deadlines by running periodic inspections

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2023 - Present

Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) 2023 – Present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

International Programs Office, University of Ghana Spring 2014-Summer 2014
Peer Partner

- Assisted my partner in integrating into Ghanaian society and campus life
- Coached my partner on student processes for international students such as course registration

AWARDS

The Head of State Awards Scheme (HOSA) – Ghana

2007

- The Bronze Standard, The International Award for Young People

SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint

Statistical Packages: Stata, R, SAS, and E-views