

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **EDUCATION**

B.A. (Economics and Mathematics), University of Ghana, 1982  
M.A. (Economics), Cornell University, 1985  
Ph.D. (Economics), Cornell University, 1986

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Fall 1998 – Present	Professor of Economics New York University
2011 – Present	Professor of Technology and Management, Tandon School of Engineering, New York University
June 2002 – December 2007	Vice Provost for Globalization and Multi-Cultural Affairs, NYU (with responsibility for NYU's International campuses and programs, and Provost Liaison to the NYU Schools of Business, Education and Social Sciences in Arts and Sciences)
2010 – Present	Founding Director of the Center for Technology and Economic Development, NYU Abu Dhabi
2003 – Present	Founding Director of the Development Research Institute at NYU
2002 – Present	Founding Director of Africa House at NYU
March 2005	Visiting Professor, University of Paris I, Pantheon Sorbonne

2002 – 2004	Visiting Professor of Economics, Ashesi University, Ghana (and Advisor on management team during establishment of University)
1999 – 2000	Social Science Research Council, Program in Applied Economics Program Director
Fall 2001 – Spring 2002	Visiting Fellow, Yale Growth Center and the Cowles Foundation
Spring 1998, 2000	Fellow, Cowles Foundation
Summer 1998	Visiting Professor, University of Venice
December 1994	Consultant, Institute of Empirical Economics, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank
Fall 1994	Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania
Summer 1994	Visiting Professor, University of Venice
Summer 1991	Visiting Fellow, I.A.E., Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
1986 – 1988	Assistant Professor of Economics, Brown University

## **FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Growth and Development Economics, Human Capital Theory, Migration and Brain Drain  
Studies, Game Theory, Learning Theory

## **HONORS, AWARDS, GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP PROPOSALS**

January 2015	“Agricultural Markets: The formation of the Ghana Commodities Exchange,” International Growth Center (London School of Economics), UK £84,507
January 2015	“Ghana Research Center”, \$520,000, Anonymous
Spring 2012	“Ghana Research Center”, \$600,000, Anonymous
February 2013	“The Success Project” \$2.4M (joint with William Easterly) - Templeton Foundation
Fall 2011	Esoko Market Information Systems, \$405,000 (Anonymous)

Spring 2010	The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in the Development Cooperation (for the Development Research Institute, joint with William Easterly), €400,000
2010 – 2015	Technology Center for Rural Development, New York University in Abu Dhabi project (One of three initial projects cumulatively receiving \$20M over five years)
2008 – 2010	National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Boston Massachusetts “Human Capital Development in Sub-Saharan Africa,” \$61,000
2004 – 2005	National Science Foundation Grant #SES-0425118 “The Impact of Advice on Decision-Making” with A. Schotter and B. Sopher
2001 – 2002	National Science Foundation Grant #SBR-0111640 “Advice and Beliefs in Experimental Games”
1999 – 2001	National Science Foundation Grant #SBR-98118621 “An Experimental Study of Learning in Repeated Games Using Real Beliefs”
1998 – 2000	National Science Foundation Grant #SBR-9810723 “Skills, Optimism and Growth: A Bayesian Analysis”
1995 – 1998	National Science Foundation Grant # SBR-9422763 “Human Capital and Bayesian Information Theory”
1992 – 1993	New York University Presidential Fellowship
1991	New York University Curricula Development Fund
1991	New York University Challenge Fund
1984 – 1986	Floyd Mundy Fellowship (Cornell)
1983 – 1984	A.D. White Presidential Fellowship (Cornell)

## SAMPLE CONSULTANCIES

1. Background Technical Paper for the World Bank World Development Report 1998 – 1999, “Knowledge and Development”
2. World Bank “World Capital Flight” 2007
3. Keynote Address, UN Economic Commission for Africa Spring 2007, “Knowledge and Employment”
4. UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) “Research Networks” 2007
5. African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), Accra Ghana, 2009, and ongoing
6. European Union Economic Report on Development (ERD), “Overcoming Fragility in Africa,” 2009
7. Ministry of Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates, “Trade Opportunities with Africa,” 2008 – 2010

## PUBLICATIONS

### I. Economic Development and Human Capital Theory

1. [“Monopsony Power in Migrant Labor Markets: Evidence from the United Arab Emirates”](#), joint with Suresh Naidu and Shing-Yi Wang, forthcoming, *Journal of Political Economy* (2016).

Paper featured as ““Migrant workers in the UAE: Wages of chagrin,” in *The Economist*, April 9, 2016.

2. [“The Returns to the Brain Drain and Brain Circulation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Some Computations Using Data from Ghana”](#) in “African Successes: Human Capital,” edited by Sebastian Edwards, Simon Johnson, and David N. Weil, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), forthcoming (2016).

Previously published as:

National Bureau of Economic Research, Working Paper 16813, spring 2011, Boston USA.

3. [“Brain Drain” in the Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics: Policies and Practices](#). Eds. Justin Lin and Celestin Monga. (2015).
4. [“Education, Internal remittances and Safety Nets in Africa: Some Evidence”](#) Joint with Kwabena Gyimah, *Journal of African Development: Volume 17, Issue 1, Spring* (2015).

5. [“Preparing for Ebola Virus Disease in West African countries not yet affected: perspectives from Ghanaian health professionals,”](#) with Lewis Goldfrank, Gbenga Ogedegbe, Sari Soghoian, Ama de-Graft Aikins and the NYU-UG-KBTH Ghana Ebola Working Group, in *Globalization and Health*, Feb 26, 2015.
6. [“Structure and Performance of Ethiopia's Coffee Export Sector,”](#) with B. Minsten and S. Tamru, *the Wine Journal*, June 19, 2014.
7. [“Actors of Change in Africa: Human Capital and Markets”](#) in [“Africa at a Fork in the Road: Taking Off or Disappointment Once Again?”](#), edited by Ernesto Zedillo, Haynie Wheeler and Olivier Cattaneo. Chapter 20, p355-363, (2014)
8. [“Experiences in designing a mobile GIS mapping tool for rural farmers in Ghana”](#) Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Computing for Development. Article No. 28. (2013).
9. [“Labor Mobility, an Enabler for Sustainable Development”](#). Prepared for the [Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research \(ECSSR\) Conference: Abu Dhabi](#), 14 – 15 May (2013).
10. [“Sustaining High Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Knowledge and the Structure of the Economy”](#) *Journal of African Economics*, Volume 22, #11 (2013).
11. [“Computing the Disappearance of Crop Land Using Satellite Images.”](#) Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Computational Sustainability, Denmark, (2012).
12. [“Journal of African Development, Volume 13, #1. Special Issue: Africa and the Indian Ocean: Trade, Investments, Global Partnerships, and Lessons,”](#) (2012).
13. “Rethinking the MDGs: Towards an Alternative Development Agenda post 2015,” United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Working Paper (November 2011).
14. [“The Brain Drain in Africa,”](#) in the Companion to Economics in Africa (eds) Ernest Aryeetey, Shanta Devarajan, Ravi Kanbur and Louis Kasekende, Oxford University Press (2012).
15. The State of Tourism in Africa Report, co-producer, joint with the World Bank and the Africa Travel Association (summer, 2010 and 2011).
16. The Africa Tourism Monitor, co-producer, joint with the African Development Bank and the Africa Travel Association (Summer, 2013, 2014, and 2015).
17. [“Social Safety Nets: The Role of Education, Remittances and Migration,”](#) with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong and Klaus Hellwig, *European Report on Development*, European Union, Brussels, (2011).

18. [“Review of African Household Survey Data on Social Safety Nets and the role of Education, Remittances and Migration,”](#) with Kwabena Gyimah–Brempong and Klaus Hellwig, European Report on Development, European Union, Brussels, (2011).
19. The State of Tourism in Africa Report, co-producer, joint with the World Bank and the Africa Travel Association (Summer, 2010).
20. [“EU Policies and African Human Capital Development”](#) in the European Report on Development, forthcoming, (2010).
21. [“The United Arab Emirates: Some Lessons in Economic Development”](#) UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU– WIDER) volume “Country Role Models,” Working Paper No. 2010/11, (February 2010).
22. [“Is the Brain Drain Good for Africa?”](#) with William Easterly in “Skilled Migration today: Prospect, Problems and Policies,” (eds) Jagdish Bhagwati and Gordon Hanson, Oxford University Press, USA (April 21, 2009).
23. [Journal of African Development, volume 12, #1 Special Issue: Africa and the Gulf Conference 2009](#) Spring 2010, (with Silvana Melitsko).
24. [“Africa and the Gulf: A New Economic and Political Alliance?”](#) Journal of African Development, Spring 2010, volume 12 #1 (with Silvana Melitsko).
25. [“Stepping Stone Mobility”](#) with Boyan Jovanovic, Carnegie–Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy, vol. 46, pp. 289–326, (June 1997).
26. [“Learning by Doing and the Choice of Technology,”](#) with Boyan Jovanovic, Econometrica, 64, 6, pp. 1299–1310. (1996).
27. [“A Bayesian Learning Model Fitted to a Variety of Empirical Learning Curves,”](#) with Boyan Jovanovic, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity: Microeconomics Issue (1), 247–299, (1996).
28. [“The Transfer of Human Capital,”](#) Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control with Boyan Jovanovic, 19, 1033–1064, (1995).
29. [“Research and Productivity,”](#) with Boyan Jovanovic, in “Creation and Transfer of Knowledge: Institutions and Incentives,” (eds) Giorgio Barba Navaretti, Partha Dasgupta, Karl–Göran Mäler, Domenico Siniscalco.
30. [“The New Growth Theory,”](#) Chapter in The Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), UNESCO, 2002, (www.eolss.net), in Fundamental Economics, Edited by : Mukul Majumdar.

## II. Experimental Economics

31. "[An Experimental Study of Belief Learning Using Real Beliefs](#)," joint with Andy Schotter, *Econometrica*, (2002).
32. "[On the Informational Content of Advice: A Theoretical and Experimental Study](#)," (joint with Andrew Schotter and Barry Sopher), *Economic Theory*, (2005).

### III. Game Theory and Bayesian Learning Models

33. "[Most games violate the common priors doctrine](#)," *International Journal of Economic Theory*, 6, 187–192 (2010).
34. "[Bayesian Learning and Convergence to Nash equilibrium Without Common Priors](#)," *Economic Theory*, 11(3), 643–656, (1998).
35. "[Convergence in Economic Models with Bayesian Hierarchies of Beliefs](#)," *Journal of Economic Theory*, 74(2), 266–296, (1997).
36. "Savage–Bayesians Play a Repeated Game," in "The Dynamics of Norms," (eds.) C. Bicchieri, R. Jeffrey, and B. Skyrms, Cambridge University Press, (1996).
37. "[Savage Bayesian Models of Economics](#)," with N. Kiefer in "Essays in Learning and Rationality in Economics and Games" (eds.) A. Kirman and M. Salmon, Basil Blackell Press, (1995).
38. "[Advances in Learning Theory](#)," with N. Yannelis and M. Woodford, *Economic Theory*, 4(6), 811–820, (1994).
39. "[Bayesian Learning Leads to Correlated Equilibria in Normal Form Games](#)," *Economic Theory*, 4(6), 821–841, (1994).
40. "[On the Convexity of the Value Function in Bayesian Optimal Control Problems](#)," *Economic Theory*, 4, 303–309, (1994).
41. "[Learning in Mis–Specified Models and the Possibility of Cycles](#)," *Journal of Economic Theory*, 55, 416–427, (1991).
42. "The Number of Equations Versus the Number of Unknowns: The convergence of Bayesian Posterior Processes," *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 15, 687– 713, (1991).
43. "[Optimal Control of a Nonlinear Regression Process with Unknown Parameters](#)," with N. Kiefer, *Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences*, Springer Verlag, (1989).
44. "[Optimal Control of an Unknown Linear Process with Learning](#)" with N. Kiefer, *International Economic Review*, 30(3), pp. 571–586, (1989).

45. "[Control of a Linear Regression Process with Unknown Parameters](#)," with N. Kiefer in "Dynamic Econometric Modelling" (eds) W. Barnett and H. White, Cambridge University Press, (1988).

#### **IV. Growth Theory**

46. "[Optimal Growth with Unobservable Resources and Learning](#)," with Lars Olson, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, May, vol 29, pp. 465–491, (1996).
47. "[The Stochastic Growth Model when Utility Depends on Both Consumption and the Stock Level](#)," with Prof. Lars Olson, Economic Theory, 4, 791–797, (1994).
48. "[On the Existence of Optimal Processes in Non-stationary Environments](#)" with T. Mitra, Zeitschrift für Nationalökonomie, 53, 245–270, (1991).
49. "[Stochastic Dynamic Resource Models with Stock-Dependent Rewards](#)," with L. Olson, Journal of Economic Theory, 55, 161–168, (1991).
50. "[Dynamic Optimization Under Uncertainty: Non-convex Feasible Set](#)" with M. Majumdar and Mitra, in "Joan Robinson and Modern Economic Theory," (Ed.) G. R. Feiwel, MacMillan Press, New York, (1989).
51. "[On Characterizing the Optimality of Stochastic Competitive Processes](#)" Journal of Economic Theory, 45(2), 316–329, 1988. Reprinted in "Decentralization in Infinite Horizon Economies," Edited by M. Majumdar, Westview Press, (1992).

#### **V. Miscellaneous**

52. "Food Price Volatility And Its Consequences," Special Issue, Oxford Economic Papers, Volume 68 Number 3 July 2016, Editors: Rabah Arezki, Karim El Aynaoui, Yaw Nyarko, and Francis Teal.
53. "[Rural Agricultural Markets: A Case Study in Ghana](#)," Working paper prepared for the International Growth Center (London School of Economics), April 2016.
54. "[Asymmetric Information and Remittances: Evidence from Matched Administrative Data](#)." March 2016.
55. "[Commodity Exchanges in Africa: Transforming African Agriculture and Finance](#)," Policy Brief for the International Growth Center (London School of Economics), February 2016.



56. [Review of the book “Games, Strategies and Managers,”](#) by John McMillan, Journal of Economic Literature, XXXI, 890–891.
57. Study Guide to accompany “Microeconomics: A Modern Approach,” by A. Schotter, Harper Collins, (1994).
58. [“Comparing Learning Models with Ideal Micro-Experimental Data Sets”](#) joint with Andy Schotter.
59. [“Learning, Quantal Response Equilibrium and Equilibrium in Beliefs”](#), C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, New York University in its series Working Papers with number 01-03.
60. [“The Truth is in the Eye of the Beholder: or Equilibrium in Beliefs and Rational Learning in Games”](#), C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, New York University in its series Working Papers with number 98-12.

## **RADIO, TV AND OTHER INTERVIEWS**

BBC, World Vision, World Focus Public Radio

## **UNPUBLISHED WORKING PAPERS or PAPERS UNDER PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION TO JOURNALS**

1. “Price Information, Inter-Village Networks, And Bargaining Spillovers”: Experimental Evidence from Ghana,” with Nicole Hildebrandt, Giorgia Romagnoli and Emilia Soldani, (2015).
2. “Asymmetric Information and Remittances: Evidence from Matched Administrative Data”, with Shing-Yi Wang (February 2016)
3. “Commodity Exchanges in Africa: Transforming African Agriculture and Finance,” Policy Brief for the International Growth Center (London School of Economics), February 2016.
4. “Evaluating the Impact of Commodities Exchanges in Africa” Working paper prepared for the International Growth Center (London School of Economics), February 2016.
5. “Learning, Quantal Response Equilibrium and Equilibrium in Beliefs” Manuscript, (2001).
6. “Comparing Learning Models with Ideal Micro–Experimental Data Sets”, joint with Andy Schotter, Manuscript.

7. "The Truth is in the Eye of the Beholder: or Equilibrium in Beliefs and Rational Learning in Games," Manuscript, (1998). "The Content of Human Capital," with Boyan Jovanovic.
8. "The Private University and African Economic Development", presented at the Yale YCIAS/Economic Growth Center Conference on International Higher Education and African Development, (2001)
9. "Learning toward Quantal Response Equilibria," Manuscript, under review at Games and Economic Behavior, (2000).
10. "The Types of a Bayesian Equilibrium," C.V. Starr Working Paper #93-36, NYU.
11. "The Savage-Bayesian Foundations of Economic Dynamics," C.V. Starr Working Paper #93-35, NYU.
12. "On Bayesian Learning in Optimal Control Problems," C.V. Starr Working Paper #90-02, NYU.
13. "Most Games Violate the Harsanyi Doctrine," C.V. Starr Working Paper #91-39, NYU.
14. "Bayes' Rational Equilibria" C.V. Starr Working Paper #89-05, NYU.
15. "Learning and Agreeing-To-Disagree Without Common Priors," C.V. Starr Working Paper #91-51, NYU.

#### **EDITORSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, ETC**

- Series Editor "Advances in African Economic, Social and Political Development," Springer, ISSN: 2198-7262 (Series Editors: Seck, Diery, Elu, Juliet U., Nyarko, Yaw) 2013 – Present.
- Associate Editor, Development Engineering (new Journal 2015-present)
- Econometrics Society, Africa Region, Standing Committee member 2015 – Present
- President, African Economics Society 2013 – 2015
- Vice President, African Econometrics Society 2011 – 2013
- Chair, Cornell University Economics Department Review Committee 2012
- Managing Editor, Journal of African Development 2011-2015
- Associate Editor, Journal of African Development 2005 – 2009 (formerly Journal of African Finance and Economic Development, JAFED)
- Former Associate Editor, Journal of Economic Theory
- Associate Editor, Economic Theory, 2001 – 2004

- Editorial Board Member, Journal of African Development
- National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Economics (member, 2001 – 2003)
- Member of Econometrics Society and the Society for Economic Dynamics

## **REFEREEING**

- Journal of Economic Theory, Review of Economic Studies, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Political Economy, Economic Theory, National Science Foundation, etc.

## **TEACHING and SEMINARS**

### *AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY:*

- Technology and Economic Development: Networks and Markets Undergraduate, Spring 2015 (NYC and Abu Dhabi) and 2016 (Abu Dhabi).
- Development Faculty Seminar at the Development Research Institute (2015-2016)
- Introduction to Economic Thinking (Undergraduate Fall 2011 - 2014)
- Africana/Africa House Seminar Series 2008 - present
- The Economics of Speculation – Theory (Graduate, Fall 1997 – 2007)
- The Economics of Speculation – Macro (Graduate, Spring 1994)
- Economics of Information and Uncertainty (Graduate, Fall 1988, Spring 1991, 1992, 1994)
- Topics in Dynamic Economics and Growth (Graduate, Spring 1989 and 1990)
- Microeconomic Theory (Graduate Core class, Fall 1989 – 2001)
- Games, Decisions and Strategy (Undergraduate, Each Spring 1989 – 1994)
- Societies and the Social Sciences: An Economics Perspective (Undergraduate Fall 1996 – 1999)

### *AT BROWN UNIVERSITY:*

- Economics 205: Microeconomic Theory (Graduate Core class, Fall 1987)
- Economics 202: Mathematics for Economists (Graduate, Spring 1988)
- Economics 111 & 113: Principles of Micro (Undergraduate, Fall 1986, Fall and Spring 1987)

- Economics 283: Dynamic Optimization and Economic Growth (Graduate, Spring 1987 and 1988).

### **COMMITTEE SERVICE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

- NYU Global Network University Faculty Committee (2015-16).
- NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Masters in Computing and Development (2015-16)
- NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Honors and Awards Committee (2015-16)
- NYUAD Economics External Core Curriculum Committee (2015-16)
- NYUAD Faculty Promotion and Review Committees (2015-2016)
- NYU Shanghai Faculty Promotion and Review Committees (2015-2016)
- NYU Economics Department Undergraduate Appeals and Commencement Committee (2015-2016).
- NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Dean Search Committee 2011
- NYU Abu Dhabi Economics Committee 2008 – 2010
- NYU FAS Dean's Search Committee, 2009 – 2010
- NYU Provost Search Committee, 2001 – 2002
- Faculty of Arts and Science Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2000 – 2003
- GSAS Financial Aid Committee, 1998 – 2001
- Director of Graduate Studies Fall 1995 – 2000
- FAS Dean's Search Committee 1999 – 2000
- FCC Steering Committee 1999 – present
- Internal Faculty Student Committee 1999 – 2000
- GSAS Task Force on Financial Aid, 1998
- GSAS Financial Aid Committee 1998 – 2001
- Africana Center Search Committee, 1997 – present
- Economics Dept. Recruitment Committee, 1988 – 1990, 1991–1992, 1993 – 1994, 1997
- Core Microeconomics Field Exam Committee, 1989 to present
- C.V. Starr Steering Committee, 1990 – 1991
- Merit and Evaluation Committee, 1991 – 1992 and fall 1995 to present

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS IN 2010 - PRESENT

- “Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) labor and migration workshop” Organized by the London School of Economics in Kuwait City, Kuwait.
- AFEA/ASSA Meetings, Special Luncheon Speech to the African Finance and Economics Association and receipt of Association Award, San Francisco, USA, January 3 - 5, 2016.
- Keynote Address, “Price Information, Inter-Village Networks, And Bargaining Spillovers”: Experimental Evidence from Ghana, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 29 - December 2, 2015.
- Co-organizer and presenter, “Mobile Phone Revolution in Africa.” Development Research Institute (DRI) Annual Conference, New York, USA, November 13, 2015
- Organizer, Annual Presidential Forum on Tourism, – A meeting of Tourism Ministers on the Sidelines of the UN General Assembly annual meeting, New York, USA, September 24, 2015.
- Keynote Address: “Price Information, Inter-Village Networks, And Bargaining Spillovers”: Experimental Evidence from Ghana, Econometric Society Africa Region Training Workshop, Lusaka, Zambia, July 22 - 24, 2015.
- Co-Organizer, Development Research Institute (DRI) Conference: Development without Freedom? Justice, Human Rights, and Foreign Aid in Africa, April 16, 2015.
- Organizer, “The Economics of Emerging Commodity Exchanges” NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, April 5 - 7, 2015 (with the Ghanaian Commodities Exchange and the Ethiopian Commodities Exchange).
- Annual Investment Meeting, “Mobile Apps for Economic Development in Rural Africa.” Dubai, UAE, March 30 - April 01, 2015.
- NYUAD Annual Research Conference, NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, February 28 - March 01, 2015.
- Organizer, Gulf Thinkers/CTED Seminar, Yaw Nyarko presents; Worker Mobility in a Global Labor Market: Evidence from the United Arab Emirates, NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, February 4, 2015.
- Development Research Institute (DRI) Annual Conference, November 18, 2014, New York, USA (co-organizer and presenter).
- North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) November 1, 2014 at Boston University “Price Information, Inter-Village Networks, And Bargaining Spillovers”: Experimental Evidence from Ghana,” presented by Nicole Hildebrandt.
- Ebola Preparedness Conference, October 23, 2014, Accra, Ghana.
- Commodities Exchange Seminar Conference, Abu Dhabi, September 6 – 9, 2014
- Faculty Research Presentations: Economics Seminar Series, September 1, 2014, Abu Dhabi
- African Econometric Society Conference 2014 , July 16 -18, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Keynote presentation).
- Yale University Zedillo Conference “Actors of Change in Africa: Human Capital and Markets”, April 14, 2014, Connecticut, USA.
- NYUAD Annual Research Conference (2014) “The Economics of the Food Crop Network in a Small Developing Nation (Ghana) February 22-24, 2014, Abu Dhabi
- “Rural Tourism and Greening as Drivers for Economic Transformation and the Leveraging Role of Technology”, January 22, 2014, Kumawu Ghana.

- Special Guest of Honor and Panelist for high-level panel discussion on “The Economic Integration of Africa – the Role of the Private Sector,” Ghana Club 100 Awards Event, Accra, October 2013 (special invitation by the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. John D. Mahama)
- Organizer, NYU Africa Presidential Forum on the Occasion of the UN General Assembly Meetings with President Museveni of Uganda. September 2013.
- Organizer and Presenter, African Econometrics Society Meeting. July 2013.
- Organizing Committee, “Labour Mobility – Enabler for Sustainable Development” Conference in Abu Dhabi, 14 – 15 May 2013. Held by the Ministry of Labour of the UAE.
- “Capital Flight and Entrepreneurship” Eastern Economics Association Meeting, New York, New York. May 10, 2013.
- “Economic Transformation – the Human Capital and Brain Drain nexus” African Development Bank Tunis. March 2013.
- “Technology and Economic Development” IFPRI, Addis Ababa January 2013
- Agence Française de Développement (AFD) -World Bank Migration Conference, Paris, June 28-30, 2012.
- Technology and Economic Development Conference, Abu Dhabi, February 2012 (Organizer)
- Keynote Address, “Local Content laws and Economic Development”, Volta River Authority, Accra, December 2011.
- Keynote Address, “Sustaining High Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Knowledge and the Structure of the Economy,” African Economics Research Consortium, Nairobi, December 2011.
- Keynote Address, “Rethinking the MDGs: Towards an Alternative Development Agenda post 2015,” United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Accra November 2011.
- Keynote Address: “Technology and Economic Development” African Econometrics Association, Summer 2011, Nairobi.
- World Bank ABCDE Meetings, Paris, June 2011
- Keynote Address, Africa Travel Association Annual Meetings, Dakar, May 2011
- Technology and Economic Development Conference, Abu Dhabi, March 2011 (Organizer)
- Development Research Institute Conference, New York, March 2011 (co- Organizer)

- November 2010 African Center for Economic Transformation, Accra
- Keynote Speech at Paris AFD Conference on Development (special invitation by French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), March 2010.
- Measure-for-Measure Conference, Paris, 2010 (special invitation by French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Keynote Address, Africa Travel Association Annual Meetings, Banjul, May 2010
- NYUAD Abu Dhabi Conference Africa, the Gulf and the Indian Ocean (Organizer), March 2010 ASSA/AEA Meetings in Atlanta, January 2010