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ADDRESS

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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

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| Fall 1998 – Present | Professor of Economics, New York University (NYU) |
| 2011 – Present | Professor of Technology and Management, Tandon School of Engineering, NYU |
| June 2002 – December 2007 | Vice Provost for Globalization and Multi-Cultural Affairs, NYU (with responsibility for NYU's international campuses and programs, 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 (CTED), NYU Abu Dhabi |
| 2003 – Present | Founding Director of the Development Research Institute (DRI), NYU |
| 2002 – Present | Founding Director of Africa House, 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) |

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| 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

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| Spring 2017 | “Recruiting International Migrant Labor: Theory and Evidence,” NYU Abu Dhabi REALM Grant (joint with Suresh Naidu and Shing-Yi Wang), \$474,802 |
| August 2015 | Open Foundation Gift, \$30,000 |
| 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,” Anonymous, \$520,000 |
| Spring 2012 | “Ghana Research Center,” Anonymous, \$600,000 |
| February 2013 | “The Success Project,” Templeton Foundation (joint with William Easterly), \$2.4M |

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| Fall 2011 | “Esoko Market Information Systems,” Anonymous, \$405,000 |
| 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, "Knowledge and Development," 1998 – 1999.

2. World Bank, "World Capital Flight," 2007.
3. Keynote Address, UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), "Knowledge and Employment," Spring 2007.
4. UN Economic Commission for Africa, "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 Naidu, S. & Wang, Y., (2016). *Journal of Political Economy*, Number 6, Volume 124, pp. 1735–1792.

Paper featured in: "[Migrant workers in the UAE: Wages of chagrin](#)," *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 Edwards, S., Johnson, S., & Weil, D., N., in National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), forthcoming (2016).

Previously published in: National Bureau of Economic Research, Working Paper 16813; Spring 2011; Boston, USA.

3. "Brain Drain" in "The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics." Eds. Lin, J. & Monga, C., (2015). Oxford University Press, Volume 2: Policies and Practices.
4. "[Education, Internal remittances and Safety Nets in Africa: Some Evidence](#)," joint with Gyimah, K., (2015). *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 Goldfrank, L., Ogedegbe, G., Soghoian, S., de-Graft Aikins, A., & the NYU-UG-KBTH Ghana Ebola Working Group, in *Globalization and Health*, (2015). February 26, 2015.
6. "[Structure and Performance of Ethiopia's Coffee Export Sector](#)," with Minsten, B. & Tamru, S., (2014). *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 Zedillo, E., Wheeler, H., & Cattaneo, O., (2014). Chapter 20, pp. 355–363.
8. [“Experiences in designing a mobile GIS mapping tool for rural farmers in Ghana,”](#) with Chakraborty, S., Tong, T., Chen, J., Aman, A., Mufti, T., Subramanian, L., (2013). *4th Annual Symposium on Computing for Development*. Article No. 28.
9. [“Labor Mobility, an Enabler for Sustainable Development,”](#) Prepared for the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) Conference, Abu Dhabi, May 14 – 15, 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,”](#) Chakraborty, S., Dalton, S., & Subramanian, L., (2012). In *Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Computational Sustainability*, Denmark.
12. [“Africa and the Indian Ocean: Trade, Investments, Global Partnerships, and Lessons,”](#) *Journal of African Development* Spring 2011, Vol. 13 #1.
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) Aryeetey, E., Devarajan, S., Kanbur, R., & Kasekende, L., (2012). Oxford University Press.
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. “Africa Tourism Monitor,” co-producer, joint with the African Development Bank and the Africa Travel Association (Summer 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).
17. [“Social Safety Nets: The Role of Education, Remittances and Migration,”](#) with Gyimah–Brempong, K. & Hellwig, K., (2011). *European Report on Development*, European Union, Brussels.
18. [“Review of African Household Survey Data on Social Safety Nets and the Role of Education, Remittances and Migration,”](#) with Gyimah–Brempong, K. & Hellwig, K., (2011). *European Report on Development*, European Union, Brussels.
19. [“EU Policies and African Human Capital Development,”](#) in the *European Report on Development*, (2010).

20. "[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).
21. "[Is the Brain Drain Good for Africa?](#)" with Easterly, W., (2009). In "Skilled Migration Today: Prospect, Problems and Policies," (eds) Bhagwati, J., & Hanson, G., Oxford University Press, USA (April 21, 2009).
22. "[Africa and the Gulf: A New Economic and Political Alliance?](#)" with Melitsko, S., (2010). Journal of African Development, Spring 2010, Vol. 12 #1.
23. "[Stepping Stone Mobility](#)," with Jovanovic, B., (1997). Carnegie–Rochester Conference Series on Public Policy, Vol. 46, pp. 289–326, (June 1997).
24. "[Learning by Doing and the Choice of Technology](#)," with Jovanovic, B., (1996). Econometrica, 64, 6, pp. 1299–1310.
25. "[A Bayesian Learning Model Fitted to a Variety of Empirical Learning Curves](#)," with Jovanovic, B., (1996). Brookings Papers on Economic Activity: Microeconomics Issue (1), pp. 247–299.
26. "[The Transfer of Human Capital](#)," with Jovanovic, B., (1995). Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Vol. 19, pp. 1033–1064.
27. "[Research and Productivity](#)," with Jovanovic, B., (1995). In "Creation and Transfer of Knowledge: Institutions and Incentives," (eds) Giorgio Barba Navaretti, Partha Dasgupta, Karl–Göran Mäler, Domenico Siniscalco.
28. "[The New Growth Theory](#)," Chapter in The Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS), UNESCO, 2002, (www.eolss.net), in Fundamental Economics, Edited by Majumdar, M.

II. Experimental Economics

29. "[An Experimental Study of Belief Learning Using Real Beliefs](#)," joint with Schotter, A., (2002). Econometrica.
30. "[On the Informational Content of Advice: A Theoretical and Experimental Study](#)," joint with Schotter, A. & Sopher, B., (2005). Economic Theory.

III. Game Theory and Bayesian Learning Models

31. "[Most games violate the common priors doctrine](#)," International Journal of Economic Theory, 6, pp. 187–192 (2010).
32. "[Bayesian Learning and Convergence to Nash equilibrium Without Common Priors](#)," Economic Theory, 11(3), pp. 643–656, (1998).

33. "[Convergence in Economic Models with Bayesian Hierarchies of Beliefs](#)," Journal of Economic Theory, 74(2), pp. 266–296, (1997).
34. "Savage–Bayesians Play a Repeated Game," in "The Dynamics of Norms," (eds.) C. Bicchieri, R. Jeffrey, and B. Skyrms, Cambridge University Press, (1996).
35. "[Savage Bayesian Models of Economics](#)," with Kiefer, N., M., (1995). In "Essays in Learning and Rationality in Economics and Games" (eds.) A. Kirman and M. Salmon, Basil Blackell Press.
36. "[Advances in Learning Theory](#)," with Yannelis, N. & Woodford, M., (1994). Economic Theory, 4(6), pp. 811–820.
37. "[Bayesian Learning Leads to Correlated Equilibria in Normal Form Games](#)," Economic Theory, 4(6), pp. 821–841, (1994).
38. "[On the Convexity of the Value Function in Bayesian Optimal Control Problems](#)," Economic Theory, 4, pp. 303–309, (1994).
39. "[Learning in Mis–Specified Models and the Possibility of Cycles](#)," Journal of Economic Theory, 55, pp. 416–427, (1991).
40. "The Number of Equations Versus the Number of Unknowns: The convergence of Bayesian Posterior Processes," Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 15, pp. 687–713, (1991).
41. "[Optimal Control of a Nonlinear Regression Process with Unknown Parameters](#)," with Kiefer, N. M. (1989). Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences, Springer Verlag.
42. "[Optimal Control of an Unknown Linear Process with Learning](#)" with Kiefer, N. M., (1989). International Economic Review, 30(3), pp. 571–586.
43. "[Control of a Linear Regression Process with Unknown Parameters](#)," with Kiefer, N. M., (1988). In "Dynamic Econometric Modelling" (eds) W. Barnett and H. White, Cambridge University Press.

IV. Growth Theory

44. "[Optimal Growth with Unobservable Resources and Learning](#)," with Olson, L., (1996). Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, May, Vol. 29, pp. 465–491.
45. "[The Stochastic Growth Model when Utility Depends on Both Consumption and the Stock Level](#)," with Olson, L., (1994). Economic Theory, 4, pp. 791–797.
46. "[On the Existence of Optimal Processes in Non–stationary Environments](#)," with Mitra, T., (1991). Zeitschrift für Nationalökonomie, 53, pp. 245–270.

47. "[Stochastic Dynamic Resource Models with Stock-Dependent Rewards](#)," with Olson, L., (1991). *Journal of Economic Theory*, 55, pp. 161–168.
48. "[Dynamic Optimization Under Uncertainty: Non-convex Feasible Set](#)," with Majumdar, M., & Mitra, T., (1989). In "Joan Robinson and Modern Economic Theory," (Ed.) G. R. Feiwel, MacMillan Press, New York.
49. "[On Characterizing the Optimality of Stochastic Competitive Processes](#)," *Journal of Economic Theory*, 45(2), pp. 316–329, 1988. Reprinted in "Decentralization in Infinite Horizon Economies," Edited by Majumdar, M., Westview Press, (1992).

V. Miscellaneous

50. "[Food Price Volatility and Its Consequences: Introduction](#)," Edited with Arezki, R., Aynaoui, K., E., & Teal, F., (2016). Special Issue, *Oxford Economic Papers*, Volume 68, Number 3, July 2016.
51. "[Rural Agricultural Markets: A Case Study in Ghana](#)," with Aman, A., Coutts, A., Afutu, A., Lacy, C., Amoah-Bimpong, C., Eshun, E., F., Soldani, E., Amjad, F., Alipio, F., Essegbey, K., Adjaho, M. K., Nyame, S., S., Tong, T., Archavksi, V., (2016). Working paper prepared for the International Growth Center (London School of Economics), April 2016.
52. "[Asymmetric Information and Remittances: Evidence from Matched Administrative Data](#)," with Joseph, T., Wang, S., (2016), March 2016.
53. "[Commodity Exchanges in Africa: Transforming African Agriculture and Finance](#)," Policy Brief for the International Growth Center (London School of Economics), February 2016.
54. [Review of the book "Games, Strategies and Managers](#)," by John McMillan, *Journal of Economic Literature*, XXXI, pp. 890–891.
55. Study Guide to Accompany "Microeconomics: A Modern Approach," joint with Schotter, A., (1994). Harper Collins.
56. "[Comparing Learning Models with Ideal Micro-Experimental Data Sets](#)," joint with Schotter, A., (2000).
57. "[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. (May 1, 1998 revised June 18, 2001).
58. "[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. (September 18, 1998).

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 Hildebrandt, N., Romagnoli, G., & Soldani, E., (2015).
2. "Asymmetric Information and Remittances: Evidence from Matched Administrative Data," with Wang, S., (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 Schotter, A., (2000).
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 Jovanovic, B.
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.

EDITORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 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, 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, 1991-1997.
- Associate Editor, Economic Theory, 2001 – 2004.
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of African Development, Spring & Fall 2011.
- Member, National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Economics, 2001 – 2003.
- Member, 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

TEACHING AND SEMINARS

AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY:

- Technology and Economic Development: Networks and Markets (Undergraduate, Spring 2015 (NYC and Abu Dhabi); 2016 (Abu Dhabi); 2017 (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

- FAS Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) (Elected 2016 – Present).
- NYU Global Network University Faculty Committee (2015 – 2016).
- NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Master’s in Computing and Development (2015 – 16).
- NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Honors and Awards Committee (2015 – 2016).
- NYUAD Economics External Core Curriculum Committee (2015 – 2016).
- 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 – Present).
- C.V. Starr Steering Committee (1990 – 1991).
- Merit and Evaluation Committee (1991 – 1992, Fall 1995 – Present).

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (2010 – PRESENT)

- Co-Organizer and Presenter, Development Research Institute (DRI)-Africa House Annual Conference “The Global Migration Crisis,” New York, USA, October 20, 2016.
- Organizer and Moderator, “Namibia Commerce and Prosperity Forum with H.E. President Dr. Hage G. Geingob,” New York, USA, September 22, 2016.
- Organizer and Moderator, NYU Africa Presidential Forum, A meeting of Tourism Ministers on the occasion of the UN General Assembly Annual Meetings, New York, USA, September 19, 2016.
- Presenter, “Labour and Mobility,” Concept Note, Abu Dhabi Dialogue Senior Officials’ Meeting, Dubai, UAE, May 11 – 12, 2016.
- Presenter, “Asymmetric Information and Remittances: Evidence from Matched Administrative Data,” Political Economy of Labor Markets and Migration in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Organized by the London School of Economics in Kuwait City, Kuwait, March 7, 2016.

- Keynote Address, 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 and Moderator; NYU Africa Presidential Forum on the Occasion of the UN General Assembly Meetings with H. E. Dr. Jakaya M. Kikwete, President of United Republic of Tanzania; 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, UAE, April 5 – 7, 2015 (with members of Ghanaian Commodities Exchange and the Ethiopian Commodities Exchange).
- Annual Investment Meeting, “Mobile Apps for Economic Development in Rural Africa,” Dubai, UAE, March 30 – April 1, 2015.
- NYUAD Annual Research Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 28 – March 1, 2015.
- Organizer, Gulf Thinkers/CTED Seminar, Presentation of “Worker Mobility in a Global Labor Market: Evidence from the United Arab Emirates,” NYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 4, 2015.
- Co-Organizer and Presenter, Development Research Institute (DRI) Annual Conference “Cities and Development,” November 18, 2014, New York, USA.
- North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) at Boston University, “Price Information, Inter-Village Networks, And Bargaining Spillovers: Experimental Evidence from Ghana,” presented by Nicole Hildebrandt, November 1, 2014.
- Ebola Preparedness Conference, Accra, Ghana, October 23, 2014.
- Commodities Exchange Seminar Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE, September 6 – 9, 2014.

- Faculty Research Presentations: Economics Seminar Series, Abu Dhabi, UAE, September 1, 2014.
- Keynote Presenter, African Econometric Society Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 16 – 18, 2014.
- Yale University Zedillo Conference, “Actors of Change in Africa: Human Capital and Markets,” Connecticut, USA, April 14, 2014.
- NYUAD Annual Research Conference, “The Economics of the Food Crop Network in a Small Developing Nation (Ghana),” Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 22 – 24, 2014.
- “Rural Tourism and Greening as Drivers for Economic Transformation and the Leveraging Role of Technology,” Kumawu, Ghana, January 22, 2014.
- 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, Ghana, October 2013 (special invitation by the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. John D. Mahama).
- Organizer and Moderator, NYU Africa Presidential Forum on the Occasion of the UN General Assembly Meetings with His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda. September 26, 2013.
- Organizer and Presenter, African Econometrics Society Meeting. July 2013.
- Organizing Committee, “Labour Mobility – Enabler for Sustainable Development” Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE, May 14 – 15, 2013 (held by the Ministry of Labour of the UAE).
- “Capital Flight and Entrepreneurship,” Eastern Economics Association Meeting, New York, USA. May 10, 2013.
- “Economic Transformation – the Human Capital and Brain Drain nexus,” African Development Bank, Tunis, Tunisia, March 2013.
- “Technology and Economic Development” IFPRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 2013.
- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)-World Bank Migration Conference, Paris, June 28 – 30, 2012.
- Organizer, Technology and Economic Development Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 2012.
- Keynote Address, “Local Content laws and Economic Development,” Volta River Authority, Accra, Ghana, December 2011.

- Keynote Address, “Sustaining High Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Knowledge and the Structure of the Economy,” African Economics Research Consortium, Nairobi, Kenya, December 2011.
- Keynote Address, "Rethinking the MDGs: Towards an Alternative Development Agenda post-2015," United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Accra, Ghana, November 2011.
- Keynote Address, “Technology and Economic Development,” African Econometrics Association, Nairobi, Kenya, Summer 2011.
- World Bank ABCDE Meetings, Paris, June 2011.
- Keynote Address, Africa Travel Association Annual Meetings, Dakar, Senegal, May 2011.
- Organizer, Technology and Economic Development Conference, NYU Abu Dhabi, March 2011.
- Co-Organizer, Development Research Institute (DRI) Conference, New York, USA, March 2011.
- African Center for Economic Transformation, Accra, Ghana, November 2010.
- Keynote Address, Paris AFD Conference on Development (special invitation by French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), March 2010.
- Measure–for–Measure Conference, Paris, France, 2010 (special invitation by French Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- Keynote Address, Africa Travel Association Annual Meetings, Banjul, Gambia, May 2010.
- Organizer, NYUAD Conference “Africa, the Gulf, and the Indian Ocean,” Abu Dhabi, UAE, March 2010.
- ASSA/AEA Meetings in Atlanta, USA, January 2010.