

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### **2015 PhD Business and Economic studies (Economics) University of Leeds, UK.**

Thesis title: An Analysis of the Proposed Currency Union of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Supervisors: Prof Malcolm Sawyer and Prof Giuseppe Fontana.

In the first year of my PhD I did three taught and assessed modules, as part of the PhD requirements. These include: Macroeconomics 1, Economics of Globalisation and International Economy, Philosophy. I was exempt from the fourth module, Econometrics, as it was undertaken during my previous studies.

#### **University of London (Centre for Financial & Management Studies, SOAS)**

#### **MSc in Financial Economics (Merit) 2006-2008**

(Modules: International Finance, Investment and project appraisal, Econometric principles and data analysis, Econometric Analysis and applications, Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets, Banking and Capital Markets and a dissertation in Finance.). Dissertation topic: The impact of Demographic Change in Population on the UK Household Saving Rates.

#### **Chartered Institute of Management Accountants**

#### **Advanced Diploma in Management Accounting February 2005**

#### **Leeds Beckett University PGCHE (Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education) 2005-2006**

#### **Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)**

#### **ACCA (Affiliate), January 2003**

#### **University of Leeds**

#### **MA Accounting and Finance, Merit 2000 – 2001**

(Modules: International Business Finance; Financial Analysis; Accounting and Organisational Performance; Financial Reporting and Regulation; Corporate Enterprise and Financial Decision Making; Information and Organisational Design; Ownership, Compensation and Performance; Quantitative Research Methods; Applied Econometrics; Dissertation. Dissertation topic: A Practical Evaluation of Corporate Bankruptcy Prediction Models.

**Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone (USL) B.Sc. (Econ) with Honours. in Accounting, 2:1, 1988-1993 (Dissertation topic: An Assessment of the Credit Control Policies of the Petroleum Industry in Sierra Leone- A case study of Shell Sierra Leone (SSL) Limited and Mobil Oil Sierra Leone Limited.**

## Skills development (short) Courses:

**June-July 2021 Oxford Fintech Programme-** six-week course run by Saïd Business School, University of Oxford with a Capstone project. The course covers recent trends and developments in Financial Technology (Fintech) including Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, Big data, Open banking, Peer-to-Peer (P2P) technologies, Algorithmic trading/lending, Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), Fintech challenges and regulations in the US, UK, Europe and Asia and the evolving relationship between Fintech firms and incumbent banks in the financial services sector.

**Oct-Nov 2019** Introduction to Panel Data, Stata Corporation

**Nov-Dec 2017** Excel Expert course, Pitman Training UK.

**June-Sept 2017** Level 5 Diploma in Applied Financial Trading, London Academy of Trading.  
Use FxPro (trading platform) to trade on securities, commodities, forex.

**Dec 2016** Time series and Macroeconomic modelling and forecasting using Eviews, 12-14 December 2016, Timberlake Consulting, CASS Business School, London, UK.

**July 2016** Microeconometrics using Stata, Timberlake Consulting Ltd, Cambridge, UK, 18-20 July 2016.

**July 2016** Time Series Analysis and Modelling using STAMP, Timberlake Consulting Ltd, Cambridge, UK 20-22 July 2016.

**Feb. 2015** Regression Analysis Using Stata (2 days), Timberlake Consulting, CASS Business School, London, UK, 12-13 Feb.

**July 2014** Multivariate Analysis using Stata (2 days), University of Reading, UK, 24-25 July

**June 2013** Panel Data Analysis Using Stata (2 days), Timberlake Consulting, CASS Business School, London, UK

**August 2011** Economics of European Integration (3 weeks), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) summer school, UK

**July 2011** Money and Banking (3 weeks), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) summer school, UK

**August 2009** Advanced Corporate Finance (3 weeks), London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) summer school, UK

**June 2009** Board membership- an induction for tenants (1day training). Organised by Leeds Federated Housing Association, Leeds, UK

## Work Experience (Full time):

**Higher Colleges of Technology-** Al Ain Women Campus, United Arab Emirates: Assistant Professor, Jan 2018- delivering courses in Accounting and Finance including Corporate Finance, Financial Management, and Investment Analysis with Islamic Finance component. Also Program coordinator for Accounting in August 2018 to July 2019.

**Leeds Beckett University Senior Lecturer in Finance 2003-2017**

In this full-time employment, I taught undergraduate, postgraduate and professional courses: Corporate Finance, International Finance, Financial Management (F9), Financial Management, Advanced Financial Management, International Business Finance, Business Accounting, supervising and coordinating dissertations, and Local Research Ethics Coordinator (LREC) for School of Accounting and Finance (responsible for the review and approval of students' research ethics applications in accordance with the university research ethics regulations), module leader for several modules which involves delivering, managing, developing and updating modules in accordance with the curriculum and managing and supporting module team. Overseas delivery (Corporate Finance in China for five years). Personal tutor for UK students (student support).

**Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM), University of Sierra Leone**                      **Research Teaching Assistant and Acting Head**                      **1993 - 2000**

In the last three years of this full time job I was acting head of Department of Accounting and Finance responsible for all the operations of the department and reporting to the director of the institute. I developed and implemented the first degree programme (BSc, Hon., in Financial Services) in 1999 then BSc in Applied Accounting. During this employment I delivered Accounting and Finance modules in a number of courses ranging from academic (Diplomas, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees) and professional (Chartered Institute of Bankers (CIB), Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT))

**Action Contre La Faim (ACF) Sierra Leone**                      **Accounts/Administrative Assistant**                      **1997 - 1998**

ACF is a non-Governmental Organisation dealing in water, sanitation, nutrition and Agriculture. The vacancy for this full-time position arose after the Military coup in May 1997, in the country, which made many professionals and academics unemployed. After rigorous exams and interviews with many competitors, I became the successful applicant to occupy the post. During this period, I was responsible for payroll, other accounting, and administrative responsibilities, monitoring of operations in different store locations and stock taking reporting to the administrator in the head office.

**Work Experience (Part time):**

**Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)**                      **Assistant Examiner/Marker**                      **Dec 2006 – June 2016**

This position involves marking Financial Management exam paper for the ACCA examination.

**Esso Service Station, UK**                      **Cashier**                      **Feb 2003-Aug 04**  
**TOPSS England, UK**                      **Temporary Finance Officer**                      **Oct – Dec 2002**

**West African Examinations Council (WAEC)**                      **Paper setter**                      **Jan. 2000**

This position involves setting accounting exam paper for West African Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (WASSSCE)

**Fourah Bay College University of Sierra Leone**                      **Lecturer in Accounting**                      **May 1997**

This job came to a sudden end due to the military coup on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1997

**Business and Secretarial Services, Freetown**                      **Lecturer in Accounting**                      **1993 - 1999**

**West African Examinations Council (WAEC)**                      **Assistant Examiner in Accounting**                      **1994-1995**

This position involves marking O'Level Principles of Accounts examination scripts

**Accountant General's Department**                      **Lecturer in Accounting**                      **1994-1995**

This position involves preparing the department staff (internal training) for the AAT Accounting examination.

**Professional membership:** Senior Fellow of the British Academy of Higher Education (now Advance HE).

**Volunteering:**

**Quarry Mount Primary School** Parent Governor April 2008- 2015  
**Leeds, UK**

**Awards for excellence achievements:**

**2014** Achieving Excellence Award presented to Course Team of the Year 2014. The award was presented by Leeds Beckett University in recognition of the contribution made to the university.

**1987** Prize winner for the best SC/GCE Ordinary level candidate at Government Independence Memorial Secondary School, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

**1988** Won a highly competitive VSO (Volunteer Services Overseas) essay writing competition scholarship at the university.

**Hobbies:** Going to the gym for physical exercise (Gold's gym member), watching sport events (football, tennis), play tennis and football with family and friends.

**Research papers in progress (targeting Scopus journals)**

- The Monetary union of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS): Empirical Evidence from Cluster Analysis (close to publication- resubmitted to the journal on 30/06/21)
- Estimating the effect of currency union on Trade in West Africa- Evidence from panel data (to be submitted to Journal after update).
- A study on the feasibility of expanding the GCC Monetary Union to the MENA Countries (Successfully secured HCT research grant in April 2019- write up for submission to journal is in progress).

**Teaching with Technology (TWT):** I am trained and competent in online delivery of lectures and assessments, especially in the current COVID-19 social distancing/work from home (WFH) environment. I attended a number of training courses such as Collaborate Ultra for online classes, Creating a test on blackboard. I create my lecture sessions to enable recording and downloading for off line replay by students. I can use Stata and Eviews statistical software for data analysis, useful for both teaching and research.

**References**

**Academic reference**

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