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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Student - PhD Applied Economics

Research Interests: Public Economics, Applied Econometrics, Labor Economics, and Development Economics

Minnesota, MN, USA

2023- Present

WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Master's degree, Policy Economics (1st Class).

Williamstown, MA, USA

2013 – 2014

UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI

Bachelor of Social Science (Economics Major, Distinction)

Zomba, MALAWI

2007 - 2010

RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANT - EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota Graduate Research Assistant

Minnesota, MN, USA

Summer 2024

Graduate Research Assistant at the Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation (ISDRI) for summer 2024. Working with ISDRI members on different aspects of their respective research.

University of Minnesota Teaching Assistant

Minnesota, MN, USA

September 2023 - Present

Teaching Assistant in the Applied Economics Department at the University.

- Fall 2023: TA for World Food Problems course taught by Professor C. Ford Runge and Professor Morrell.
- Spring 2024: TA for Intermediate Microeconomics taught by Professor Ford.

Main duties include.

- Assisting professors in different aspects of their teaching responsibilities.
- Delivering class recap sessions and grading
- Assisting students with understanding course materials and developing required course research work.

Williams College Research and Teaching Assistant

Williamstown, MA, USA

July 2016 – January 2017

This was a fixed term appointment in the Center for Development Economics (CDE) at Williams College. Main duties:

- Assisting CDE economics department professors in research work, data analysis, and grading of class work.
- Assisting CDE masters students in research work, usage of tools like Stata, e-views, data analysis, and understanding class materials (mostly econometrics, and advanced macroeconomics and microeconomics).

WORK EXPERIENCE

United States of America - Department of State Economics Specialist

Lilongwe, MALAWI

November 2019 – August 2023

Economics Specialist for United States of America Mission to Malawi. My duties include: -

- Carrying out economic research, policy analysis, and data management to inform U.S.A government policies and programs in Malawi.
- Carrying out commercial advocacy, market research, investment climate analysis.

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- Advising U.S companies interested in doing business/investing in Malawi.
- Strategic planning, monitoring, and evaluation of country strategies.

Malawi Revenue Authority Senior Economist

Blantyre, MALAWI
May 2016 – October 2019

Main duties:

- Tax modelling and forecasting.
- Tax policy analysis and evaluation.
- Economic research and data management to inform all tax related policies and programs.
- Strategic planning, monitoring, and evaluation of institution's projects and programs.

Ministry of Finance Economist

Lilongwe, MALAWI
December 2011 – April 2016

Economist in Ministry of Finance, Malawi government. Main duties included:

- Financial programming, economic modelling & forecasting
- Fiscal & monetary policy analysis to feed into government wide policies and programs.
- National budget formulation, and policy formulation
- Monitoring & evaluation, strategic planning.

Continental Discount House Economic Analyst and Treasury Dealer

Blantyre, MALAWI
May 2011 – November 2011

As economic analyst for the financial firm Continental Discount House (now Continental Discount Bank), main duties:

- Research and economic analysis to feed into investments decisions by the firm.
- Financial market treasury dealer
- Financial sector analysis and Investment portfolio analysis

SKILLS

Data Analysis Skills: Hands on experience working with Stata, E-views, R, Python, GAMS, SPSS, Excel, and Rats.

Language: Fluency in English and Chichewa. Basic French.

OTHER SKILLS/HABITS

- Volunteer soccer coach for community and secondary school teams in Malawi.
- Events coordination and planning.
- Time management and attention to detail.
- Consultancy work in tax policy, labor, investment, and economic affairs in Malawi and surrounding countries.

REFERENCES

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