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EDUCATION

- 2019 (Anticipated graduation) **Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.**
Ph.D. in Economics with a focus on Agricultural Economics: Majoring in **Agribusiness, International Development and Price Analysis.**
- 2014 **University Ouaga II & University of Ghana, Legon**
Master of Science (MSc) in Applied Economics and Agricultural Policies of Nouveau Programme du Troisieme Cycle Interuniversitaire (NPTCI).
- 2011 **University d'Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Cotonou, Benin**
Engineering degree in Economics, Socio-anthropology and Communication for the rural development.
- 2010 **University d'Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Cotonou, Benin**
Degree in General Agronomy Sciences (Diplome d'Agronomie Generale).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Sept 2017 – Sept 2019 **Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.**
Kansas State Center of Risk Management Education and Research (CRMER KSTATE) Student Fellow for the 2018 – 2019 academic year.
- Jul 2017 **Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.**
Certificate in Discrete Choice Experiments and Data Analysis: Theory and Applications from Introductory to Advanced Models with Case Studies.
- Aug 2015 **US Embassy of Lome, Togo**
Selected by both US Embassy of Benin and Togo to participate in Women empowerment and financial independence training in Lome, Togo.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

- Since Fall 2018* **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS**
Guest instructor and grader.
AGEC 632: Agribusiness logistics (38 students)
AGEC 599: Food and agribusiness management and strategies. (37 students)
- Aug 2015 –
Aug 2019* **Graduate Research Assistant, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS**
International Development and Marketing of agricultural commodities.
Literature review
Data analysis
Research papers and professional presentations.
- Summer 2018* **International Student Welcoming Ambassador (ISWA), Manhattan, KS**
Assistant to the Head of both the Housing Department and the International Student Center in coordinating the settlement of new incoming students.
- Graduate Student Ambassador for the Fulbright Program, Manhattan, KS**
Assistant to the Head of both the English Language Program (ELP) and the and the International Student Center in coordinating the pre-academic training of the Fulbright students selected for the academic year 2018/2019.
- Jan - Aug 2015* **National Food Security Support Service of BENIN (ONASA) Cotonou, Benin.**
Assistant to the Head of the monitoring and the assessment Unit.
- Jul 2015* **Dare to Innovate social entrepreneurship boot camp, Cotonou, Benin.**
Risk Management and fund raising activity teacher at the Dare to Innovate boot camp organized by the US Peace Corp and the US Embassy in Benin.
- Jun 2011 - 2012* **Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice) Member of CGIAR GIZ, German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation; Cotonou, Benin.**
Internship (Data Analyst: and Impact assessment).
- Aug - Oct 2010* **BRS (Banque Regional de Solidarite) Cotonou, Benin.**
Internship (Loans and farms crop insurance).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND WORKING PAPERS

Pacem Kotchofa, Timothy Dalton **“Maize and Sorghum yield response functions in Nigeria: Evidence of latitude effect”**. Paper presented at the Western Agricultural Economics Association annual meeting (WAEA), Anchorage, Alaska, June, 2018.

Pacem Kotchofa. *“To what extent do household expenditure and prices affect the demand for rice in northern Ghana?”* Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association annual meeting (SAEA), Jacksonville, Florida, February, 2018.

Pacem Kotchofa, Vincent Amanor Boadu, Kara Ross, Yacob Yezeherus *“Expenditure and Price Elasticities of Demand for Legumes in Northern Ghana.”* Paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association annual meeting (AAEA), Chicago, Illinois, July 30 – Aug 1st 2017.

Pacem Kotchofa, Vincent Amanor Boadu, Kara Ross, Yacob Yezeherus *“Expenditure and Price Elasticities of Demand for Legumes in Northern Ghana.”* Paper presented at the USAID-Feed-The-Future Legumes regional conference, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, August 12-19, 2017.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Pacem Kotchofa, and Kara Ross. *What drives purchase decision and the intensity of purple bean purchased in Lusaka, Zambia?”* Paper presented at the Missouri Valley Economics Association conference, Saint Louis, Missouri, October 27-29, 2016. (**UNDER REVIEW**).

HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Aug 2017* **Best Poster Award in Agricultural Economics** at the USAID-Feed the Future Legumes conference; Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- Jan 2017* **Microeconomics qualifying examination:** Passed with distinction
- Aug 2016* **Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA):** 2nd Place Award at the Graduate Student Case Study; Boston, USA.
- Aug 2015* **USAID-Feed-The-Future Legumes Scholar Award for a full funded scholarship of Ph.D.** in Kansas State University.
- Jan 2013* **AGRA funded by Melinda and Bill Gate Foundation partnering with the PTCI Excellence full funded Scholarship of Master of Science** at the University of Ouaga II and University of Ghana, Legon
- Oct 2006* **“Benin Government Excellence” full funded Scholarship** in Engineering of Agricultural Economics at the University of Abomey Calavi, Cotonou, Benin.

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

- May 2018 – 2019* Vice-President of **the International Coordinating Council (ICC)** of KSTATE
- Sept 2017 – 2018* Fellow of the KSTATE **Student Government Association (SGA) / Diversity Programming Committee (DPC)**
- Sep 2017 – Present* **Treasurer of the Graduate Student in Agricultural Economics Case Study Competition Team (GSAE/CST)** at Kansas State University.
- May 2016 –
May 2017* **President of the African Student Union (ASU)** at Kansas State University
- Aug 2015 - present* Various **volunteering at KSTATE and in Manhattan community.**

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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| <i>2018 - Present</i> | Member, Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) |
| <i>2017 - Present</i> | Member, Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) |
| <i>2015 - Present</i> | Member, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) |
| <i>2016 - Present</i> | Member, Missouri Valley Economic Association (MVEA) |
| <i>2013 to Present</i> | Member, African Agricultural Economist Association (AAEA) |
| <i>2010 to Present</i> | Member, Young Beninese Leaders Association (YBLA) |
| <i>2010 to Present</i> | Active member of Junior Chamber International (JCI), local chapter of "Abomey Calavi Pioneer" |
| <i>2010 to Present</i> | Active member of Lions International Club, local chapter of "Lions Abomey Calavi Colombe". |

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

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| <i>Languages:</i> | English, French, Fon, Idatcha, Bariba, Nago and More. |
| <i>Interests:</i> | Philanthropy, Personal development, Politics, Basket and Reading. |