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Education

- Maastricht University, Netherlands (Sept. 2010 – June 2015).
 - PhD in microeconomics titled “The evolution of beliefs and strategic behaviour” – funded by the United Nations University Scholarship.
- Maastricht University, Netherlands (Sept. 2009 – July 2010).
 - Postgraduate coursework on Economic Development and Technical Change.
- University of Cape Town/University of the Western Cape (Jan. 2008 – July 2009).
 - MSc. Astronomy – funded by The Square Kilometre Array scholarship.
- University of Cape Town (Jan. 2007 – June 2009).
 - Honours in Astrophysics and Space Physics – funded by National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme.
- Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Uganda (Sept. 2003 – July 2006).
 - BSc with Education, Mathematics and Physics – funded by the Ugandan government Merit Scholarship.

Completed Online Courses

- MicroMasters Program Coursework on “Designing and Running Randomized Evaluations” – offered by The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Feb. 2020 – May 2020).

Research Fields

- Game Theory; Social and Economic Networks; Applied Microeconomics; Development Economics.

Employment

- Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Pretoria (March 2024 – Present)
- Senior Researcher, African Centre for a Green Economy (March 2021 – Feb. 2024).
- Assessor – Public Policy Analysis online course by the London School of Economics and Political Science (Sept. 2020 – Present).
- Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Cape Town (Jan. 2020 – Feb. 2020).
- Senior Research Analyst, SALDRU, University of Cape Town (Aug. 2019 – Nov. 2019).

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, African Institute of Financial Markets and Risk Management (AIFMRM), University of Cape Town (Sep. 2016 – July 2019).
- Lecturer, Maastricht University School of Business and Economics (Aug. 2014 – Jul. 2016).

Academic Research Papers

- Discussants. 2022, *Research Policy*, 51(10) (with Michael E. Rose and Co-Pierre Georg).
- Strategic diffusion in networks through contagion. 2021, *Journal of Evolutionary Economics* 31(3), 995–1027 (2021), (with Theophile T. Azomahou).
- On the relationship between p-dominance and stochastic stability in network games. 2021, *International Journal of Game Theory*, 51(2).
- Prejudice, group cohesion and the dynamics of disagreement. 2018, R&R *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*.
- Contagion, network cohesion and long run stability in evolutionary games. 2020, Submitted to *Games and Economic Behaviour*. Available at SSRN 3678191.
- How central agents affect group behaviour and the speed of learning. 2019, *Working paper*.
- Informal intellectual collaboration with central colleagues. 2017, *Kiel Working Papers 2084*, Kiel Institute for the World Economy (joint with Co-Pierre Georg and Michael E. Rose).
- Costly word-of-mouth learning in networks. 2016, *Working paper* (joint with Theophile T. Azomahou).

Conference Proceedings

- Discussants, *Academy of Management Annual Meeting Proceedings*. 2019(1):19194 (joint with Co-Pierre Georg and Michael E. Rose).

Ongoing projects

- The Rate of Scientific Progress and the Structure of the Scientific Community (with Michael E. Rose)
- Energy access and SMEs performance: Evidence from West-Nile, Uganda (with Mao Amis).

Experience in Impact Assessment

- Mid-term Evaluation of the “Support Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini to Provide Comprehensive, Quality Assured Care, Treatment and Prevention HIV/TB Services to Achieve and

- Sustain Epidemic Control under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)" Project. Sept. 2023 – Jan. 2024 (with Navz Research and Data Analytics).
- Mid-term Evaluation of the Male Sexual Partners (MSP) Programme implemented by the Aids Foundation South Africa (AFSA). Feb. 2022 – Aug. 2022 (with Strategy Analytics & Management).
 - Impact evaluation of the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP) implemented by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) of South Africa. Nov. 2021 – May 2022 (with Break The Chains).
 - Impact evaluation of South Africa's Integrated School Health Programme (ISHP). Nov. 2020 – June 2021 (with Strategy Analytics & Management).
 - Mid-term Evaluation of the WDB Growth Fund. Sept. 2021 – Dec. 2021 (with Break The Chains).
 - Energy access as a dividend for designing just transition pathways. Feb. 2021 – Dec. 2023 (with the African Centre for a Green Economy).
 - Addressing Africa's Youth Unemployment Through Industries Without Smokestacks. 2019 (with the Development Policy Research Unit, University of Cape Town).

Conference Presentations

- The Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, Rabat, Morocco, July 2019.
- 5th European Meeting on Game Theory (SING15), Turku, Finland, 2-4 July 2019.
- Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Warwick, April 2019.
- Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, June. 2018.
- Southern African Finance Association (SAFA) Annual Meeting, January 2017.
- Economic Research Southern Africa Activity (ERSA) on Financial stability, Dec 2016.
- Royal Economic Society Conference, University of Sussex, U.K., March 2016.
- Royal Economic Society Postgraduate Presentation Meetings and Job Market, Westminster Business School, 2016.
- World Congress of the Econometric Society, Montreal – Canada, Aug. 2015°UNU-MERIT and MGSOG conference: Maastricht – NL, Nov. 2014.
- China Meeting of the Econometric Society, Xiamen, China, June 2014.
- Royal Economic Society Postgraduate Presentation Meetings and Job Market, London – U.K., January 2014.
- The 25th International Conference on Game Theory, Stony Brook University, New York, July 2014.
- 10th Workshop on Networks in Economics and Sociology, Utrecht School of Economics, Nov. 2011.

Seminar Presentations

- School of Economics, University of Cape Town, 05 Sept. 2019.
- School of Economics, University of Cape Town, 05 Nov. 2018.
- Centre for Competition Law and Economics, Stellenbosch University, 25 Oct. 2018.
- AIFMRM Seminars, University of Cape Town, May & Oct. 2018.
- The Research Unit in Behavioural Economics and Neuroeconomics, University of Cape Town, July 2017.
- Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University, 07 Aug. 2017.
- School of Economics, University of Cape Town, June 2017.
- Department of Economics Seminars, University of Pretoria, April 2017.
- Aix-Marseille School of Economics – GREQAMs, Marseille, Feb. 2016.
- Centre d’Economie de La Sorbonne and Paris School of Economics, University of Paris I, Mar. 2013.
- Universite de Cergy Pontoise THEMA Seminaires, Cergy-Pontoise, Feb. 2013.
- Cournot Seminaires at Bureau d’Economie Theorique et Appliquee (BETA) Strasbourg, Strasbourg, Jan. 2013.
- Maastricht Lecture Series in Economics, Maastricht, Nov. 2012.

Funding Awards

- URC Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Cape Town, Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2018.
- Econometric Society World Congress travel grant, Aug. 2015.
- UNU PhD fellowship, Maastricht University, Sept. 2009 – July 2014.
- The South African Square Kilometre Array (SKA) fellowship, University of Cape Town, Jan. 2008 – Aug. 2009.
- The National Astrophysics and Space Science Programme (NASSP) fellowship, University of Cape Town, Jan. 2007– Dec. 2008.
- Government Merit Scholarship, Mabarrara University, Aug. 2003 – June 2006.

Member of:

- American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Royal Economic Society, Regional Advisory Committee of Social Science One, Southern African Market Research Association (professional body).

Journal Refereeing Activities

- Journal of Economic Behaviour & Organization, International Journal of Game Theory, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics.

Referees

Prof. David Taylor

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Executive Director: Dr. Mao Amis Angua.

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Executive Director: Dr. Ignatius Odongo

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