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## *Education*

<b>2023 - 2024</b>	<b>York University, MA Economics, Toronto, Canada</b> <b>A+ all courses:</b> (2023 Fall) Applied Econometrics, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Macroeconomics, Industrial Organization (2024 Winter) Econometric Theory, Econometrics of Financial Markets, International Monetary Economics, Economics of Education
<b>2008 - 2011</b>	<b>University College London, BSc(Econ) Economics 2:1, London, UK</b>

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## *Awards and Scholarships*

<b>2023 - 2024</b>	<b>York Graduate Scholarship/ Master's Fellowship/ TAship/ RAship (Full Package), York University, Toronto</b>
<b>2008 - 2011</b>	<b>Full Overseas University Scholarship, Hang Seng School of Commerce, Hong Kong</b>

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## *Work Experience*

<b>Apr 2024 – Present</b>	<b>Research Assistant, York University, Toronto, Canada</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For econometrician Prof. Antoine Djogbenou on local projections of VAR model.</li><li>• Write a report and replicate results in Matlab of a paper and researched relevant literature.</li></ul>
<b>Sep 2023 – Apr 2024</b>	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant, York University, Toronto, Canada</b>
<b>Mar 2021 – May 2023</b>	<b>Y-LOT Foundation Ltd., Strategy &amp; Project Director, Hong Kong</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Built a greenfield and first charity offering patient capital to science research and technology transfer in HK.</li><li>• Fundraised USD 100,000 in 9 months and expanded work team from 3 to 8 and advisor team from 0 to 9.</li><li>• Pitched ideas and built strong partnership across private and public stakeholders.</li><li>• Conducted focus group interviews and desktop policy research and analysis.</li><li>• Formulated strategy and business model using policy research as input.</li><li>• Coached and built team that could deliver niche and innovative initiatives.</li></ul>
<b>Nov 2017 – Present (Break from Jun 2020 – Present)</b>	<b>Art Around !, Director/ Teacher, Hong Kong/ Japan (<a href="http://www.artaround.co">www.artaround.co</a>)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ran a non-profit proof-of-concept YogArt wellness studio as a certified yoga and mindfulness teacher</li><li>• Delivered 30+ workshops in 3 countries. Reached 200+ clients including students at Chinese University of Hong Kong, elderly in Hong Kong, artists at an artist-run Dust Depo Studio and kids from Baba Dogo Slum as part of World Friend's Banjuka project in Nairobi.</li><li>• Ran 2 cultural art tours to village in Japan with Yamakiwa Gallery. <a href="http://bit.ly/2rmipPd">http://bit.ly/2rmipPd</a></li></ul>
<b>July – Aug 2017</b>	<b>The Mills Fabrica Incubator, Director Assistant, Hong Kong</b>
<b>Mar 2017 – Present</b>	<b>The Scholars, Economics/ English/ Maths Private Tutor, Hong Kong</b>
<b>June 2016 – July 2017</b>	<b>Career Break, East Africa, Taipei, Hong Kong</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Filmed and interviewed artists in East Africa for 2 months.</li><li>• Studied paintings, drawings and sculptures at National Taiwan University of Arts in Taipei for 5 months.</li><li>• Freelance paid art exhibition helper with an art foundation, <a href="http://www.themill6foundation.com">The Mill6 Foundation</a>.</li><li>• Organised an art tour from Hong Kong to Europe for 8 people. Turnover USD 30,000 and 25% profit margin.</li></ul>
<b>Nov 2015 – June 2016</b>	<b>Afrika Equity Partners, Founder, Nairobi</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advised and supplied capital to grow SMEs in East Africa with social and environmental impact.</li><li>• Founded the fund with a former Barclays banker and ICCO former Regional Investment Officer.</li></ul>

- Originated, site-visited, reviewed financials, valued businesses, drafted investment term sheet and contract, negotiated and coached entrepreneurs, monitored the on-going progress.
- Prospects included a fish tannery, a MFI in Kenya, and a Rwandan meat processing company.

- July 2014 – June 2016** **Barclays Kenya (now Absa Bank Kenya) Global Corporates Asia Desk, Relationship Manager, Nairobi**
- **Solid deal experience** - Reviewed financial models of debt finance of USD 30m ceramic factory construction; Advised infrastructural/ power projects valued USD 100m+ for Dongfang Electric, TBEA Intl.
  - **Result-oriented and Razor-sharp focus on execution** – Given limited mandate and risk appetite, on-boarded 20+ large corporate accounts; Grew revenue 150% in less than 2 years to USD 830,000.
  - **Strong relationship acquisition skills** - Project managed a successful client event (USD 20,000 budget) with 200 guests within 5 months in the role.
  - **Excellent stakeholder management and navigation skills** - Engaged Kenyan Government, transaction advisors like PwC, Private Equity, internal stakeholders like CEO, debt, IBD, project finance, credit, compliance teams.

- Jan 2014 – July 2014** **Barclays Africa Wholesale Corporate Credit Risk Secondment, Sanctioner, London, UK**  
*(Headquarter Approval)*
- **Cross-Africa exposure** - Sanctioned debt/ trade finance, working capital, FX hedging limits across 9 African countries, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Botswana, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zambia and Mozambique.
  - **Cross-industry exposure** - Analysed financials and assessed credit risks of corporate credit applications ranging from real estates, farms, hotels, factory construction.

- Sept 2011 – Dec 2013** **Barclays, Future Leaders Development Program – Credit Risk, UK**  
*Group Retail Credit Risk, Portfolio Management Analyst, London*  
*Sept 2012 – Mar 2013* *Group Retail Credit Risk, Retail Model Risk Analyst, London*  
*Mar – Sept 2012* *Barclaycard, UK Cards Collections Strategy Analyst, Northampton/ London*  
*Sept 2011 – Mar 2012* *Barclaycard, UK Cards Credit Limit Increase Strategy Analyst, Northampton*
- **Methodical, scientific, risk and compliance-minded** - Gained hand-on experience on credit risk policies, compliance and capital models.
  - **Highly skilled in data analytics** - Acquired data analytics skills, SQL and SAS, to inform business strategies.

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## Volunteering

- Jan 2020** **World Friends Banjuka Project, Yoga and Art Instructor, Nairobi**
- 2015** **Africa Insight – Africa Young Entrepreneurs Support Program, Trainer and Mentor, Nairobi**
- Delivered corporate finance and credit workshop for start-ups. Coached entrepreneurs.
- 2015** **Endeavour, Researcher, Nairobi**
- Conducted market research for Entersekt, a South African digital authenticating startup.
- Jun 2009 – 2024** **Rural Impact Professionals Internship (charity), Advisor, Hong Kong**
- Analysed customer data and helped MFI in China to understand performance of their portfolio.
- Jul – Sept 2009** **Tenteleni, Teaching assistant, Kisumu (Kenya)**
- Jun – Jul 2009** **Wokai (US-based Microfinance Institution advisory NGO), Summer Internship, Beijing and Sichuan**
- Developed an account template, cleaned up data and analyzed financial reporting
  - Delivered accounting trainings for a MFI in Sichuan.

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## Qualifications

- Nov 2020** **Somatic Experiencing Beginning I/ II Training with Pedro Prado, Somatic Experiencing Trauma Institute**
- Apr – Jun 2020** **Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Foundations, Brown University Mindfulness Centre**
- Dec 2018** **The Foundation Training for Yoga Teachers, 200-hr with Patrick Creelman & Rinat Perlman, Pure Yoga HK**

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## *Skills and Interests*

<b>Languages</b>	Native Cantonese, Mandarin and Chinese, Native-level English, Basic French, Japanese and Swahili
<b>Corp. Credit Risks</b>	Moody's Analytics' (Omega performance) Credit Skills Development – commercial lending & financial analysis
<b>Accounting</b>	Jun 2005 Distinction in Level 2 Book-keeping and Accounts, LCCI
<b>I.T.</b>	Proficient in SAS, SQL, Excel pivot table/ nested formulae. Basic HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python.
<b>Visual Art</b>	Chinese Painting; Drawing; Sculpting
<b>Others</b>	East African Art, Yoga for 7+ years, Gym, Hiking, Backpacking, Literature, Theatre, Horse-riding

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