

PROFILE

Urban Scholar and Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), using a transdisciplinary approach to investigate urbanization through urban infrastructures, governance, policies and citizen-led urban practices. My expertise is the Majority World, also known as Global South, particularly West Africa using ethnography, discourse and policy analysis. Current research interest is about urban future, masculinities and place-making in Benin's age of Revelation. Other research interests: African History, Spirituality and Religion, and Environmental Politics among others.

EDUCATION

PhD in Human Geography and Urban Studies, LSE **2020-Present**

Thesis Title: A Street Called "Hope": Investigating city-making through urban masculinities in Benin's age of Revelation.

Supervisors: Prof. Claire Mercer and Dr. Ryan Centner

Master in Global Environmental Politics, American University Washington D.C. **2015-2017**

GPA: 3.71

Research Paper Title: "The Sustainable Development Goals and Waste Management in Africa: Case of Benin"

Courses included: Urban political ecology, Global environmental policy analysis, Political Ecology of Waste, Project Management.

Supervisor: Dr. Adam Diamond

Bachelor's in Public Administration/Diplomacy and International Relations **2009-2013**

Overall grade 14/20

Dissertation defense 16/20

Courses included: Law (Public, Private, International), Statistics, Administration Ethics and Practices, History of International Relations, Diplomacy Applied Writing.

Dissertation title: "De Rio à Rio+20 : Quel Bilan pour le Bénin ?"

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP

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| • LSE Knowledge Exchange Impact Fund (5000 £) | 2024 |
| • LSE Studentship Maintenance (72000 £) | 2020-Present |
| • LSE Tuition fees (80544 £) | 2020-Present |
| • Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund award (9826 \$ USD) | 2022 |
| • USA Ambassador's Self Help Fund For Environmental Education (6000 \$) | 2018 |
| • SIS Deans/Fulbright Award (42728 \$ USD) | 2015-2017 |
| • Fulbright Maintenance (44880 \$ USD) | 2015-2017 |
| • Beninese National Scholarship Tuition fees (1220 €) | 2009-2012 |
| • Beninese National Scholarship Maintenance fees (1220 €) | 2009-2012 |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LSE KEI Workshop Organizer, LSE/CiAAF, Republic of Benin **2024-Present**

- Secured £5000 to conduct a collaborative workshop the current PhD project in Benin
- Prepared a partnership between the LSE and the Civic Academic for Africa's Future
- Liaised with over 70+ participants and stakeholders
- Guided and co-ordinated the workshop's implementation
- Provided a policy brief for urban planners and workshop participants on urbanization practices

Research Assistant, Gtechnologies, Republic of Benin **2022-2023**

- Researched and wrote a literature review on e-waste management in Benin, in Africa, and the World
- Prepared a research proposal for the study of household e-waste management practice in Benin
- Directed a team of 3 for the study of more than 2400 households' e-waste management practices

Project Co-Lead, Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund for U.S. Alumni, US Department of State **2022**
Mbeiri, Imo State, Nigeria

- Assessed the submission of an application for the securing of **9826 \$ US**
- Co-ordinated the conception of a farming training program that impacted over 100 farmers on regenerative agriculture practices

Executive Director, SANUS NGO, Republic of Benin **2014-2021 (Full-time)**
2021 – Present (Part-time)

- Co-organized and secured **6000\$ US** from the US Embassy in Benin for the implementation of an environmental education project called **Educ'Envir**
- Trained over 40 people in composting
- Planted over 200 trees in Abomey-Calavi Municipality
- Co-supervised four different local projects : Diner Découverte Gastro Culture (Culture), Minonkpo (Social Support), Espace d'Ecoute (Mental health), SANUS Biblio (Education)
- Recruited and co-managed a team of five project members, and seven volunteers

Civic Academy for Africa's Future, CiAAF, Republic of Benin **2018-2021 (Part-time)**
2021 – Present (Flexible)

- Member of the Research Group on Agriculture, Environment and Climate (GRAEC)
- Collaborated on research grants proposals
- Assisted the administrative and research life of the think tank
- Facilitated and influenced the methodological workshop of the RESIDEMO pilot study
- Translated and revised documents from French to English (Iwaju Africa Call for Papers)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GY202 Introduction to Global Development, LSE **2023-2024**

- Managed and advised 50 undergraduate students of diverse background
- Prepared and authored class materials and activities
- Conducted over 40 office hours
- Marked nearly 50 essays of nearly 5000 words

Ecoles Monseigneur Melchior de Marion Brésillac, Akassato, Republic of Benin **2017-2019**

- Authored and implemented an environmental education curriculum for middle and high school
- Planted with the students over a dozen of trees in and around the school
- Guided and developed an environmental education podcast about plastic waste
- Provided English courses for primary, middle and high school students
- Influenced administrative decisions for the overall management of the school

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

• Seeing the city of Calavi, KEI-CiAAF	2024
• Making Africa Urban, UCL, London	2024
• Transcalar Urbanism, UCL, London	2024
• LSE, FLIA Africa PhD Research Day	2024
• RGS-IBG Postgraduate Forum	2023
• RC21-IJURR Doctoral School	2022
• Université Libre de Bruxelles, État et Société dans le Benin d'aujourd'hui	2022
• LSE, FLIA Africa PhD Research Day	2022

LANGUAGES

- Maxi (Mahi): Native Speaker
- Fon: Native Speaker
- French: Native Speaker
- English: Fluent comprehension, reading, speaking, writing
- German: Basic Comprehension and reading

IT SKILLS

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint)
- NVivo
- R (In Progress)
- Qualtrics
- Canva