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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Demography

University of Pennsylvania, United States

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- Dissertation Title: “Three Essays in Population Processes”
- Committee: Irma Elo (Chair), Chenoa Flippen, Samuel Preston, Petra Todd

Master of Public Policy

Duke University, United States

May 2013

Bachelor of Science in Statistics

University of Benin, Benin (National Institute of Economy)

December 2000

Profile

I am a researcher in the field of public policy with a strong background in health and micro-econometrics. My primary focus is on child health, poverty, and vulnerability in developing countries. My other research interests pertain to migration and long-term population dynamics. My previous works include an impact evaluation of the malaria program in Mainland Tanzania, using a difference-in-difference approach, an econometric assessment of vulnerability to poverty, and an estimation of the distributional impact and efficiency of taxation on households. Furthermore, I have more than 10 years of field experience in designing (question design and sampling), supervising, processing, and analyzing household surveys with an emphasis on Living Standards Surveys in developing countries.

As far as personal aptitudes are concerned, I have developed sharp, critical, and analytical thinking. I have deep knowledge of techniques and software packages (Stata and R) related to panel data and duration analysis, and structural equation modelling. I have strong oral and written communication skills. I also have a commitment to meeting deadlines and delivering high quality outcomes. I am a good team-player as well as a team-leader, who can build and motivate new or existing teams.

Selected Professional Experience

From - To	Employer	Job Title
07/2014 – 08/2014	The World Bank	Consultant

Poverty and Equity Impact Analysis of the VAT Reform in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

- Estimated Linear Expenditure and (Quadratic) Almost Ideal Demand Systems
- Analyzed poverty and distributional impact of the VAT, using a range of poverty and inequality measures
- Edited a working paper on Poverty and Social Impact Analysis in the DRC

Analysis of Poverty in the DRC

- Wrote policy briefs

Assessment of Vulnerability to Poverty in the DRC

- Wrote a working paper on vulnerability and its correlates
- Developed and Estimated econometric models of vulnerability to poverty
- Edited the Poverty Assessment Report
- Edited a working paper

Impact Evaluation of the Street Children Program in the DRC

- Computed program indicators
 - Developed and estimated econometric models of difference-in-difference and propensity score matching
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From - To	Employer	Job Title
01/2011 - 04/2011	Effective Development Group – GMR (DFID funded)	Senior Policy Analyst (Consultant)
Baseline Survey on Public Security in the perspective of Poverty Reduction in the SSAPR program areas (Democratic Rep. Congo)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned and analyzed data ▪ Constructed evaluation indicators ▪ Edited the baseline report and wrote policy recommendations 		
10/2010 - 12/2011	Institut de Recherche Empirique en Economie Politique (IREEP)	Data Processing Specialist (Consultant)
Health Result Based Funding (Benin)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed data processing of the baseline (4,500 households), supervising team of 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designed sampling strategy ○ Developed data entry applications ○ Trained data entry operators and supervised data entry ○ Cleaned data and produced data files 		
02/2010 - 10/2010	IREEP (DFID funded)	Field Manager and Data processing specialist (Consultant)
Baseline Survey of the SSAPR program (DRC)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed data collection and data processing (8,800 households), supervising team of 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drafted questionnaire ○ Designed sampling strategy ○ Selected sample ○ Trained enumerators and supervised fieldwork ○ Developed data entry applications ○ Trained data entry operators and supervised data entry ○ Produced data files 		
01/2010 - 10/2010	National Institute of Statistic and Economic Analysis (INSAE)	Data processing specialist (Consultant)
National Survey on Living standards (Benin)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed data processing (21,000 households), supervising team of 80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developed data entry applications ○ Trained data entry operators and supervised data entry ○ Produced data files 		
12/2009 - 04/2010	CRAD (Population Services International Funded)	Data processing specialist (Consultant)
Survey on Condom Use among Students and Apprentices, ages 15-24 (Benin)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed data processing (5,000 respondents), supervising team of 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Developed data entry applications ○ Trained data entry operators and supervised data entry ○ Produced data files ○ Produced Dashboard indicators 		

From - To	Employer	Job Title
08/2008 - 12/2008	INSAE	Policy Analyst (Consultant)
National Survey on Child Labor (Benin)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned and analyzed data ▪ Constructed indicators ▪ Edited final report 		
12/2008 - 03/2009	INSAE	Policy Analyst (Consultant)
National Surveys (2006 and 2007) on Living standards (Benin)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cleaned data ▪ Edited chapters on land rights and governance in the National Report on Living Standards ▪ Computed standard poverty measures (headcount, poverty gap, and poverty severity - FGT - indices) ▪ Completed dynamic poverty analysis ▪ Estimated Quadratic Almost Ideal Demand Systems 		
03/2004 - 10/2009	Cabinet de Recherches et de Traitements Informatiques (CERTI)	Policy Analyst
Major projects included:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ World Bank Funded Governance and Corruption Surveys (Benin, Congo, and Burundi - 2004- 2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managed data collection and processing (over 2,000 households), supervising team of 25 ○ Drafted questionnaires ○ Designed sampling strategy ○ Trained enumerators and supervised fieldwork ○ Developed data entry applications ○ Trained data entry operators and supervised data entry ○ Analyzed data ○ Edited the final report ▪ Demographic and Health Survey (Benin – 2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Edited questionnaires ○ Trained enumerators ○ Supervised data entry ○ Edited data ▪ UN-HABITAT funded Lagos Urban Iniquity Survey (Nigeria – 2005-2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Designed sampling strategy ○ Edited questionnaires ○ Developed data entry applications ○ Trained data entry operators and supervised data entry ○ Produced data files 		
01/2001 – 03/2004	University of Benin	Policy Analyst
Major project includes:		
African Gender and Development Index (ECA - 2003)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collected data ▪ Cleaned data 		

Teaching Experience

From - To	Employer	Job Title
08/2016 – 12/2016	University of Pennsylvania	Teaching Assistant
Teaching Assistant for Structural Equation Modeling		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Graded Students▪ Reviewed key concepts with students		
08/2015 – 12/2015	University of Pennsylvania	Teaching Assistant
Teaching Assistant for Event History Analysis		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Graded Students▪ Reviewed key concepts with students		
08/2012 – 12/2012	Duke University	Teaching Assistant
Teaching Assistant for Statistics		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Graded Students▪ Reviewed key concepts with students▪ Conducted recitations		

Publications

- **Gansey, R.** (2017) *“Role of Malaria Control in Improving Child Health in Mainland Tanzania: Evidence from a Rapid Policy Scale-up”*
- **Gansey, R.** (2017) *“Immigration and Household Extension in the United States: New Patterns and Explanations”*
- **Gansey, R.** (2017) *“Emigrant Selectivity and Choice of Migration Destination: Evidence from Ghana”*
- Elo, I., Frankenberg, I., **Gansey, R.**, Thomas, D. (2015) *“African in the American Labor Market”*, Demography 52:1513–1542
- **Gansey, R.** (2013) *“How Does US Immigration Policy Combine with Selectivity Factors in Sending Countries to Shape the Labor Market Outcomes of African Immigrants to the US?”*
- **Gansey, R.** (2012) *“Property Titles and Agricultural Growth in Benin”*
- Fourn, L., Haddad, S., Fournier, P., **Gansey, R.** (2009) *“Determinants of parents’ reticence toward vaccination in urban areas in Benin”* (West Africa) – BMC International Health and Human Rights

Computer Skills

STATA, SPSS, SPAD, R, Microsoft Office Suite, LATEX, CsPro

Language Skills

Fluent in French (native speaker)

Fluent in English

References

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