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Objective & Interest

A competent and accomplished economist with diverse global experience. My areas of interest are in Monetary Economics, International & Development Economics, regional Integration (EAC), SMSEs and Youth Development, HIV/AIDS and poverty reduction initiatives.

Education

2011-May 2018 Howard University: Doctor of Philosophy: Economics, concentration- Growth and Development

Dissertation tittle: "Socioeconomic and Institutional Quality Effect of Regional Trade Agreements: A Case Study of East African Community Regional Integration"

2007- Dec. 2009: Howard University: Masters of Arts: Economics, concentration: Monetary/Fiscal Policy

2003-2007 Howard University: Bachelors of Arts: Economics – Magna cum Laude, Minor: Business Administration

Licenses

District, Maryland and Virginia (DMV): Certificate: Youth Mental Health First Aid USA: Valid: 2016- March 2019

Provide initial help to young people experiencing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety disorder, psychosis and substance abuse disorders

Teaching Experience

May 2021- Present: Tutorial Fellow Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies, UON.

- Lecture Economics units
- Website development Champions for the department of Diplomacy and International Studies.
- Supervision of DDIS more than 20 Diploma, Bachelor and Masters Research projects.

Sept. 2018- May 2021: Part-Time Lecturer (evening classes 5:30pm) University of Nairobi, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies (2 yr. 9 months)

- Course, Introduction to Macroeconomics class (Sept-Dec. 2018, Oct. 2021-present)
- Course, International Trade (Sept. Dec 2018, Oct, 2021-present)
- Course Introduction to Microeconomics (Sept 2018- Present 2021)
- Course, International Political economy (Feb 2019- Present 2021)
- Course, International Economics (Feb 2019 Present 2021)
- Perform other duties assigned by the Director

Fall 2007- May 2009 Howard University Economics Department: Teaching Assistant (2 years)

- Taught principles of economics 1 lab and tutorial classes
- Reinforced the academic potential of 60 students by reviewing materials with them one-on-one or in small groups during office hours.
- Supervised students during exams and in ensuring school and class rules are enforced.
- Performed other duties assigned by the supervisor

Conference Papers

Presenter Otabor Charlotte, co-authors: John Lekuton and Dr. Charles Betsey, "Demographic Change in the
U.S Labor Force", An Oral Paper Presented during the Howard University research day 2014, Health Science
Library, Washington D.C, 4th April, 2014.

Work Experience

June 2018- May 2021: Parliament of Kenya: Chief of Staff & Economic Advisor Narok Senate Office

- Act as an advisor to the senator and management team
- Assist the senator in facilitating effective decision-making and coordinate the execution of strategic initiatives.
- Coordinating the day-today activities and delegating any action needed to appropriate individual to manage.
- Participate in regular meetings and Ensure staff issues are addressed properly, efficiently and keep track of progress until resolved.
- 47 counties Audit review (2013-2018) whether they adhere to the Public Financial Management Act and Public procurement and Asset Disposal Act along with other government regulatory requirements.

2017-18: Graduate Assistant Residence Life Main office:

- Provide office administration and support for the residence life housing process
- Assist students with access to the residence life and university resource
- Offered optional counseling and independent opportunities awareness to students
- Performed other activities assigned by the Dean of residence life and other administrators

2014-2017: Graduate Assistant Residence Life (Howard Plaza Towers)

- Assisted the building director with day-to-day management of the residence hall with over 850 residents and act on the director behalf in his absence.
- Maintained a continuous running of the building by supervising 22 resident assistants and other staff within the residence hall.
- Provided support to the University mission and polices in ensuring rules and procedures are followed.
- Participated in residence life's students activities and facilitated teamwork logistics in helping students at the beginning of the semester mass move-in and residence life Spring semester residence halls ResFest competitions.

May-August 2015 Kenya Ministry of East African Affairs and Tourism: Summer Attachment

- Participated and assist the events director in organizing and coordinating workshops (Mombasa, Rift valley and Nakuru regions) on sensitizing Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) on the opportunities that exist across the border and the importance of East African Regional Integration.
- Participated in discussion meetings and seminars held by East African Community members on rules and policy harmonization that will help member countries deepen regional integration process.
- Conducted research and gather data materials for assistant economic affairs director on country specific programs and issues of interest.
- Assisted in drafting sensitization program workshop reports
- Provided other administrative support assigned by the director

2011-2013 Residence Assistance Residence Life (Howard Plaza towers)

- Provided paraprofessional advising and academic mentoring to undergraduate students in the building
- Day-today supervision of 60 on the floor assigned
- Developed and conduct programs that enrich students lives in handling cultural interactions and diversity, drug abuse, personal development, relationships, security and academic performance.
- Assigned as security coordinator supervising the whole-building residents (850) to ensure security
 and enforcement of university policies are adhered to. Confronted and solved issues arising in the
 building.

2010-2011 Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS): Client Service Associate

- Conducted research and policy analysis that helps the financial manager on the right investment manager available from the pool provided, in order to manage clients' money diligently.
- Assisted in compiling portfolio analysis information and retrieving data to assist the financial manager evaluate and give accurate recommendations for financial performance, need and inquiry of clients.
- Assisted Financial Adviser and other CSAs in preparing and compiling monthly and quarterly performance reports and ensure that they are mailed to the clients
- Created and managed spreadsheets and other reports to assist the financial advisor and the team in reviewing business investment allocation and strategies
- Perform other administrative duties assigned by the supervisor.

Fall-Dec 2009 Howard University Center for Urban Progress: Research Assistant

• Assisted in collecting, cleaning and compiling data using SPSS, from housing project research questionnaires, into tables useful for analysis.

Internships

Summer 2009, 2008 Union Bank of Switzerland, Tysons Corner: Summer Intern (10 wks),

- Assisted in retrieving and compiling quarterly client reports from the computer system.
- Updated clients contacts and other information required for daily operations
- Pulling out clients portfolio for analysis
- Prepared spreadsheets for essential figure for easy access
- Perform other duties assigned by supervisor

Summer 2007 Citi Group Subsidiary (Smith Barney), Tysons Corner: Summer Intern (8 wks)

- Pulling clients information for updates and analysis by the managers
- Filling and packaging of clients portfolio reports and letters for mailing
- Executed other necessary work assigned by the supervisor

Summer 2006 Resources For the Future (RFF) Washington DC: Summer Intern (10 wks.)

- Conducting research and literature review on foodborne diseases- salmonella and E-coli for the lead researcher.
- Coordinating seminars and distributing handouts, directing guests to the assigned rooms
- Perform other duties assigned.

Skills

Software packages: Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, excel, SPSS, E-Views, Stata and LaTex. **Good in:** Data analysis, technical support, Communication, ability to work under pressure, teamwork, creativity, work independently, conflict resolution, time management, leadership and decision making.

References

1. Jeff Carton, CIMA

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