

Curriculum Vitae:

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Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, 446 West Circle Drive, Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, Room 211B, East Lansing MI 48824-1039 US

EDUCATION

PhD. Agricultural and Consumer Economics, August 2004 - October 2009

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Focus: *International Development and Policy*

Dissertation Topic: **“Using Asset poverty measures to understand poverty dynamics, poverty traps and farmer behavior: A focus on rural Ethiopia.**

M.Sc., Urban and Regional Planning, August 2002-May 2004

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Focus: *Economic Development*

MS Thesis/Project: **“Revitalization Concepts for The Old Capitol Mall” (A declining mall in downtown Iowa City)**

M.A. Third World Development Support, August 2001 - June 2004

The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Focus: *Gender, Information Technology, Education and Economic Development*

MA Thesis: **“Women, Information Technology and Education in West Africa: A Case Study of 3 Nigerian Universities”**

B.Sc. Hons., Economics, September 1995 - November 2000

The University of Jos, Nigeria

Honors Thesis: **“The Roles and Contributions of Women Towards Sustainable Economic Development in Nigeria in the 21st Century: A Case Study of The National Center For Women Development, Abuja (NCWD)”**

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Michigan State University John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award (2016): This award, established in 2006 to honor John K. Hudzik, former Dean of International Studies and Programs and Acting Provost of Michigan State and current Vice President for Global Engagement and Strategic Projects, recognizes a faculty member early in his/her career who is making a significant impact on the advancement of international scholarship, teaching, and/or public service and

outreach at Michigan State University.

- IFPRI Director General Special Award Recipient (2011): “The Special Award is approved by IFPRI’s Board for use to recognize a small number of IFPRI employees who not only had an excellent performance during the year, but, in addition, carried out a special achievement or succeeded in particularly challenging circumstances which resulted in raising his/her overall performance to a level beyond the great work that IFPRI expects from all staff”.
- Most outstanding PhD Dissertation in 2009 in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Norman Borlaug Fellow (Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program) 2006/2007: Awarded the Norman Borlaug LEAP fellowship to work with The International Food and Policy Research Institute in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Graduate Fellow (Due Award), 2004. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Tuition Scholarship (based on academic performance) 2003/04 academic year.: Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, University of Iowa
- 3 Times, University Scholar Award 1996-1999 (student with the highest CGPA in the program): Department of Economics, University of Jos, Nigeria
- Highest CGPA-2000 graduating class: Department of Economics, University of Jos, Nigeria

GRANTS AND CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Lead Principal Investigator on a USAID funded grant to enhancing Knowledge and Capacity to Strengthen Agricultural and Food Security Policy Processes in Nigeria (2015-2020) –in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
(~12.5 million dollars)
 - To strengthen the national capacity for greater evidence based policy processes in agriculture by increasing the capacity of Nigerian analysts to undertake and make widely available relevant evidence-based policy analysis.
 - To promote and foster informed policy dialogue among all stakeholders in the agricultural sector through an inclusive, transparent, and sustainable process at the country level, building blocks for a well-integrated and developed national policy system.
 - To help federal and state governments improve their capacities to plan and implement effective policy analyses and programs, and demand and absorb policy research in their policy process.
- Principal Investigator on Agricultural intensification in Nigeria under Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in Africa (GISAIA)-(2012-

2016)

(~7.8 million dollars)

- Understanding fertilizer profitability across Nigeria's agro ecological zones
- An Experimental design for evaluating Urea Deep Placement" for Rice Production in Kwara State, Nigeria (2012-2016)
- The Adoption and Disadoption of Fertilizer Microdosing in rural Niger (2014-2015)
- The evaluation of Community based legal aid services in Tanzania (2013-2015)
(~25 thousand dollars)

LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

<i>Associate Editor:</i>	Agricultural Economics (since Sept, 2015)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics (2016)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (2011-2013)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	World Development (since 2010)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	Food Policy (since 2011)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	Journal of Agricultural Economics (since 2012)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	Journal of Development Studies (since 2010)
<i>Reviewer:</i>	American Journal of Agricultural Economics (since 2012)
<i>Member:</i>	American Association of Agricultural Economists (AAEA)
<i>Member:</i>	Association of Christian Economist (ACE)
<i>Member:</i>	African Students Organization, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (Aug 04-Aug 09)
<i>Secretary,</i>	Graduate Student Organization, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, 2005
<i>Public Relations Officer,</i>	African Students Association, University of Iowa, Iowa City, (2003)
<i>Volunteer,</i>	Habitat for Humanity, Champaign Chapter – Homeworks store (2006)
<i>Volunteer,</i>	Iowa City Crisis Center (Food Bank)
<i>Member,</i>	Gamma, Sigma, Delta: Honor society for Agriculture (2006-2008)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. (2016). Is fertilizer use really suboptimal in sub-Saharan Africa? The case of rice in Nigeria. *Forthcoming in Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Adjognon, S., & Kuku-Shittu, O. (2015). Productivity effects of sustainable intensification: The case of Urea deep placement for rice production in Niger

- State, Nigeria. *African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 10(1), 51-63.
- Takeshima, H., & Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2015). Fertilizer subsidies, political influence and local food prices in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Nigeria. *Food Policy*, 54, 11-24.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2014a). Do vouchers improve government fertilizer distribution? Evidence from Nigeria. *Agricultural Economics*, 45(4), 393-407.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2014b). Fertilizer subsidies and private market participation: the case of Kano State, Nigeria. *Agricultural Economics*, 45(6), 663-678.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2014c). Farmer groups and input access: When membership is not enough. *Food Policy*, 46, 37-49.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Takeshima, H. (2013). Moving forward with fertilizer in Nigeria: Fertilizer promotion strategies within a complex fertilizer subsector. *Agricultural Economics*, 44(6).
- Liverpool, L. S. O. & Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2013). Exploring The Impact of Blended eLearning on Student Performance Using a Social Experiment: The Case of Calculus at University of Jos, Nigeria. *International Journal of Information Science and Computer Mathematics*, 7(2), 1-27.
- Sackey, J., Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Awoyemi, T. (2012). Rural-urban transformation in Nigeria. *Journal of African Development*, 14(2), 131-168.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Winter-Nelson, A. (2012). Social learning and farm technology in Ethiopia: Impacts by technology, network type, and poverty status. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 48(10), 1505-1521.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Winter-Nelson, A. (2011). Asset versus consumption poverty and poverty dynamics in rural Ethiopia. *Agricultural Economics*, 42(2), 221-233.
- Liverpool, L. S. O., & Winter-Nelson, A. (2010). Poverty status and the impact of formal credit on technology use and wellbeing among Ethiopian smallholders. *World Development*, 38(4), 541-554.
- Liverpool, L. S. O., & Winter-Nelson, A. (2009). Differential Impact of Microfinance Participation on Smallholder Behavior and Livelihood in Rural Ethiopia. *Agricultural Innovations for Sustainable Development*, 1(1), 26-34.

REPORTS, BRIEFS AND REVIEWED WORKING PAPERS

- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Omonona, B. T., Sanou, A., & Ogunleye, W. (2015a). Is increasing inorganic fertilizer use in Sub-Saharan Africa a profitable proposition? Evidence from

- Nigeria. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*, (7201).
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Sheu, S. (2013). *Spillover effects of targeted subsidies: An assessment of fertilizer and improved seed use in Nigeria* (IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 01260). Retrieved from Social Science Research Network website: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2249813>.
- Reardon, T., Tschirley, D., Minten, B., Haggblade, S., Timmer, P., & Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2013). The Emerging “Quiet Revolution” in African Agrifood Systems (In Brief for “Harnessing Innovation for African Agriculture and Food Systems: Meeting Challenges and Designing for the 21st Century” (pp. 25-26)).
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2012). *Targeted subsidies and private market participation: An assessment of fertilizer demand in Nigeria* (IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 1194). Retrieved from IDEAS website: <https://ideas.repec.org/p/fpr/ifprid/1194.html>.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Kuku, O., & Ajibola, A. (2011). *Review of literature on agricultural productivity, social capital and food security in Nigeria* (IFPRI Nigeria Strategy Support Program Working Paper No.21). Retrieved from IDEAS website: <https://ideas.repec.org/p/fpr/nsspwp/21.html>
- Ulimwengu, J., Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Randriamamonjy, J., & Ramadan, R. (2011). *Understanding the linkage between agricultural productivity and nutrient consumption: Evidence from Uganda* (IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 1128). Retrieved from IFPRI website: <http://www.ifpri.org/publication/understanding-linkage-between-agricultural-productivity-and-nutrient-consumption?print>.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Banful, A. B., & Olaniyan, B. (2010). An assessment of the 2009 fertilizer voucher program in Kano and Taraba, Nigeria. (IFPRI Nigeria Strategy Support Program Working Paper No. 17). Retrieved from IDEAS website : <https://ideas.repec.org/p/fpr/nsspwp/17.html>
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Auchan, A., & Banful, A. B. (2010). *An assessment of fertilizer quality regulation in Nigeria* (IFPRI Nigeria Strategy Support Program Working Paper No. 9). Retrieved from IFPRI website: http://nssp.ifpri.info/files/2010/11/nssp-report_9_final.pdf
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Olaniyan, B., Salau, S., & Sackey, J. (2010). *A review of fertilizer policy issues in Nigeria* (IFPRI Nigeria Strategy Support Program Working Paper No. 19). Retrieved from IFPRI website: <https://ideas.repec.org/p/fpr/nsspwp/19.html>
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Winter-Nelson, A. (2010). *Asset versus consumption poverty and poverty dynamics in the presence of multiple equilibria in rural Ethiopia* (IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 971). Retrieved from Econ Papers website: <http://econpapers.repec.org/paper/fprifprid/971.htm>.

Liverpool, L. S. O., & Winter-Nelson, A. (2010). *Poverty status and the impact of social networks on smallholder technology adoption in rural Ethiopia* (IFPRI Discussion Paper No. 970). Retrieved from Econ Papers website: <http://econpapers.repec.org/paper/fprifprid/970.htm>.

Liverpool, L. S. O., Ayoola, G. B., & Oyeleke, R. O. (2010). *Enhancing the competitiveness of agricultural commodity chains in Nigeria* (IFPRI Nigeria Strategy Support Program Working Paper No. 13). Retrieved from IFPRI E-BRARY website <http://ebrary.ifpri.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15738coll2/id/546>.

Liverpool, L. S. O. (2008). *Asset poverty technology adoption and Livelihoods in rural Ethiopia* (Technical Research Brief). Retrieved from <http://borlaugleap.org/publication/asset-poverty-technology-adoption-and-livelihoods-rural-ethiopia>.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Liverpool-Tasie, T. Reardon, S. Adjognon, and A. Sanou (2016). The Economics of the Transformation of Household Food Consumption in West Africa

Liverpool-Tasie, T. Reardon, S. Omonona, B. T. and Iveren Abagyeh (2016). A quiet revolution in the Nigerian Poultry Value Chain: empirical evidence using a stacked survey approach

Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Omonona, B. T., Sanou, A., & Ogunleye, W. (2015a). Is increasing inorganic fertilizer use in Sub-Saharan Africa a profitable proposition? Evidence from Nigeria. Under review at Food Policy

Adjognon, S., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, & Shupp R. (2015). Sustaining credit arrangements for modern input use: Lessons from a framed field experiment.

Adjognon, S., Liverpool-Tasie, L. & Reardon T. (2015). Challenging Conventional Wisdom about Farm Input Credit in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Shupp, R., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Dillon, A. & Adjognon, S. (2015). Measurement of Individual Risk Attitude amongst Farmers in Developing Countries: Comparative Analysis of Different Measurement Techniques.

Sanou, A., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O., & Shupp R. (2015). Technology Adoption When Risk Attitudes Matter: Evidence from Incentivized Field Experiments in Niger.

Fung, W., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Mason, N. & Uwaifo Oyelere R. (2015). Can crop purchase programs reduce poverty and improve welfare in rural communities? Evidence from the Food Reserve Agency in Zambia.

Adjognon, S. & Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O (2015). Spatial dependence in the Adoption of the Urea

deep placement for rice production in Niger State, Nigeria: A Bayesian Spatial Autoregressive Probit Estimation approach

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Sanou, A & Mazvimavi, K. (2015). How profitable is sustainable intensification? The case of fertilizer micro-dosing in Niger.

Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Dillon, A. S., Omonona, B. T. & Kuku-Shittu, O. (2015b). Productivity and profitability of urea deep placement for rice production: Evidence from a randomized control trial.

Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., Omonona, B. T., Sanou, A. & Ogunleye, W. (2015c). Understanding Fertilizer Profitability across Nigeria's Diverse Farming Systems. The case of sorghum

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O., Muyanga, M. & Jayne T. (2015). Are African Farmers Experiencing Improved Incentives to Use Fertilizer?

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O., Reardon T. & Abagyeh, I. (2015). Vertical coordination relationships and technology upgrading among segments of the poultry value chain in Nigeria.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. (2015). Is fertilizer use really suboptimal in sub-Saharan Africa? The case of rice in Nigeria. Presented at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Milan, Italy. August 8-15.

Adjognon, S. & Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O (2015). Spatial neighborhood effects in agricultural technology adoption amongst rice farmers in Niger State, Nigeria. Presented at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Milan, Italy. August 8-15.

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Omonona, B. T., Sanou A., & Ogunleye, W. (2015). Is Increasing Inorganic Fertilizer Use in Sub-Saharan Africa a Profitable Proposition? Evidence from Nigeria. Presented at the World Bank/IFPRI, Telling Facts from Myth – June Dissemination Event, Washington, D.C. June 15, 2015.

Sanou, A., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. & Shupp, R. (2015). Technology Adoption When Risk Attitudes Matter: Evidence from Incentivized Field Experiments in Niger. Presented at the Annual American Agricultural Economics Association meeting in San Francisco, CA. July 26-28, 2015.

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Sanou, A & Mazvimavi, K. (2015). How profitable is sustainable intensification? The case of fertilizer micro-dosing in Niger. Presented at the Annual American Agricultural Economics Association meeting in San Francisco, CA. July 26-28, 2015.

- Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Adjognon, S., Tschirley, D., Dolislager, D. & Reardon T. (2015). *Challenging Conventional Wisdom on Trader-Farmer interlinked input-credit markets with evidence from Africa*. Presented at the Annual American Agricultural Economics Association Preconference workshop on Rapid Agrifood System Transformation, Globalization, and International Development in San Francisco, CA. July 25, 2015.
- Fung, W., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, Mason, N. & Uwaifo Oyelere, R. (2015). Can crop purchase programs reduce poverty and improve welfare in rural communities? Evidence from the Food Reserve Agency in Zambia. Presented at the Economics of Global Poverty Conference, Gordon College, Wenham, MA. January 5-7, 2015.
- Adjognon, S., Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O, & Shupp, R. (2015). Sustaining credit arrangements for modern input use: Lessons from a lab-based field experiment – Presented at the Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) conference at Oxford University, UK. March, 2015.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2014), Fertilizer subsidies and private market participation: the case of Kano State, Nigeria. Presented at the Departmental Seminar, University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria. January 2014.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2014), Fertilizer subsidies and private market participation: the case of Kano State, Nigeria. Presented at the Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) conference at Oxford University, UK. March, 2014.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2014), Fertilizer subsidies and private market participation: the case of Kano State, Nigeria. Presented at the Calvin Summer program for young Economists, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. July 2014.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L. S.O. Is fertilizer use really suboptimal in sub-Saharan Africa? The case of rice in Nigeria. Presented at the World Bank Annual conference on Africa, Paris, France. June 22-25, 2014.
- Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O., Adjognon, S. & Kuku-Shittu, O. (2014). Productivity effects of sustainable intensification: The case of Urea deep placement for rice production in Niger State, Nigeria. Presented at the Annual American Association of Agricultural Economists meeting in Minneapolis, MN. July 2014.
- Adjognon, S. & Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. (2014). Spatial dependence in the Adoption of the Urea deep placement for rice production in Niger State, Nigeria: A Bayesian Spatial Autoregressive Probit Estimation approach. Presented at the Annual American Association of Agricultural Economists meeting in Minneapolis, MN. July 2014.
- Reardon, T., Tschirley, D., Minten, B., Hagglblade, S., Timmer, C. P., & Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2013). The Emerging “Quiet Revolution” in African Agrifood Systems. Brief for “Harnessing Innovation for African Agriculture and Food Systems: Meeting Challenges

and Designing for the 21st Century” at the African Union Conf. Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. November 25-26 2013.

Takeshima, H. and Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. (2013). Fertilizer subsidy, political influence and local food prices in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Nigeria. Working Paper presented at the American Association of Agricultural Economists meeting in Washington, DC. August, 2013.

Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O., & Oluyemisi, K. (2013). Social Networks, knowledge and adoption: The case of Urea deep placement for rice production in Nigeria. Working paper presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the African Econometric Society (AES) in Accra, Ghana. July, 2013.

Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. and Takeshima, H. (2013). Moving Forward with Fertilizer in Nigeria: Fertilizer Promotion Strategies within a Complex Fertilizer Subsector. Presented at MSU/IFPRI Policy Workshop on Input Subsidy Programs in Sub-Saharan Africa Washington, DC. April 16-17, 2013.

Liverpool-Tasie, L. S. O. (2012). Farmer Groups and Input Access: When Membership Is Not Enough. Paper presented at the International Association of Agricultural Economists. Foz,do Iguacu, Brazil. August 18-24, 2012.

Liverpool, L. S. O. & Kuku, O. (2010). Disentangling the relationship between food insecurity and family structure: the roles of social networks/ social capital in Nigeria. Presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association meeting, Denver, CO. July 2010.

Liverpool, L.S.O. (2009). The role of Social Networks in Smallholder Technology Adoption in the presence of poverty traps in Rural Ethiopia. Presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association meeting, July, 2009, Milwaukee, WI; and Invited Paper presented at The Cornell Conference on Institutions and Poverty, November, 2009, Ithaca, NY.

Liverpool, L. S. O. (2007).The differential Impact of Institutional Interventions on Farmer Behavior and Livelihoods in Rural Ethiopia: Using an Asset based Measure of Poverty. Presented at the Joint AERC/Cornell University conference on Bottom-Up Interventions and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa, Nairobi, Kenya. 31 May – 1 June, 2007

CURRENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

EEP 260: WORLD FOOD POPULATION AND POVERTY – 3 CREDIT HOURS- UNDERGRADUATE

This course explores key concepts and issues related to world food, population, and poverty; and their interrelationships. The concepts presented in this course provide students with an analytical framework for critically assessing current trends in development and poverty in light of the rapid changes in the structure of food demand, supply and distribution. The course explores alternative

solutions to food, population, and poverty problems, including the role of new technology, institutional change, government policies and trade. It uses lectures, group discussions and case studies to link economic theory to real life. It also combines traditional micro economic principles with more accessible information from reputable media sources to make abstract principles more concrete

AEC 861: AGRICULTURE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-GRADUATE

The course (co taught with Dr. Nicole Mason) is a survey of agri-food sector and rural development issues, primarily from the perspective of economic structural change, influenced by and influencing changes in policies, institutions, organizations, and technologies. The course examines the relationships between agriculture and other sectors of the economy during economic development. It also examines various theories of agricultural and rural economic development. We analyze policy issues in the food and agricultural systems of low- and middle-income countries and analyze how to accelerate broad-based agricultural and rural economic development. The course discusses the role of governments, private sector, and NGOs in agricultural development with a series of case studies of various regions. As in EEP 260, we use a lot of our research to motivate and demonstrate the various dimensions of the interaction between agriculture and other sectors of the economy and thus incorporate a significant amount of content from sub Saharan Africa.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2012 to Date: **Assistant Professor, Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, USA (full time employment)**

Conducting research on various issues of poverty dynamics, input use, input markets and input subsidies, technology adoption and social networks. Teaching.

Sept 2009 to Jan 2012: **Post Doctoral Fellow, International Food and Policy Research Institute(IFPRI) - (full time employment)**

Conducting Research on various issues of agricultural productivity, fertilizer and other economic policies, poverty alleviation and social networks with a focus on Nigeria and Ethiopia

January 2008 to Aug 2009: **Collaborator with International Food and Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)(Part time employment)**

A Commodity Value Chain Analysis: Exploring the competitiveness of Rice, Maize and Cassava Production in Nigeria

using a Policy Analysis Matrix (PAM) Framework. This work involves survey design and data collection, collaborating with other professionals, participating in stakeholder consultations and communicating results to policy makers at various levels of government.

August 2005 to May 2009: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign - 50% assistantship

Courses: "The World Food Economy" and "Economic development in Tropical Africa"

These courses are largely about economic development issues across the world. They involve using economic concepts to explore changes in World demand and supply. They also explore issues of policy and international trade and their implications in developed and developing countries

Duties

- Facilitate weekly discussion sections focused on helping students understanding of the economic concepts from lectures and relate it to real local and international events.
- Teaching about 80 students weekly. This involves development of material to develop conceptual understanding as well as tools for practical application.
- Analysis of current events within the framework of economic development
- Grading assignments, term papers and quizzes.

August 2006 to July 2007:- Norman Borlaug Fellow - (full time)

- Conducting research on "Asset Poverty, Technology Adoption and Livelihoods in Rural Ethiopia":
- Updating data on rural households in Ethiopia and re estimation of an asset based poverty classification model
- Developing and administering household and community level surveys
- Training enumerators, pretesting and actual field Work. This involved coordinating and administering surveys in 15 different villages all across Ethiopia. This involved meetings with different community representatives in each village and conducting household surveys in two village

August 2004 to May 2006:- Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (50% assistantship)

- Doing research on

- Social capital and its role in Economic Development
- Access to credit and welfare of rural households
- Poverty and Poverty measurements in developing countries

LANGUAGES

English (Excellent) Creole (Excellent) Hausa (Good) French (Intermediate)