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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

December 2008

B.A. in Economics

University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma, USA

May 2003

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Chair, University Arts and Sciences / Business Management Portfolio

Northern Lights College, British Columbia, Canada

2019–Present

Instructor of Economics and Finance

Northern Lights College, British Columbia, Canada

2017–Present

Part-Time Online Instructor

Centre collégial de l'Alberta, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

2016–Present

Associate Teaching Professor

Faculté Saint-Jean, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

2015–2017

Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Economics and Geography, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA

2008–2010

Instructor

Department of Economics and Legal Studies, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA

2006–2008

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC AND APPLIED POLICY POSITIONS

Directeur de la Stratégie et de la Gouvernance Organisationnelle

Optimal Combustion Consulting Services Limited, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Current

Board Director

Peace River Muslim Association, Fort St. John, British Columbia, Canada

Current

Principal Research Economist

Division of Research, Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO), Dakar, Senegal
2013–2015

Macroeconomics Expert

Niger Prime Minister’s Office, Niamey, Niger
2010–2013

Short-Term Economic Consultant

The QED Group, LLC / Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, DC, USA
2012

Graduate Research Associate / Research Assistant

Center for Applied Economic Research, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA
2004–2006

RESEARCH AREAS

Development Economics; Macroeconomics; Monetary Economics; Financial Economics; Public Policy; Economic Impact Assessment; Program and Policy Evaluation.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Soumaila, I. “Uranium and the Macro-Economy in Niger: An Empirical Investigation.” *The Journal of Developing Areas*, 57(2), 313–340, 2023. DOI: 10.1353/jda.2023.0036.

Soumaila, I. “The Determinants of Investment Efficiency in West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU).” *The Journal of Developing Areas*, 51(1), 49–61, 2017. DOI: 10.1353/jda.2017.0003.

Soumaila, I. “Escaping the Dutch Disease: The Role of Public Investment in Niger.” *Asian Economic and Financial Review*, 5(2), 333–339, 2015.

Soumaila, I. “Uranium Sales and Economic Well-Being in Niger: Is There Dutch Disease?” *International Journal of Economics and Finance*, 6(4), 2014.

Soumaila, I. “Efficacité des investissements dans l’UEMOA.” *Document d’Étude et de Recherche*, BCEAO, No. DER/14/02.

SELECTED POLICY AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

MCC Niger Constraints Analysis: Final Report. Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, DC, 2013.

Domestic Resource Mobilization in ECOWAS Countries: The Case of Niger. Economic Policy Analysis Unit, Department of Macroeconomic Policy, ECOWAS Commission, 2012.

Estimating the Returns to Education in Niger Using Mincer Regression Techniques. Technical Note, 2012.

Mining and Economic Growth. Policy Brief, 2012.

The Impact of the Ebola Virus on the West African Economic and Monetary Union. Policy Brief, 2015.

The Impact of the US Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate on the West African Economic and Monetary Union. Policy Brief, 2015.

TEACHING AREAS

Economics; Finance; Macroeconomics; Microeconomics; Money and Banking; Economic Development; Data Analysis; Quantitative Methods; Operations Management; Business Management; Strategic Management; Program and Policy Evaluation.

SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT

Economics of Social Issues; Introduction to Economics; Intermediate Macroeconomics; Intermediate Microeconomics; Money and Banking; Sustainable Economic Development; Quantitative Methods in Economics; Financial Mathematics; Financial Programming; Data Analysis; Operations Research; Operations Management; Corporate Finance; Managerial Economics; Strategic Management.

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Business Management Portfolio, Northern Lights College.

Chair, University Arts and Sciences, Northern Lights College.

Member, Academic Integrity Committee.

Member, Academic Policy Subcommittee.

Member, Professional Development Committee.

Board Director, Peace River Muslim Association.

Mentor, Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, Texas Tech University, 2009–2010.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONOURS

Student Disability Services Outstanding Faculty Member, Texas Tech University, 2010.

Dissertation Fellowship, Oklahoma State University, 2008.

Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association, 2008.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Associate Award, Oklahoma State University, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Public Leadership Credential, Harvard University, 2022.

Provincial Instructor Diploma, 2018.

Training on Monetary Policy Modelling, Centre for Central Banking Studies, Bank of England, 2014.

Workshop on Prospective Analysis and Strategic Planning, Niamey, Niger, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Africa Finance and Economic Association.

Southern Economic Association.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

EViews; Stata; GAUSS; Microsoft Excel; quantitative analysis; applied econometrics; economic modelling; policy and program analysis.

LANGUAGES

English; French; Hausa; Djerma.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.