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Academic Qualifications

2014 – 2016: MCom Applied Economics, University of Cape Town. Coursework and dissertation with distinction in the dissertation.

Dissertation title: *Complementary and Competitive: The Impact of Chinese Trade on South African Manufacturing Exports.*

2010 – 2013: BBusSci Economics (Includes honours), University of Cape Town.

Honours paper title: *Analysing the Effects of a Diary Intervention on Problem and Pathological Gamblers.*

2005 – 2009: National Senior Certificate, Durban High School.

Areas of Interest

International Trade; Industrial and Trade Policy; Development Economics; Regional Integration

Work Experience

2022 – Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

2019 – Research Coordinator and researcher at Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM) research unit.

2017 – 2022: Assistant (Junior) Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

2019 – 2020: Contract Lecturer at the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

2015 – 2016: Contract Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate:

First year level - Micro and macroeconomics for mainstream, Non-specialist and engineering students

Second year level - Macroeconomics

Third year level - International Trade and Finance; Quantitative Methods in Economics; Applied International Trade Bargaining

Postgraduate:

Honours level - Economic Challenges in Africa.

Postgraduate Supervision

Masters:

2022 – Currently co-supervising 2 masters students on topics of international trade and development economics.

Honours:

2019 – Supervised 17 students to completion with an average of 3-5 new honours students each year.

External Examiner

2021 – 2022 Rhodes University – Third year level, International Trade Theory and Policy

Research Projects

2022 – 2023: Principal investigator on UNU-Wider funded project. Project title: *Tariff Pass-through Effects on Importer Prices in the Context of Preferential Trade Agreements*.

2021: Junior Consultant on World Bank funded project. Project title: *Leveraging Trade for South Africa's Recovery and for Inclusive Long-Term Growth - South Africa, GVCs and COVID-19: Analysis of Customs Transaction-Level Data*.

2020 – 2021: Research Assistant on London School of Economics (LSE) International Growth Centre (IGC) funded project. Project title: *Uganda and the African Continental Free Trade Area: A framework for analysis with application to the South African Customs Union, Ghana and Nigeria*.

Publications

2022: Chien, J., Conron, H., Edwards, L., & Kamutando, G. 2022. "Trading up: Harnessing the African Continental Free Trade Area for growth in Uganda". *IGC Final report UGA-20269*. [Also published as *PRISM Working Paper Series Number 2022-1*].

Community and Other Engagements

2022 – Member of the Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA)

2020: Member of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance webinar series organising committee on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to support the effective implementation of the AfCFTA, in partnership with the AfCFTA Secretariat.

2018 – 2020: Volunteer for Tzu Chi Foundation South Africa

Tzu Chi is an international humanitarian and non-governmental organisation. Volunteer work includes helping the disadvantaged through the distribution of food, medical aid, disaster relief and environmental work.

2018 – 2019: Member of the decolonisation of economics and curriculum reform committee at the University of Cape Town.

2018: Fully-funded engagement at New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi Young Scholars Workshop on The Frontiers of Research in Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries.

Leadership Positions

2022 – Programme Specialist at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town

2015 – Course Convenor at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town

All Courses convened: First year level macroeconomics; economics for non-specialists; economics for engineering students; third year level international trade and finance; third year level applied international trade bargaining.

Skills, Hobbies and Interests

Languages: English; Chinese Mandarin; Afrikaans.

Music: Completed UNISA (University of South Africa) and Trinity College of London piano and music theory exams at grade 8 level as well as completing grade 5 for violin.

Sport: Badminton (represented Western Province) and Chess (represented KwaZulu Natal), competed at the provincial, national and international levels.

Driving: South African code B licence.

Software: Microsoft Office Suite, Stata, Eviews, Matlab

Referees available on request