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Employment History

- Professor of economics, Université Laval, 2008- present
- Co-director, CIRPEE, 2012-2014
- Director, Graduate Program, Département d'économique, Université Laval, 2009-2012
- Director, MA program in international relations, Université Laval, 2004 - 2007
- Associate professor of economics, Université Laval, 2001- 2008
- Assistant professor of economics, Université Laval, 1996- 2001
- Post-doctoral Fellow, London School of Economics, London UK, 1995-1996

Consultancy Experience

- Lead Rapporteur, *High Level Seminar on "Aid Allocation Systems in a Changing Africa"* organized by the African Development Bank and hosted by the Government of Mauritius on February 16th - 17th, 2012, Port Louis, Mauritius
- Lead Rapporteur, *African Economic Conference*, jointly organized by the African Development Bank, United Nation Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), and the Development Bank of South Africa, 27 to 29 October 2010, Tunis, Tunisia
- External peer-reviewer, *African Economic Outlook*, OECD-African Development Bank, 2005-2016

Academic Training

- PhD, Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, October 1995. Fields: Trade and development. Mac Arthur Scholar, MacArthur Interdisciplinary Program for Peace and International Cooperation, University of Minnesota
- Master's degree in economics, Université de Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1986
- Bachelor degree in economics, Université de Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1985

Distinctions and Honors

- Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Ottawa, Fall 2018
- Officer of the Canadian Economic Association, 2012 - 2016
- Co-Editor, *Actualité Économique*, June 2016- 2020
- Visiting Fellow, Paris School of Economics, Campus Paris-Jourdan December 2009
- Member of the Child Labour Research Network, IPEC, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland
- Fullbright-McArthur Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 1990-1995

Grants Received

- NBER Africa Project. Period: 2010-2011, with Victor A.B. Davies \$60,000 US
- SSHRC. Period: 2008-2011, with Sabine Kroger. \$44 000\$
- FQRSC, Team-Grant. Period: 2004-2008, with Max Blouin, Nicholas Marceau, and Stéphane Pallage. \$282,200\$
- SSHRC. Period: 2006-2009, with Stéphane Pallage. \$63,500

- SSHRC Grant No. 410-2001-1165. Period: 2001-2004, with Stéphane Pallage and Max Blouin. \$65,750

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Monetary and Multidimensional Child Poverty: Why they Differ (with P. Ballon, J. Cockburn, and Setou Diarra), *Journal of African Economies*; Volume 27, Issue 4, 1 August 2018, Pages 483–512
- High-Powered Career and Marriage: Can Women Have It All? (with, H. Djebbari), *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policies* (Advances), 2010, vol. 10, issue 1, pages 42.
- On the Mechanics of Trade-Induced Structural Transformation, (with F. Mbiékop and Stéphane Pallage) *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 2010, 32(1), 251-264.
- Gender Discrimination, Human Capital, and Marriage. (with Stéphane Pallage) *Journal of African Development*, 2009, 11(1), 61-76.
- Why Is Child Labor Illegal? (with John Knowles), *European Economic Review*, 2008, vol. 52, no 7, pp. 1275-1311.
- Debt Relief and Social Services Expenditure: the African Experience, 1989-2003, (with D. Vencatachellum) *African Development Review*, 2007, vol. 19, no 1, pp. 200-216.
- Some Surprising Effects of Better Law Enforcement against Child Trafficking, (with Stéphane Pallage) *Journal of African Development*, 2006, vol. 8, pp. 115-132.
- A Theory of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (with S. Pallage, Université du Québec à Montréal). *The Economic Journal*, 115 (500), pp. 68-87, 2005.
- Explaining Cross-Country Differences in Policy Response to Child Labour (with D. Vencatachellum), *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 2003, Vol 36(1).
- Taxes, Inequality and Informal Sector Size (with Stéphane Pallage), *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 70 (1), 2003, pp. 225-233.
- Fertility, Education, and Market Failures (with Stephane Pallage), *Journal of African Finance and Development*, vol.5, no 2, 2002, pp. 1-16.
- Child Labor and Coordination Failures (avec Stéphane Pallage, Université du Québec à Montréal); *Journal of Development Economics*, 2001, vol. 62(1) : 261-275.
- A Defense of Compulsory Measures against Child Labor; *Journal of Development Economics*, 2000, vol. 62 (1) : 261-275.

Other Publications

- Davies, Victor A.B.; Dessy, Sylvain (2012), "The Political Economy of Government Revenues in Post-Conflict Resource-Rich Africa: Liberia and Sierra Leone", *NBER Working Paper no 18539*, Cambridge, MA.

Submitted Papers and Working Papers

- Motherhood and Women's Self-Employment: Evidence from Nigeria (with J.-L. Bago), Conditional acceptance at *Economic Development and Cultural Change*
- Fertility Response to Climate Shocks (with F. Marchetta, R. Pongou, and L. Tiberti), *under review*
- The Bride-Price Custom and Child Marriage: Theory and from a Natural Experiment (with R. S. Diarra, L. Kuate and L. Tiberti)
- Land Tenure Security and Rural Non-Agricultural Employment: Theory and Evidence (with L. Diarra)
- Climate Shocks and Gender Differences in School Dropout Rates: Evidence from Malawi (with L. Tiberti and D.-A. Zoundi)

- COVID-19 and Children's School Resilience: Evidence from Nigeria (with H. Gninafon, L. Tiberti and M. Tiberti), *submitted*
- Polygyny and Farm Households' Resilience to Climate Shocks (with, L. Tiberti, M. Tiberti, and D.-A. Zoundi), *submitted*.
- Women and Polygyny: Does Education Matter After All? (with, L. Tiberti, and D.-A. Zoundi), Working Paper.
- Early Childbearing and Within-Household Gender Inequality: Evidence from Brazil (with A. Kassouf and L. Tiberti)
- Cost-Effective Energy Policy with Heterogeneous Agents (with Landry Kuate)

Selected Media coverage of the article Dessy-Pallage, A Theory of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (*Economic Journal*)

- Daily Telegraph, January 30, 2005
- The Scotsman, January 31, 2005
- BBC interview, January 31, 2005, 6: 48
- CBC interview, As it Happens, January 31, 2005
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), January 31, 2005
- Radio Canada International, Canada Today to Africa, February 22, 2005
- Calcutta Telegraph, February 1, 2005

Refereeing Experience in Peer-Reviewed Journal

- American Economic Review
- Economic Journal
- American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
- European Economic Review
- Journal of Development Economics
- Canadian Journal of Economics
- Journal of Population Economics
- Journal of economic dynamics and Control
- Economics Letters
- Journal of Income Inequality
- Oxford Economics Papers
- Oxford Bulletin of Economic Research
- The B.E. Journal of Economic analysis and Policy
- Journal of African Economies
- Journal of African Development
- The Journal of Economics
- Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics
- Economic Inquiry
- Review of Income and Wealth
- African Development Review
- L'Actualité Économique
- CRSH
- Israeli Science Foundation (ISF)
- World Bank Economic Review

Selected Participations in Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

London School of Economics, London, UK, 1996

University of Southampton, UK, 1996

University of Essex, UK, 1996

H.E.C., Montréal, February 1997

Société canadienne des Sciences Économiques, Montréal, May 1997.

Société canadienne des Sciences Économiques, Québec, May 1998.

McGill University, February 1999.

Université de Montréal, February 1999.

Canadian Economic Association, Toronto, June 1999.

Society for Economic Dynamics, Alghero (Italy), June 1999

Canadian Economic Association, Vancouver, June 2000

Journées de Microéconomie Appliquées (JMA 2000), Québec, Québec, June 2000

Society for Economic Dynamics, San José, Costa Rica, July 2000

Summer Institute, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Cambridge, Mass, July 24-28, 2000
Northeastern University Development Conference (NEUDC), Cornell University, Ithaca, New York,
October, 2000

Society for Economic Dynamics, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2001

Northeastern University Development Conference (NEUDC), Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts,
September 2001

Université du Québec à Montréal, August 2001

Georgetown University, October 2002

Northeastern University Development Conference (NEUDC), Williams College, Williamstown,
Massachusetts, 17-19 October 2002

Ryerson University, February 2003

Northeastern University Development Conference (NEUDC), Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut,
October 2003

Delta Paris, December 2004

Toulouse School of Economics, December 2004

Invited Speaker, Research Department, African Development Bank, February 2009

10th journées Louis-André Gérard-Varet, Aix-Marseille, 20 – 22 juin, 2011

Paris X, Pantheon Sorbonne, October 2011

Guest Speaker, Department of Economic, University of Manitoba, October 2011

Guest Speaker, Department of Economic, University of Victoria, February 2012

Guest Speaker, Department of Economic, University of Calgary, October 2012

African Economic Conference, Tuesday October 30, 2012 - Friday November 2, 2012. Kigali, Rwanda

Canadian Economic Association, June 1-3, 2013, HEC Montreal

Canadian Economic Association, June 3rd-5th, University of Ottawa

Canadian Economic Association, June 1-3, 2018, McGill University

Language Proficiency

- French (native)
- English (fluent)