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Employment History

- Professor of economics, Université Laval, 2008- present
- Co-director, CIRPEE, since June 2012
- Director, Graduate Program, Département d'économie, Université Laval, 2008-2012
- 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 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, 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-present
- Consultant, African Development Bank, 2005- present
- Consultant, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), 2007

Academic Training

- PhD Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, October 1995
- Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA), Economics, Université de Yaoundé, Cameroon 1988
- Master's degree in economics, Université de Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1986
- Bachelor degree in economics, Université de Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1985

Teaching

- Microeconomics of Development
- Macroeconomics of Development
- International Economics

Research Interests

- The political economy of development
- Structural Transformation
- Green Development
- FDIs in Africa's Farmland
- Girl marriage in developing countries

Distinctions and Honors

- Officer, Canadian Economic Association, 2012-2015
- Visiting Fellow, Paris School of Economics, Campus Paris-Jourdan, December 2009
- Member of the Child Labour Research Network, IPEC, OIT, Geneva, Switzerland
- Member, CIRPEE, 2005-present
- Visiting Fellow, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 2008
- Leverhulm Trust Fellowship, London School of Economics, London, UK, 1995-1996
- Fulbright-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

- 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*, février 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 Stéphane 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 and Book Chapters

- 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.
- Dessy, Sylvain E.; Nannyonjo, Justine; Vencatachellum, Désiré (2012), "Services Delivery Reforms in Africa: a Review of Initiatives and Outcomes" , Mwangi S. Kimenyi, ed. , *Institution and Service Delivery in Africa* , Nairobi, African Economic Research Consortium , pp. 68-95.
- Dessy, Sylvain E. (2012), "Client Power, Citizen Participation, Institutions and Services Delivery: Theory and Evidence with Special Emphasis on Africa", Mwangi S. Kimenyi, ed. , *Institution and Service Delivery in Africa* , Nairobi, African Economic Research Consortium , pp. 140-164.

Working Papers and Research Projects

- Child Marriage: A Quantitative Assessment of the Value Men Attach to Having Child Brides (with Setou Diarra and John Cockburn)
Submitted
- Do Men who Marry Underage Girls Differ from those who Don't? (with S. Diarra and F. Tounkara) *Submitted*
- Optimal Fiscal and Education Policies when Abilities Are Endogenous (with Marion Davin and Safa Ragued) *Submitted*
- Optimal Environmental Policy under Endogenous Intersectoral Labor Mobility
- The Global Fight against Child Trafficking: How Can It Be Won? (with Caroline Orset and Legrand Yemele)
- Optimal Industrial Policy under Occupational Self-selection (with Gilles Koumou)

- Optimal Environmental and Social Policies under Endogenous Skill Formation (with Gilles Koumou and Mbéa Bell)

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
- Sydney Morning Herald, Australia, January 31, 2005
- Calcutta Telegraph, February 1, 2005
- CBC interview, The Current, February 7, 2005
- Montreal Gazette, February 21, 2005
- Radio Canada International, Canada Today to Africa, February 22, 2005
- Radio Canada International, Le Canada en direct, Afrique Sub-Saharienne, 22 février, 2005
- Radio Canada International, Canada Today to India, February 23, 2005
- Fraser Forum, March 2005
- LCN, June 6, 2005
- Le Soleil, 12 juin, 2005
- L'Actualité, 8 décembre, 2005
- Radio-Canada (Alberta), February 1, 2006.

Selected Conferences and Seminar Participations

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

African Development Bank, February 2009

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

Paris X, Pantheon Sorbonne, October 2011

University of Manitoba, October 2011

University of Victoria, February 2012

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

PhD Students Supervision

Completed

- Tiana Rabeloma, *Three Essays in the Economics of Education and Migration* (co-supervisor : Jean-Yves Duclos), 2012
- Francis Andrianarison, *Three Essays in Institutions and Development* (co-supervisor, Yann Bramoullé), 2012
- Legrand Yemele Kana, *Three Essays in the Microeconomics of Development*, 2012 (co-supervisor : Sabine Kröger) 2012
- Flaubert Mbiekop (co-supervisor) 2006, *Three Essays in Trade and Development*

Ongoing

- Safa Ragued, *Three Essays in the Economics of Higher Education Access* (co-supervisor, Bernard Fortin)

- Sétou Diarra, *The Economics of Girls Early Marriage with Application to Africa* (co-supervisor, John Cockburn)
- Mbéa Bell, *The Political Economy of Inclusive Policies with Application to Africa*

Master's Thesis Supervision

Completed


- Michael Champagne, 2008
- Marc Gendron, 2007 1
- Nathalie Bouchard, 2007
- Manon Langevin (codirecteur), 2007
- Marie-France Doire, IQHEI, 2005
- Fodil Ayouz, 2005
- Luc Castonguay, 2004
- Édith Caron, 2004
- Nabgha Fayache, IQHEI, 2002
- Koffi Esenam Amega, 2000
- Ibrahim Lincoln Dème, 2000
- Daviz Dewez, 2000
- Sébastien Breau, 1999

Ongoing

 Nomen Anjara Gillucia Rafalimanana

Participation in PhD thesis committees

 Jacques Ewoudou, Université de Montréal 2006

 Ndack Kane, Université du Québec à Montréal, 2012

 Douwera Grekou, University of Western Ontario, 2013

 Ervin Rosales, University of Calgary, 2013

Refereeing Experience in Peer-Reviewed Journal

American Economic Review

Economic Journal

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

Languages

- 🌐 French (native)
- 🌐 English (fluent)