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Education

- Ph.D.** (1995) Northeastern University, *Open-Economy Macroeconomics & Development Economics*
- MBA** (1989) Northeastern University, *Finance and Quantitative Methods*

Academic Experience

- 2017-present: Richard de Raismes Kip Endowed Professor, University of North Florida
- 2010-2017: Professor and Kip Distinguished Research Fellow, University of North Florida
- 2005-2010: Associate Professor of Economics, University of North Florida
- Spring 2007: Visiting Scholar, Boston University
- 2001-2005: Assistant Professor of Economics, University of North Florida
- 2000-2001: Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of North Florida
- 1997-2000: Associate Professor of Economics, 1998-2000. Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco
- 1997-1998: Fulbright Scholar
- 1995-1997: Assistant Professor of Economics, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco
- 1995-2000: Undergraduate Business Program Coordinator, Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco
- 1994 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts.

Other Experience

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| Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco | 2020-present |
| Fellow, Global Labor Organization | 2019-present |
| Senior Associate and Member of the Core Team, African Transformation Report 2016, African Center for Economic Transformation | 2014-2016 |
| Director of Research, African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), Ghana | 2013-2014 |
| Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt | 2013-present |
| Research Fellow, International Centre for Economic Research, Turin, Italy | 2005-2012 |
| Visiting Scholar, United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) | Summer 2002 |

Recent and Current Teaching

Intermediate Macroeconomics; International Trade; International Economics (graduate); the Global Economy (graduate); Political Economy of Development in Brazil-Study-Abroad course (graduate and undergraduate)

Current Research Interests

Gender Economics in SSA and the MENA; Economic Transformation in Africa; Trade and Economic Growth; Sustainable Development; Institutional and Policy Reforms; Entrepreneurship and Development
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Manuscripts under Review

1. Balamoune-Lutz, M. "Trade and Female Employment: Comparing MENA with Other Regions." **Revised and resubmitted** to *Middle East Development Journal*.
2. Balamoune-Lutz, M. "Trade and Women's wage employment" Revise and resubmit (**redrafting proposed**), *Journal of Policy Modeling*.
3. Agrandi, O. and Balamoune-Lutz, M. "Redefining Sustainability and Sustainable Development: A Review of Economic Perspectives and the Proposal of a New Conceptual Framework." Submitted to *Journal of Economic Surveys*

Refereed Journal Articles

- Balamoune-Lutz, M., Basuony M. A. K., Lutz, S. and Mohamed, E. K. A. (2024). "International ownership and SMEs in Middle Eastern and African Economies." *African Development Review*, 36(2), 279-291.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2023). "Does Trade Openness Affect Youth Unemployment? New Evidence from Developing and Emerging Economies." *Economics Bulletin*, 43(3), 1502-1513.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. & Lutz, S. (2020). « Financing and performance of female-owned firms in Middle Eastern and African economies". *Journal of African Development*, 21(2), 277-251 (published in late 2021).
- Addison, T., & Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2020). "Does aid stimulate foreign direct investment? The role of social cohesion." *Economics Bulletin*, 40(3), 2289-2296.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2020). "Political elites, democracy and education." *Review of Black Political Economy*, 47(1), 75-85.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. "Trade Sophistication in Developing Countries: Does Export Destination Matter?" *Journal of Policy Modelling*, 41(1): 39-51, 2019.
- Li, Q., An, L., Xu, J. and Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Corruption costs lives: evidence from a cross-country study," *European Journal of Health Economics* 19(1): 153-165., 2018.
- Addison, T. and Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Aid, the Real Exchange Rate and Why Policy Matters: The Cases of Morocco and Tunisia," *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(7): 1104-1121, 2017.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Trade and Environmental Quality in African Countries: Do Institutions Matter?" *Eastern Economic Journal*, (43(1): 155-172, 2017.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Cobb, S., "Evolutionary Economic Geography for OFCs: Do Political Ties to the Onshore Reduce Capital Inflow Volatility?" *Growth & Change*, 47(4): 335-355, 2016.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "The Effectiveness of Foreign Aid to Women's Equality Organizations in the MENA," *Journal of International Development*, 28(3): 320-341, 2016.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and McGillivray, M., "The Impact of Gender Inequality in Education on Income in Africa and the Middle East," *Economic Modeling*, 47(1):1-11, 2015.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Kitch, T., "China's Economic Growth and Trade with the United States," *AIMS International J. of Management*, 9(3): 219-230, 2015.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Taxes and Entrepreneurship in OECD Countries," *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 33(2):369-380, 2015.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Garello, P., "Tax Structure and Entrepreneurship," *Small Business Economics* 42(1):165-190, 2014.

- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Boko, S., "Trade, Institutions, Income and Human Development in African Countries," *Journal of African Economies* (University of Oxford), 22(2): 323-345, 2013.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Financial Development and Income in African Countries," *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 31(1): 163-175, 2013.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Cobb, S., "The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment in Offshore Financial Centers," *Interdisciplinary Journal of Economics and Business Law*, 2(2): 71-92, 2013.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Do Institutions and Social Cohesion Enhance the Effectiveness of Aid? New Evidence from Africa," *Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy*, 3(1), 2012.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "International Trade Patterns in Mauritius and Madagascar and Implications for Trade with GCC," *Journal of African Development*, 13(1): 103-123, 2011.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Trust-based Social Capital, Institutions, and Development," *Journal of Socio-Economics (currently, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics)*, 40(4): 335-346, 2011.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Growth by Destination (Where You Export Matters): Trade with China and Growth in African Countries," *African Development Review*, 23(2): 202-218, 2011.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Trade Relations between the GCC and South Africa." *Journal of African Development*, 12(1): 41-57, 2010.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Lutz, S., "Preemption, Predation, and Minimum Quality Standards." *International Economic Journal*, 24(1): 111-123, 2010.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Black and Official Exchange Rates in Morocco: An Analysis of Their Long-Run Behavior and Short-Run Dynamics (1974–1992)." *Applied Economics*, 42 (27): 3481-3490, 2010.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Institutions, Trade, and Social Cohesion in Fragile States: Implications for Policy Conditionality and Aid Allocation." *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 31(6): 877-890, 2009.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Mavrotas, G., "Aid Effectiveness: Looking at the Aid-Social Capital-Growth Nexus." *Review of Development Economics*, 13(3): 510-525, 2009.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Openness to Trade and Income Convergence in Africa." *Journal of African Development*, 11(1): 109-126, 2009.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and McGillivray, M., "Does Gender Inequality Reduce Growth in Sub-Saharan African and Arab Countries?" *African Development Review*, 21(2): 224-242, 2009.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Human Well-Being Effects of Institutions and Social Capital." *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 27(1): 54-66, 2009.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Ju, J.Y., "FDI and Human Capital: Evidence from Chinese Provincial Data." *American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences E- Journal*, 5(1): 23-32, 2009.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Financial Development and Income in North Africa." *International Advances in Economic Research*, 14: 422-432, 2008.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Lutz, S., "Official and Black Market Exchange Rates in Tunisia." *Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences*, 19 (1): 113-122, 2008.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Globalization and Gender Inequality: Is Africa Different?" *Journal of African Economies* (University of Oxford), 16 (2): 301-348, 2007.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Trade Openness and Gender Inequality in Morocco." *ASBBS E-Journal*, 3 (1): 11-16, 2007.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., Gallo, A., and Mason, P., "Financial Depth and Economic Growth in Latin America and North Africa." *Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences*, 15 (1): 5-12, 2007.
- Addison, T. and Balamoune-Lutz, M., "Economic Reform when Institutional Quality is Weak: The Case of the Maghreb." *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 28:1029-1043, 2006.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and McGillivray, M., "Fuzzy Well-Being Achievement in Pacific Asia." *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, 11(2): 168-177, 2006.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Lutz, S., "Rural-Urban Inequality in Africa: A Panel Study of the Effects of Trade Liberalization and Financial Deepening" *Journal of African Development*, 7(1): 1-19, 2005.

- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Houghton, J., “Velocity Effects of Increased Variability in Monetary Growth in Egypt: A Test of Friedman’s Velocity Hypothesis.” *African Development Review* 16(1): 36-52, 2004.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. “Does FDI Contribute to Economic Growth?” *Business Economics* 39(2): 49-56, 2004.
- Lutz, S. and Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Mutual Recognition of National Minimum Quality Standards May Support International Convergence.” *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade* 3(4): 293-311, 2003.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. “An Analysis of the Determinants and Effects of ICT Diffusion in Developing Countries.” *Information Technology for Development* 10(3): 151-169, 2003.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Is There A Long-Run Relationship between Inward FDI and Exports in Morocco?” *Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences* 10(2): 5-13, 2003.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Financial Liberalization and Economic Growth in Morocco: A Test of the Supply-Leading Hypothesis.” *Journal of Business in Developing Nations* 7: 31-50, 2003.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., and Chowdhury, A., “The Long-Run Behavior and Short-Run Dynamics of Private Savings in Morocco.” *Savings & Development*, 27(2): 135-160, 2003.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Long-Run Relationships between FDI and Economic Growth in Egypt and South Africa: Evidence from Cointegration Models.” *Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences*, 9(1): 80-89, 2002.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Velocity Effects of *Anticipated* and *Unanticipated* Money Growth and Its Variability: Evidence from Morocco.” *Journal of African Finance and Economic Development* 5(1): 1-15, 2002.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Economics of Summitry: An Empirical Assessment of the Economic Effect of the G-7 Summits.” *Empirica* 27 (3): 295-319, 2000.

Refereed Book Chapters

- “What Can Trade Tell Us About Economic Transformation? Composition of Trade and Structural Transformation in African Countries.” In Evelyn F. Wamboye & Bichaka Fayissa (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Africa’s Economic Sectors*, Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2022, pp. 627-649 (with Abdoul’ Ganiou Mijiyawa).
- “Aid Effectiveness,” in Kenneth A. Reinert (ed.), *Handbook of Globalization and Development* (Elgar), 2017, pp. 373-391.
- “Gender Economics in North Africa.” In *Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics: Policies and Practices*, Celestin Monga and Justin Yifu Lin, eds., Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2015, pp. 588-604.
- “Tunisia’s Development Experience.” In A. Fosu, *Achieving Development Success: Strategies and Lessons from the Developing World*, Oxford University Press, 2013, pp. 457-480
- “State Fragility: Concept and Measurement.” Chapter 2, In Naudé, W.A., Santos-Paulino, A. and McGillivray, M. eds., *Fragile States: Causes, Costs and Consequences*. Oxford University Press. 2012, pp. 33-42 (with M. McGillivray).
- “Policy Reform and Entrepreneurship in Developing Countries.” Chapter 9, In Naudé, W.A. ed., *Entrepreneurship in Economic Development*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, pp. 187-202.
- “Financial Reform and Investment in Africa: An Empirical Analysis.” In D. Seck and S. Boko (eds.) *Back on Track: Sector-Led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development*. Africa World Press, New Jersey, 2010, 331-343.
- “Gender Issues and the Role of NEPAD.” In S. Boko and D. Seck (eds.), *NEPAD and the Future of Economic Policy in Africa*. Africa World Press, New Jersey, 2008, pp. 171-195.
- “Decentralization, Local Governance and the New Economic Partnership for African Development.” In S. Boko and D. Seck (eds.), *NEPAD and the Future of Economic Policy in Africa*. Africa World Press, New Jersey, 2008, pp.101-112 (with S. Boko).

- “Financial Reform and the Mobilization of Domestic Savings: The Experience of Morocco.” In G. Mavrotas (ed.), *Domestic Resource Mobilization and Financial Development*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2007, pp. 146-162.
- “On the measurement of Human Well-Being: Fuzzy Set Theory and Sen’s Capability Approach.” In M. McGillivray and M. Clarke (eds.), *Perspectives on Human Well-Being*, United Nations University Press, 2006, pp.119-138. .
- “Poverty and Inequalities in the Maghreb.” In CH. Papatheodoru and M. Petmesidou (eds.), *Poverty and Social Deprivation in the Mediterranean Area*. Zed Books, 2006, pp. 320-349.

Peer-reviewed papers in conference proceedings

- Balamoune-Lutz. M., “Policy Reform and Aid Effectiveness in Africa.” In *Globalization, Institutions and African Development, Proceedings of the African Economic Conference 2008*. Published for the African Development Bank and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa by Economica, Paris, France, 2010.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M. and Ndikumana, L., “Corruption and Growth: Exploring the Investment Channel.” In the African Economic Conference 2007 Proceedings, African Development Bank, 2009.

Edited Books and Conference Proceedings

- Boko, S., Balamoune-Lutz, M., and Kimuna, S. (eds.) *Women in African Development: The Challenges of Globalization and Liberalization in the 21st Century*. Africa World Press, New Jersey, 2005.
- *Global Economy: In Search for Solutions to Stabilize the Global Economy- The Role of Infrastructure, Culture and International Education*. Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Alojzy Nowak and Jeff Steagall (eds.), International Business Research Conference Proceedings Volume V, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2010.
- *Global Economy: In Search of New Ideas and Concepts*. Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Alojzy Nowak and Jeff Steagall (eds.), International Business Research Conference Proceedings Volume IV, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2009.
- *Global Economy: Exploring New Capabilities*, Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Alojzy Nowak and Jeff Steagall (eds.), International Business Research Conference Proceedings Volume III, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2008.
- *Global Economy – Challenges in Developing and Transition Economies*, Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Alojzy Nowak and Jeff Steagall (eds.), International Business Research Conference Proceedings, Volume II, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2007.
- *Global Economy – How it works: different cases, different results*, Mina Balamoune-Lutz, Alojzy Nowak and Jeff Steagall (eds.), International Business Research Conference Proceedings, Volume I, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2006.
- *Globalization, International Business and European Integration*, Alek Nowak, Jeff Steagall, and Mina Balamoune-Lutz (eds.), Center for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2004.
- *Globalization, European Integration and ...? Alek Nowak, Jeff Steagall, and Mina Balamoune (eds.), Center for Europe, University of Warsaw, 2002*

Editorially-Reviewed Publications

Articles and Book Chapters

- Balamoune-Lutz. M., “Urban Food Systems: Making African cities more resilient to food insecurity during a global health crisis.” *Africa Current Issues*, NTU-SBF Center for African Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2020.

- Balamoune, M., "China's investments in Africa – The changing landscape." *Africa Current Issues*, 15. NTU-SBF Center for African Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2020.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., "Morocco: Positive Reforms." In E. Aryeetey, S. Devarajan, R. Kanbur and L. Kasekende (eds.) *The Oxford Companion to the Economics of Africa*. Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., and Lutz, S., "The Contribution of Income, Social Capital, and Institutions to Human Well-Being in Africa." In Gupta, K. R., Sevendsen, G. L. H. and P. Maiti, (eds.) *Social Capital*, Vol. II. New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers & Distributors, 2008.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., "Foreign Direct Investment and Development." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, Tom Leonard, Ed., Routledge, 2005.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., "The Process of Development in Morocco." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, Tom Leonard, Ed., Routledge, 2005.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., "King Hassan II and Development in Morocco." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, Tom Leonard, Ed., Routledge, 2005.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., "Globalization, Economic Growth and Gender Inequality: What Fate Awaits African Women?" In S. Boko, M. Balamoune-Lutz, and S. Kimuna (eds.), *Women in African Development: The Challenges of Globalization and Liberalization in the 21st Century*, Africa World Press, New Jersey, 2005.

Book Reviews

- Balamoune-Lutz. M., *International Political Economy: An Intellectual History*, by Benjamin J. Cohen. (Princeton University Press, Princeton and Oxford, 2008). *Eastern Economic Journal*, 36(2): 279-281.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., *Iran Encountering Globalization: Problems and Prospects*, edited by Ali Mohammadi. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis*, 19(2): 57-58, 2003.
- Balamoune-Lutz. M., *The Economy of Iran*, edited by Parvin Ali Zadeh. *Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis*, 18(1): 83-87, 2002.

Selected Background/Policy/Working Papers

- Balamoune-Lutz, Mina, **2024**. "Trade and the Persistence of the MENA 'Gender Equality Paradox'," Policy Brief 06/24, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.
- Mina Balamoune, **2022**. "Trade and Youth Labor Market Outcomes: Empirical Evidence and Policy Implications," Research papers & Policy papers 1945, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.
- Balamoune-Lutz, Mina & Basuony, Mohamed A. K. & Lutz, Stefan & Mohamed, Ehab K. A., **2022**. "International ownership and SMEs in Middle Eastern and African economies," Working Paper Series 22, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Business and Law.
- Mina Balamoune, **2021**. "Trade, Infrastructure, and Female Participation in Labor Markets," Research papers & Policy papers 1944, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.
- Mina Balamoune, **2021**. "Trade and Labor Market Outcomes: Does Export Sophistication Affect Women's Wage Employment?" Research papers & Policy papers 1937, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.
- Mina Balamoune-Lutz, **2020**. "Trade and Women's Wage Employment," Research papers & Policy papers 1908, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Lutz, S. (2017), "Financing and performance of female-owned firms in Middle Eastern and African Economies," Documentos de Trabajo del ICAE 2017-09, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales, Instituto Complutense de Análisis Económico.

- Balamoune-Lutz, M. and Garello, P. (2015), “The Effect of Tax Progressivity on the Quality of Entrepreneurship,” Institute for Research in Economic and Fiscal issues (IREF) Working Paper no. 2015-01.
- Addison, T., and Balamoune-Lutz, M., “Aid and Dutch Disease: Evidence from Moroccan and Tunisian Time-Series Data.” UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 2013/132.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., (2013), “The Effectiveness of Foreign Aid to Women’s Equality Organizations in the MENA.” UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 2013/074.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., (2013), “ODA and the Quest for Innovative Sources of Financing Development.” Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies-Global Governance Program, European University Institute (Florence, Italy) RSCAS Policy Paper 2013/06.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., (2012), “Trade and Environmental Quality in African Countries: Do Institutions Matter?” ICER Working Paper 14-2012.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M., Brixiová, Z. and Ndikumana, L. (2012), “Credit Constraints and productive Entrepreneurship in Africa.” Working Paper no. 10245, William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan; and Working Paper no.276, Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- Balamoune, Lutz. Mina (2011), “The Making of Gender Equality in Tunisia and Implications for Development.” Background paper for the *World Bank World Development Report 2012*.
- Balamoune-Lutz, Mina (2010), “Social Protection and Africa’s Progress Towards Achieving MDGs Social Safety, Background paper to the European Report on Development 2010, European University Institute, Florence, Italy.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2009), “Tunisia’s Development Experience: A Success Story?” United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) Research Paper no. 32.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2008), “Institutions, Trade, and Social Cohesion in Fragile States.” Working Paper no. 39, Brooks World Poverty Institute, University of Manchester, U.K.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2007), “Entrepreneurship, Reforms, and Development: Empirical Evidence.” ICER Working Paper no. 38-2007.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2005), “Institutions, Social Capital, and Economic Development in Africa: An Empirical Study.” ICER Working Paper no. 18-2005.
- Addison, T., and Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2003), “Institutional Quality, Reforms and Integration in the Maghreb.” UNU-WIDER Discussion Paper no. 75.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2002), “The New Economy and Developing Countries: Assessing the Role of ICT Diffusion.” UNU-WIDER Discussion Paper no. 77.
- Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2002), “Assessing the Impact of One Aspect of Globalization on Economic Growth in Africa.” UNU-WIDER Discussion Paper no. 91.

Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- American Economic Association/National Economic Association/ASSA Meetings (San Francisco, January 3-5, 2025). Paper Title: The Quality of Governance and Youth Employment in Africa
- Invited speaker, the Levy Institute workshop/conference on “A Path to Inclusive Development: Unpacking Gender Inequalities in Economic Theory and Policies”, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York (September 11-13, 2024). Paper title: Trade and Women in the Labor Market in the MENA Region.
- Keynote Speaker, African Development Bank/African Finance and Economics Association Luncheon at the ASSA meetings in San Antonio, January 6, 2024.
- American Economic Association/National Economic Association/ASSA Meetings (New Orleans, January 5-8, 2024). Paper Title: Trade and Women’s Wage Employment: Does Infrastructure Matter?

- Trade and Youth Labor Market Outcomes. National Economic Association (NEA)/Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Meetings, New Orleans (January 6- 8, 2023)
- Does Trade Enhance Women’s Wage Employment? Empirical Evidence from Developing and Emerging Economies. Western Economic Association Conference, Portland (virtual, June 30, 2022)
- Trade and women’s wage employment: Is Africa different? African Finance and Economic Association (AFEA)/ASSA Meetings (virtual, January 7, 2022)
- Trade with China and the Impacts of Infrastructure and Human Capital on Africa’s Industrial Development. AFEA/ASSA Meetings, San Diego (January 3-5, 2020).
- Panelist, Levy Institute Workshop on gender and macroeconomics, New York City (September 26–28, 2019).
- Trade and women’s wage employment: is North Africa different? UNU-WIDER Development Conference in Partnership with UNESCAP and UNU-WIDER: Transforming Economies – For better Jobs, Bangkok, Thailand (September 11-13, 2019).
- Elites and Education: Theory and Empirics. NEA/ASSA Meetings, Atlanta (January 4-6, 2019).
- International Ownership and Firm Performance in Africa (With S. Lutz). AFEA/ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia (January 5-7, 2018).
- Invited by the Liberty Fund to serve on a panel discussing “Liberty, Equality and the Two Narratives of Political Economy”, October 26 and 27, 2018.
- Invited Panelist, Levy Institute Workshop on gender and macroeconomics, New York City (September 13–15, 2017).
- American Economic Association/National Economic Association Meetings, Chicago (January 6-8, 2017). Paper Title: The Relationship between Fertility and Development: Evidence from North Africa.
- American Economic Association/African Finance and Economics Association Meetings, Chicago (January 6-8, 2017). Paper Title: Gender and Firm Performance in Middle Eastern and African Economies (with S. Lutz).
- American Economic Association/National Economic Association Meetings, San Francisco (January 3-5, 2016). Paper Title: The Effects of Aid on Foreign Direct Investments in Africa and Other Regions, with Tony Addison).
- UNU-WIDER 30th Anniversary Conference on Mapping the Future of Development Economics (Helsinki, September 17-19, 2015), Discussion of Justin Lin’s intervention.
- American Economic Association/National Economic Association Conference, Boston (January 3-5, 2015). Paper title: “Skills, Gender and Entrepreneurship in Africa” (with Zuzana Brixiova and Mthuli Ncube.)
- International Atlantic Economic Conference, Madrid, Spain, April 3-6, 2014. Paper title: “Infrastructure and the growth effects of trade: New evidence from African economies.”
- International Association for Feminist Economics/ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia (January 3-5, 2014). Paper Title: Does gender matter for firm performance? Recent Evidence from Africa (with Zuzana Brixiova)
- American Economic Association/National Economic Association Meetings, Philadelphia (January 3-5, 2014). Paper title: Women and development: The case of Tunisia
- Invited by New York University-Africa House to serve on a panel titled “Africa’s Booming Billion: Perspectives on Growth from African Economists”, New York, May 2013.
- Invited by United Nations-WIDER to the ReCom Conference on ‘Aid for Gender Equality’ (Copenhagen, Denmark, December 16, 2013) to present a paper on “Aid and women’s political participation in the Middle East and North Africa”
- Invited to United Nations-WIDER Conference on *L2C–Learning to Compete: Industrial Development and Policy in Africa*, Helsinki, 24-25 June 2013. Paper title: “One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: How Poor Infrastructure and Weak Human Capital Constrain Industrial Development in Africa.”

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- Invited to the Economic Research Forum 19th Annual Conference, Kuwait, March 3-5, 2013. Paper title: “Different Arab Springs? The Political Elite and De Facto Political Power.”
- American Economic Association/African Finance and Economics Association Conference, Chicago (January 6-8, 2012). Paper title: “Credit Constraints and Entrepreneurship in Africa: The Impact of Policies (with Z. Brixiova and L. Ndikumana)
- African Economic Research Consortium & UNU-WIDER Research Project on ‘the Macroeconomic Management of Foreign Aid’, Nairobi, Kenya, December 2-3, 2011). Paper title: “Aid and Dutch Disease: Evidence from Moroccan and Tunisian Time-Series Data.”
- African Economic Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (October 25-28, 2011). Paper title: “Credit Constraints and Productive Entrepreneurship in Africa” (with Z. Brixiova and L. Ndikumana).
- European Commission – Directorate-General Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States ERD Conference on *Moving towards the European Report on Development 2010*, Brussels, Belgium, November 4, 2010.
- African Economic Conference, Tunis, Tunisia (October 24-27, 2010), Paper title: “Growth by Destination (Where You Export Matters): Trade with China and Growth in African Countries”
- European University Institute, European Report on Development Conference on *Moving Towards the European Report on Development 2010-Draft Presentation*, Florence, Italy, September 17, 2010.
- European University Institute and University Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne, ERD Conference on *Experiences and Lessons from Social Protection Programs across the Developing World: What role for the EU?* June 17-18, 2010.
- New York University-Africa House Conference on *ICT and African Development: Challenges and Opportunities*, NYU, New York City, April 30, 2010.
- New York University-Africa House Conference on *Africa and the Indian Ocean*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, March 2010.
- Expert Group meeting on Meeting on *New Directions in Africa's Development in the Context of Global Economic Realities*, 2010 (Tunis), 2009 and 2011 (Addis Ababa), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.
- UN Economic Commission for Africa and African Development Bank *African Economic Conference*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 11-13, 2009.
- European University Institute-European Report on Development Conference on *Moving Towards the European Report on Development 2009*, Florence (Italy), June 21-23, 2009.
- UNU-WIDER Workshop on the *Role of Elites in Economic Development*, Helsinki, June 12-13, 2009.
- European University Institute-European Report on Development Workshop on *Transforming Political Structures: Security, Institutions, and Regional Integration Mechanisms*, Florence, April 16-17, 2009.
- New York University-Africa House Conference ‘*Africa-Arab Relationships*’, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. March 2-3, 2009.
- African Development Bank and UN Economic Commission for Africa, *African Economic Conference*, Tunis (Tunisia). November 12-14, 2008.
- UNU-WIDER Workshop on *Entrepreneurship and Development*, Helsinki. August 21-23, 2008.
- UNU-WIDER Conference on *Country Role Models for Development Success*, Helsinki. June 13-14, 2008.
- UNU-WIDER *Conference on Fragile States - Fragile Groups: Tackling Economic and Social Vulnerability*, Helsinki. June 15-16, 2007.
- UN Economic Commission for Africa and African Development Bank Conference on *Opportunities and Challenges of Development for Africa in the Global Arena*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. November 15-17, 2007.
- The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) Conference on *Sector-led Growth in Africa and Implications for Development*, Dakar, Senegal. November 8-9, 2007.
- UNU-WIDER Conference on *Aid: Principles, Policies and Performance*. June 16-17, 2006.

- The United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) and the African Finance and Economics Association (AFEA) Conference on *NEPAD and the Future of Economic Policy in Africa*, Dakar (Senegal). November 9-12, 2005.
- Invited by the University of Manchester (UK) IDPM and Economic Studies to give a graduate seminar. Topic: “Openness to Trade and Income Convergence in Africa.” October 10, 2005.
- Invited by Binghamton University to give a Ph.D. Seminar. Topic: “Institutions, Social Capital, and Economic Development in Africa.” September 16, 2005.
- UNU-WIDER *Jubilee Conference on the Future of Development Economics*, Helsinki. June 2005.
- UNU-WIDER Conference on *Making Peace Work*, Helsinki. June 4-5, 2004.
- Invited by the United Nations University in Tokyo as a member of the Group of Experts on African Development to the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (UNU-TICAD III) follow-up workshop meeting. March 2004.
- Invited to the Second ZEW conference on the Economics of Information and Communication Technologies, Mannheim (Germany). July 2003.
- Invited by the United Nations University in Tokyo as a member of the Group of Experts on African Development to UNU-TICAD III. July 2003.
- UNU-WIDER conference and Project on Inequality, Poverty and Human Well-Being. (Helsinki, Finland). May 2003.
- UNU-WIDER conference on the *New Economy in Development* (Helsinki, Finland). May 2002.
- speaker/presenter (by invitation) at the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research. Every year since 2002 (gave 10 invited talks and chaired panels).
- Invited to the UNECA Expert Group Meeting on *New Directions in Africa's Development in the Context of Global Economic Realities*, 2010 (Tunis), 2009 and 2011 (Addis Ababa).
- Interviewed by local TV reporters in Tunis, Tunisia (in French and English, November 2008 and October 2010) and in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (in English, November 2007 and 2009), while attending the African Economic Conference.
- Invited speaker (as a member of the Group of Experts on African Development) to the United Nations University Second and Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (UNU-TICAD) Follow-up Workshops. July 2003 and March 2004.
- At the invitation of the Consortium of Public Libraries of the City of Turin (Biblioteche Civiche Torinesi), I gave a public lecture titled “Africa: Aprirsi al mercato favorisce lo sviluppo (Africa: Does Openness to Trade Promote Economic Growth?)” at the Biblioteca civica Alberto Geisser (Turin, Italy), July 17, 2005.
- Invited by the Liberty Fund to participate, as a speaker, in the colloquium on the work of Peter Bauer. September 2003.
- Interviewed by YLE Radio Vega (Swedish radio station in Helsinki) on the NEPAD and the Role of African Women. The interview was conducted in English and translated to Swedish. July 2002.
- Interviewed by Timothy J. Gibbons from the Florida Times Union for his article ‘The Dollar Tumbles’, published on September 30, 2007.
- Represented (with other Colleagues) UNF at the World Quest Contest, organized/sponsored by the World Affairs Council in April 2004.

Service to the Profession

Journal of African Development, Associate Editor, 2019-present

African Finance and Economics Association, Member of the Board of Directors, 2023-present

Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAAWE): Member of the Board of Directors, 2017- 2022.

African Finance and Economics Association, Vice-president 2018 – 2022

African Finance and Economics Association, Member of the Board of Directors, 2016-2018

Feminist Economics, Member of the Editorial Board, 2009-2016

Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences, Member of the Editorial Board, 2003-2015

Journal of Business and Accounting, Member of the Editorial Board, 2006-2014
Eastern Economic Association, Member of the Board of Directors, 2009- 2012
Journal of African Development, Associate Editor, 2008-2016
Journal of Information Technology for Development, Senior Associate Editor, 2004-present
African Finance and Economics Association, President, 2013-2014
African Finance and Economics Association, President-elect, 2012
African Finance and Economics Association, Vice-President, 2005-2007

Track Chair

International Economics, American Society for Business and Behavioral Sciences Conference (2003-13).
Economics, Annual International Business Research Conference, UNF Coggin College of Business and University of Warsaw Centre for Europe (2008-13).

Referee (over 120 journal manuscripts and 58 conference papers) for

Journal of Development Economics, Empirical Economics, Applied Economics, World Development, African Development Review, Journal of Socio-Economics, Review of Development Economics, Journal of African Development, Journal of African Economies, Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy, Feminist Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Applied Financial Economics, Review of World Economics/Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv, International Review of Economics & Finance, The Journal of Information Technology for Development, Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences, American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences E-Journal, Academy of International Business-World, and American Society for Business and Behavioral Sciences.

Other service to the profession

Organized, co-organized, and/or chaired 47 sessions at national and international conferences, and served as discussant for 65 conference papers; reviewed 10 economics textbooks since 2001; participated in 7 focus groups in macroeconomics and international trade textbooks

Honors & Awards

- Richard de Raismes Kip Professorship, Coggin College of Business, 2017-present.
- UNF Outstanding Faculty Service Award, 2020
- UNF Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award, 2018
- Prime F. Osborn, III Distinguished Business Leader/Faculty Award, 2016.
- University of North Florida Distinguished Professor, 2012
- Slade Entrepreneurship Faculty Research Award, 2011
- Kip Distinguished Research Fellow of Economics, 2010-2013
- UNF Outstanding International leadership Award 2011
- UNF Outstanding Faculty Service Award, 2010
- UNF Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award, 2009
- UNF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2009
- UNF Summer scholarship Award, 2004 and 2010
- Coggin College of Business highest possible rating (1) in Research, Teaching, and Service; every year since joining UNF.
- Outstanding Service Award (for service as editor and track chair) from the *American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences* (ASBBS), 2006
- International Faculty Grant, in 2009, to develop a study-abroad course in Northern Italy
- Graduate TLO Award in 2007 and 2008 (\$5,000), for students in the study-abroad in Brazil.
- Best Paper Award from the ASBBS Annual Conference. 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2009.
- Kip Summer Research Fellowships, UNF, 2002 and 2003
- Pro-Tem President of the International Society for Improving Training Quality (ISITQ), 2000-01.

- Award for Best Peer Learning Group (as a resource person) at the Workshop on Improving Training Quality. University of Illinois, the Asian Institute of Technology and the World Bank Malaysia, January 2000.
- Certificate for completing all the learning/training requirements for the workshop on Improving Training Quality. University of Illinois, the Asian Institute of Technology and the World Bank, May 1999.
- Fulbright Research Award, 1997-98.
- Morris A. Horowitz Award for Excellence in Economics in the Ph.D. program, Northeastern University. 1994.

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association
Western Economic Association
Beta Gamma Sigma
Phi Kappa Phi

African Economic and Finance Association
Eastern Economic Association
Omicron Delta Epsilon