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Education

University of Michigan

Ph.D. Economics, 2021–2027 (Expected)
M.A. Economics (en route to PhD), 2023

University of Edinburgh

MSc Econometrics, 2018–2019 (with Distinction)

University of Malawi

M.A. Economics, 2016–2018 (with Distinction)
BSoc.Sci Economics, 2008–2012 (Upper Second Class)

Research Interests

Econometric Theory and Applied Econometrics

Previous Employment

World Bank, Washington, DC — Short-Term Consultant, 2019–2021

Malawi National AIDS Commission — Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, 2014–2018

Lighthouse Trust (Lilongwe) & Global Health Corps Fellowship (New York) — Monitoring & Evaluation Fellow, 2013–2014

Working Papers

Sithole, L. (2024). “A Locally Robust Semiparametric Approach to Examiner IV Designs” (Reject & Resubmit, *Journal of Econometrics*); Awarded 2024 Outstanding Third Year Paper Prize.

Gunsilius, F. & Sithole, L. “Nonparametric Testability of Slutsky Symmetry” (Under Review)

Gunsilius, F. & Sithole, L. “Maximum Overlap Component Analysis” (Manuscript in preparation)

Teaching (Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan)

Econ 675 (Second Year PhD): Applied Microeconometrics, Fall 2024 and Fall 2025

Econ 503 (Master of Applied Economics): Introduction to Probability & Statistics, Fall 2023

Econ 504 (Master of Applied Economics): Econometrics for Applied Economics, Winter 2024
Econ 251 (Undergraduate): Introduction to Econometrics, Fall 2022 & Winter 2023

Scholarships & Fellowships

Lawrence Klein Fellowship in Econometrics, University of Michigan, Winter 2025
Summer Research Apprenticeships, 2021–2022
William Haber Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2021
Beit–Edinburgh Scholarship, University of Edinburgh, 2018–2019
Bristol Graduate Excellence Scholarship, 2018 (Declined)
Chevening Scholarship, 2018 (Declined)
Chevening Scholarship, 2017 (Declined)

Presentations

Conference Presentations

2025 — World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seoul, South Korea.
2025 — IAAE Annual Conference, Turin, Italy.
2025 — Canadian Econometric Study Group Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.

Seminars

Labor Lunch Seminar, Fall 2025 — University of Michigan.
Econometrics Student Brown Bag, Winter 2025 — University of Michigan.
Summer Econometrics Workshop, Summer 2025 (2x) — University of Michigan.
Labor Lunch Seminar, Fall 2024 — University of Michigan.

Honors & Awards

2025 Rackham Conference Travel Grant.
2024 Rackham Conference Travel Grant.
2024 Economics Department Travel Grant.
2024 Outstanding Third Year Paper Award, University of Michigan.
2019 Prize for the Best Econometrics Project, University of Edinburgh.
2016 Global Young Leader, Johnson & Johnson.
Leader of Our Time, University of Malawi Graduating Class of 2012.
Defender of Academic Freedom, University of Malawi Academic Staff Union.
2009 Dean’s Commendation for Best Performance, Faculty of Social Science, University of Malawi.

Service & Extracurriculars

Co-Founder, Black Economics Graduate Students Society, University of Michigan, 2023
Department Steward, Graduate Employees Organization, University of Michigan, 2023
DEI Representative, Graduate Economics Society (GES)

Advisor, Graduate International Applications Network (GAIN), University of Zurich, 2024–Present
Advisor, Global Health Corps, New York, 2022–Present
Coordinator, Graduate International Applications Network—Alumni Chapter, 2022–2024
Program Representative, University of Edinburgh, 2018–2019
President, University of Malawi Students Union, 2010–2012

Professional Memberships

Econometric Society; Institute of Mathematical Statistics; European Economic Association; Economic Association of Malawi

Language Skills

English (Fluent); French (Beginner); Spanish (Beginner)

Software Skills

Advanced: R, Python, Git
Intermediate: Stata, Matlab

Citizenship

Malawi

Last updated: August 15, 2025