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## EDUCATION

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### **Master of Science, International Development, 2017**

University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

*Specialty: Governance, Decentralization, and Community Development*

#### **Relevant Coursework:**

- Governance and Statebuilding
- Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development
- Public Sector Reform and Development
- Urban Poverty and Development
- Critical Approaches to Development
- Thesis: “Public perceptions of Decentralization & Corruption in Kenya”
  - Fieldwork in Kiambu County, Kenya: July – August 2017.

### **Bachelor of Arts, Government and World Affairs, 2015**

The University of Tampa, Florida, USA

*Specialty: International Development, Political Science*

#### **Relevant Coursework:**

- Community Development
- Public Policy Analysis
- Political Science
- Politics and Economics of the Developing World
- Fieldwork in Upper East Region, Ghana, West Africa:
  - University project in ‘Upper East Region’, April – June 2012
    - Nutrition development against vitamin A deficiency
    - Cooperative project with the ‘International Potato Centre’
    - Educated local farmers on the planting of “Orange-fleshed Sweet Potatoes” and their nutritional benefits.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### ***Team Leader, Supervisor***

VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas); London, UK

*January 2018 – June 2018*

- Team leader for VSO, through the UK Department for the International Development-funded “International Citizen Service (ICS)” program.

- Education development program, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria:
  - Managed a group of 20 volunteers from the UK, in coordination with a VSO partner organization in Kwara State, Nigeria.
    - *Project purpose*: Provide support for community development organizations in designing, implementing, and sustaining their own program. Organizing training and workshops for target groups on education and health-related issues. Developing community-NGO relations. Sustainable education infrastructure development and building government-community cooperation.

Work during studies:

**Business Development Representative**

Ed Morse Automotive Group; Tampa, Florida, USA

June 2014 – July 2015

Managed customer databases, maintained customer relations, completed customer service review calls, booked mechanical tickets and coordinated with service advisors and customers for an award-winning automotive dealership group. Assisted in reviewing General Motors warranties. Assisted in assigning work tickets to mechanics. Performed follow-up calls and collected customer satisfaction information.

**Internship: International Human Resources**

Abt Associates - International Development Consulting; Bethesda, Maryland, USA

June 2013 – September 2013

Data analysis: Visa statistics, employment statistics, and *USAID* requirements for program implementation in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, and international development.

Researched labor laws in several developing nations.

Formulated and adjusted international pay scales.

South Sudan: In-depth research on security and living conditions for expatriate employees. Researched security training options for expatriate staff.

**SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

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**Relevant Skills**

- Project Management
- Intensive research
- Data-entry
- Organization: Multi-tasking, organized in professional and personal life, planning
- Problem-solving: Predict potential issues, risk assessing, brainstorm solutions
- Leadership: Team motivation, team building, conflict resolution
- Communications: Cross-cultural, progress reporting, verbal and written

**Languages**

- English (Fluent)
- Luxembourgish (Fluent)
- French (Basic)
- Spanish (Basic)

**Information Technology (IT)**

- SPSS predictive analytics software
- Adobe Acrobat Professional Suite
- Windows OS, Linux OS
- MS Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

## LEADERSHIP AND HONORS

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### UK Parliamentary Advisory Panel

Sat on UK parliamentary evidence session on International Development and education, querying the Minister of State for the Department for International Development

Boy Scouts of America: Achieved US presidential recognition for highest rank

### Association Memberships:

- African Studies Association of the United Kingdom
- American Political Science Association
- Political Science Association of the UK