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Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Inequality, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, and Policy Evaluation

Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, Université du Québec à Montréal 2026–

Research Fellow, School of Public Health, Université de Montréal 2025–

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Université Laval 2020–2025

M.A. in Economics, Université Laval 2019–2020

B.Sc. in Applied Economics, Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Benin (ranked 1st out of 30) 2013–2017

References

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Job Market Paper

When Does Early Disadvantage Stop Predicting Adult Outcomes? Evidence from a Randomized Intervention
with Yann Algan, Sylvana Côté, and Maripier Isabelle • In preparation for submission

Using a population-representative cohort followed into adulthood through tax records, we show that inattention, disruptiveness, and prosociality in kindergarten jointly account for 13 percent of the intergenerational persistence of income. Using a randomized intervention that improved social skills and self-control among disruptive boys from low-income neighborhoods, we find that adult income is 1.46 log points higher among treated boys, a gain driven by fewer unemployment spells. Baseline inattention strongly predicts adult income among control boys, but this gradient is eliminated among treated boys, which runs against the prediction that children with stronger baseline skills benefit more from early intervention.

Publications

1. **Bello, A.-H.** (2026). How Infant Health Shapes Maternal Earnings. *Review of Economics of the Household*. doi.org/10.1007/s11150-026-09869-7
2. **Bello, A.-H.**, Isabelle, M., and Lacroix, G. (2026). Prenatal Exposure to PM2.5 and Infant Health: Evidence from Quebec. *Economics & Human Biology*, 62, 101631.
3. Brodeur, A., Mikola, D., Cook, N., Fiala, L., **Bello, A.-H.**, et al. (2026). Reproducibility and Robustness of Economics and Political Science Research. *Nature*, 652, 151–156.

Working Papers

1. Low Birth Weight and the Persistence of Disadvantage: Early-Adult Outcomes and the Health of the Next Generation (with Maripier Isabelle and Guy Lacroix). *In preparation for resubmission.*

Selected Work in Progress

- Distant Conflicts, Local Consequences: Armed Conflict Onset and Birth Outcomes among Immigrants (with Maripier Isabelle and Guy Lacroix)
- Community Water Fluoridation, Child Health, and Socioeconomic Inequality
- Universal Medical Coverage and Intergenerational Economic Mobility (with Catherine Haeck and Marie Connolly)

Other Writing

- "Successful Replication of The Long-Run Effects of Sports Club Vouchers for Primary School Children (2022)" (with Felix Bacon, Myriam Brown, Todd Morris, and Laëtitia Renée). *Institute for Replication Discussion Paper Series*, 2023.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

SSHRC Grant, CAD 78,683, research team member (PI: Arthur Chatton)	2026–2029
Finalist, Best Ph.D. Thesis Award, Faculty of Social Sciences, Université Laval	2026
Canadian Research Data Centre Network Emerging Scholar Grant	2024
Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) Doctoral Scholarship	2023–2025
Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Economics, Université Laval	2020–2024
Mitacs Research Fellowship	2020
Master's Admission Fellowship, Faculty of Social Sciences, Université Laval	2019–2020
Excellence Scholarship, B.Sc. in Applied Economics, Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Benin	2013–2016

Invited Talks, Conferences, and Seminars

2026 ICLE 2026 (Cotonou, Benin; discussant); CIRANO (Montréal); Société canadienne de science économique (Québec City); Université Laval; École nationale d'administration publique (Montréal).

2025 Société canadienne de science économique (Orford); Canadian Research Data Network Annual Conference (University of Ottawa); Canadian Economics Association (UQAM); Canadian Public Economics Group Annual Meeting (discussant).

2024 Université de Montréal Seminar; Canadian Economics Association (University of Toronto); Société canadienne de science économique (HEC Montréal); Workshop on New Research and Policy Perspectives on Inequality and Poverty, poster (CIRANO); American Society of Health Economists (San Diego, invitation declined); CIREQ Ph.D. Students Conference (Concordia University); CIQSS Emerging Excellence Conference (HEC Montréal).

2023 Acfas, poster (HEC Montréal); CIQSS Emerging Excellence Conference (Université de Sherbrooke); Journée des étudiants du CRREP (Université Laval); Workshop in Labour and Health Economics, poster (Québec City); Provincial Mother–Child Research Conference, poster (McGill University); Journées annuelles de santé publique (Québec City); Workshop en économie et santé du cerveau (Université Laval); Canadian Research Data Network Annual Conference (McMaster University); Réunion scientifique Sentinelle Nord (Québec City).

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Health Economics, Université Laval (scheduled)	Winter 2027
Instructor, Introductory Course in Causal Inference with R, workshop in Benin	2023
Teaching Assistant, Health Economics (ECN-1100 and ECN-6953), Université Laval	Summer 2022

Professional Service

Refereeing: PLOS ONE, Journal of Midwifery

Mentorship: Mentoring of Ph.D. students for grant applications, Université Laval (2 students)

Additional Information

Citizenship: Benin (Canadian work permit) | **Languages:** French (native), English (fluent)

Software: R, Stata, SAS