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EMPLOYMENT	Director, Africa Fellows in Education Program: Partnership of Economic Policy (PEP). <i>(Mar. 2023 – present)</i> Senior Lecturer: National University of Lesotho (NUL). <i>(Jul. 2019 – present), On-leave</i> Head of Economics Department: NUL. <i>(Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2022)</i> Lecturer: NUL. <i>(Jan. 2016 – Jun. 2019)</i> Graduate Teaching Assistant: University of Cape Town. <i>(2013–2015)</i> Lecturer: University of Cape Town. <i>(Summer, 2011)</i> Lecturer: National University of Lesotho. <i>(Feb. 2009–Jan. 2011)</i> Assistant Economic Planner: Ministry of Finance & Development Planning, Government of Lesotho. <i>(2008–2009)</i> Assistant Economic Planner: Ministry of Education and Training, Government of Lesotho. <i>(2005–2006)</i>	
ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS	Junior Fellow, Pan-African Scientific Research Council <i>(Jan. 2021–)</i> AERC-WB Visiting Scholar, World Bank, Chief Economist Office for Africa, Washington D.C., USA <i>(Jan. 2020–July 2020)</i> Visiting Scholar, University of Cape Town, School of Economics, South Africa. <i>(Jan. 2017)</i> Visiting Research Fellow, UNICEF Office of Research–Innocenti, Italy. <i>(2016–2017)</i>	
EDUCATION	PhD in Economics, University of Cape Town , South Africa 2011—2015 MA in Economics, University of Nairobi , Kenya 2006—2008 BA in Economics, <i>(First Class)</i> , National University of Lesotho , Lesotho 2001—2005	
JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	de Neve, J-W., Moshoeshoe, R., & Bor, J. (2025). “Age at School Entry and Human Capital Development: Evidence from Lesotho”, <i>Forthcoming at American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> . Liao, J., Moshoeshoe, R., Holmes, M.D., Subramanian, S.V., and De Neve, J-W. (2025). “Effect of girls’ education on cancer awareness and screening in a natural experiment in Lesotho” <i>Forthcoming at Nature Communications</i> . Moshoeshoe, R., Nchake, M. and Tiberti, L. (2025). “The Effect of Weather Shocks on Women’s Labour Supply and Income of Women-headed households in Lesotho”. <i>Journal of African Development</i> , 26 (1): 50–86. Liao, J., Schröder, H., Chin, E., Bakare, O., Moshoeshoe, R., Caudillo, M., Munir, K. and De Neve, J-W. (2023). “The Effect of School-entry Age on Health is Understudied in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A Scoping Review and Future Directions for Research”. <i>SSM - Population Health</i> , 22, 101423.	

Moshoeshe, R. (2023). “Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho”. *Lead Article, Annals of Economics and Statistics*.

Moshoeshe, R. (2022). “Changes in Educational Achievement and Educational Inequality in Lesotho: A Relative Distribution Analysis”. *Studies in Economics and Econometrics*, 45(4): 260–282.

Moshoeshe, R. and Thokoa, K. (2021). “Assessing the Degree of Competition in Lesotho’s Banking Industry”. *South African Journal of Economics*, 89(3): 368–390.

Moshoeshe, R., Ardington, C., and Piraino, P. (2019). “The Effect of Free Primary Education on School Enrolment and Schooling Progression in Lesotho” *Journal of African Economies*, 28(5): 511–532.

Moshoeshe, R. (2019). “Birth Order Effects on Educational Attainment: Evidence from Lesotho”. *Education Economics*, 27(4): 401-424, DOI: 10.1080/09645292.2019.1610157.

Ijeoma, O., Paramaiah, Ch. and Moshoeshe, R. (2011). “Financial Development, Savings and Economic Growth in Lesotho: Evidence from Trivariate Causality Test.” *International Journal of Economics & Business Studies*, 1(2): 41-51.

BOOKS, BOOK
CHAPTERS &
REPORTS

Blimpo, M. and Moshoeshe, R. (2023). “Households: Supporting Productive Use of DTs for Inclusive Economic Impact”. eds. Begazo, T., Blimpo, M., and Dutz, M. 2023. “Digital Africa: Technological Transformation for Jobs”. Washington D.C., World Bank.

Gebre, T. Z., Moshoeshe, R., Thulare, T. D., and Dulvy, E. N. (2023) “The Education-Employment Paradox: A Life Cycle Approach to Assess Gender Gaps in Education and Labor Market Outcomes in Lesotho”, Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group.

WORKING PAPERS

Moshoeshe, R. (2021). “The Effect of Weather shocks on female labour supply and female-headed households’ income in Lesotho”, *Working Paper 2021-15*. PEP Working Paper Series. (with *Nchake, M., & Tiberti, L.*).

Moshoeshe, R. (2020). “Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho”, *Policy Research Working Paper; No. 9404*. World Bank. (*Won the 2021 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (AFES) Prize for Best paper by a Young African scholar*)

de Hoop, J., Handa, S., and Moshoeshe, R. (2018). “Cash Transfers, Household Composition and Human Capital Accumulation in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia”. *Mimeo*.

Moshoeshe, R. (2016). “Birth Order Effects on Educational Attainment and Child Labour: Evidence from Lesotho” *Economic Research Southern Africa*, Working paper No. 621.

Moshoeshe, R. (2015). “Average and Heterogeneous Effects of Class Size on Educational Achievement in Lesotho” *Economic Research Southern Africa*, Working paper No. 496.

Moshoeshe, R. (2012). “Consumer Demand for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco in Lesotho: A Double-Hurdle Approach” *Economic Research Southern Africa*, Working paper No. 315.

Moshoeshe, R. (2010). “Poverty Profiles in Lesotho”. *Mimeo*.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

“Child Labour and Educational Outcomes in Lesotho: A Non-parametric Approach”, (with *Souru, M. R.*). [Draft Available](#)

2024:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R., de Neve, J-W., & Bor, J.** (2024) "Age at School Entry and Human Capital Development: Evidence from Lesotho", University of Cape Town (UCT) School of Economics Seminar, July 2024.

2023:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R., de Neve, J-W., & Bor, J.** (2023) "Age at School Entry and Human Capital Development: Evidence from Lesotho", Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference 2023, National University of Lesotho, 2023 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (AFES)

2022:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho"; University of Botswana, Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference 2022, Center for Research in Economics and Statistics (CREST)

2019 :

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R. and Thokoa, K.** "Market Structure and Banking Competition in Lesotho", 2019 Economics Society of South Africa (ESSA) Biennial Conference, and Department of Economics Seminar, NUL. (September, 2019)
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho", African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Bi-annual conference, Cape Town, South Africa. (June, 2019)

2018:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho", African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Bi-annual conference, Arusha, Tanzania. (December, 2018)

2017:

- ▷ **de Hoop, J., Handa, S., and Moshoeshoe, R.** "Cash Transfers, Household Composition and Human Capital Accumulation in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia". Presented by **Moshoeshoe, R.** at The Transfer Project Workshop, Dakar, Senegal. (June, 2017)
- ▷ **de Hoop, J., Handa, S., and Moshoeshoe, R.** "Cash Transfers, Household Composition and Human Capital Accumulation in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Lesotho, Malawi, and Zambia". Presented by **Moshoeshoe, R.** at The IUSSP International Population Conference, University of Cape Town, South Africa. (October, 2017)
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho", African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Bi-annual conference, Arusha, Tanzania. (December, 2017)

2016:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Child Gender, Family Environments, and Human Capital Development in Tanzania", Contemporary issues in Gender and Development Project Workshop, Helsinki, Finland.

2015:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Child Gender, Family Environments, and Human Capital Development in Tanzania", Gender and Development Project workshop, Université de Namur, Belgium.
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Birth Order and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Lesotho", Economics Society of South Africa (ESSA) Biennial Conference, South Africa.
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** "Educational Achievement and Educational Inequality in Lesotho: Changes and Determinants", Economics Society of South Africa (ESSA) Biennial Conference, South Africa.

Africa.

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “Educational Achievement and Educational Inequality in Lesotho: Changes and Determinants”, 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Development in Africa, Dakar, Senegal.
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “Birth Order Effects on Educational Attainment and Child Labour: Evidence from Lesotho”, CSAE Annual Conference, Oxford University, UK.
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “Birth Order Effects on Educational Attainment and Child Labour: Evidence from Lesotho”, Econometrics Society African Training Workshop, Lusaka, Zambia
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “The Effect of Free Primary Education on School Enrolment and Schooling Progression in Lesotho”, Econometrics Society African Training Workshop, Lusaka, Zambia

2014:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “Average and Heterogeneous Effects of Class Size on Educational Achievement in Lesotho”, International Association of Applied Econometrics Conference, Queen Mary University of London, UK

2013:

- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “Wage Inequality in South Africa: Trends and Determinants”, AERC Bi-annual conference, Arusha, Tanzania, (June 2013).
- ▷ **Moshoeshoe, R.** “Education Quality Determinants and Dynamics: Evidence from Lesotho”, AERC Bi-annual conference, Nairobi, Kenya, (December, 2013).

GRANTS & AWARDS

Research & Travel Grants

- ▷ AERC Research Grant (Amount – US\$12,500): “Long Term Effects of Free Primary Education on Educational Achievement: Evidence from Lesotho” project 2018–2019
- ▷ The International Institute of Education (IIE) Travel Grant 2017
- ▷ UNU-WIDER Research Grant (Amount – US\$5000): “Contemporary Issues in Gender and Development” project 2015–2017
- ▷ UNU-WIDER Travel Grant 2016
- ▷ Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Travel Grant 2015
- ▷ UNU-MERIT and CRES Travel Grant 2015
- ▷ African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Travel Grant 2014

Honours & Awards

- ▷ Carnegie PhD Fellowship 2015
- ▷ African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) PhD Scholarship 2011–2014
- ▷ Fulbright Scholarship (*Declined on personal grounds*) 2011
- ▷ African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) Masters Scholarship 2006–2008
- ▷ Central Bank of Lesotho Award for Best Student in BA Economics 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Lecturer

- ▷ 2020/2021—: EC6011 *Advanced Microeconomics* (MSc),
- ▷ 2018/2019—: EC6042 *Microeconometrics and Panel Data* (MSc), EC4982 *Applied Econometrics*, (BA), National University of Lesotho.
- ▷ June 2018: AERC Masters Bridge Programme: Quantitative Methods (Econometrics)
- ▷ 2017/2018 —: *Introductory Econometrics* (BA); & EC4711/2 *Labour Economics* (BA), National University of Lesotho.
- ▷ 2016/2017: *Principles of Economics* (BA); & *Development Economics* (BA), National University of Lesotho.
- ▷ 2015/2016: *Mathematical Methods in Economics* (MSc.), *Econometrics Methods and Applica-*

tions (MSc), National University of Lesotho.

- ▷ 2011 (summer): *Intermediate Microeconomics* (BA), University of Cape Town.
- ▷ 2008/2009—2010/2011: *Microeconomics*; EC4981 *Topics in Econometrics*; & EC4982 *Applied Econometrics*, (BA), National University of Lesotho.
- ▷ 2006/2007 & 2008/2009: *Business Statistics*, (part-time) at Institute of Extra Mural Studies (IEMS), National University of Lesotho.

Teaching Assistant— School of Economics, University of Cape Town. 2013, 2014 & 2015

- ▷ 2013, 2014 & 2015: *Advanced Econometrics* (MA and PhD), University of Cape Town. Instructor: Prof. Martin Wittenberg.
- ▷ (July—November), 2014: *Analysis of Household Survey Data* (BA honours), University of Cape Town. Instructor: Dr. Andrew Kerr.
- ▷ (June), 2013 & 2014: *Social Welfare Measurement* (MA and PhD), University of Cape Town. Instructor: Prof. Martin Wittenberg.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Supervised & graduated 13 MSc in Economics students: (2011: *Ogbonnaya Ijeoma*; 2018: *Katleho Thokoa*, *Mpho Rasupu*, *Mojalefa Koma*; 2020: *Mpoi Lebakeng*, *Mpiletso Ntai*, *Itumeleng Phohlo*; 2021: *Tšepiso Motsamai*, *Tumelo Tauhali*; 2022: *Rabote Ntšonyane*; 2023: *Matšelisio Lenka*, *Rosalia Souru*, *Toka Tesele*) (2011, & 2016–2023)

CONSULTANCY

Consultant, WB Education Global Practice: “Provided technical support for the Lesotho Basic Education Improvement Project (LBEIP), the Lesotho Education Quality for Equality Project (LEQEP) & the Basic Education Strengthening Project (BESP)”. (December. 2020–2023)

Consultant (UNDP-Lesotho): “Lesotho Voluntary National Review on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2022”. Team Leader - SDG 17 Chapter (Mar.-June 2022)

Consultant, WB Chief Economist’s Office for Africa Region: “Digital Economy for Africa project”. Co-authored a chapter “Households: Generating More Inclusive Impact through Productive Use of Digital Technologies”. (March 2021–June 2022)

Consultant/Research Fellow, WB Chief Economist’s Office for Africa Region: “Positioning Africa to effectively Claim the 21st Century”. (Jan. 2020–Sep. 2020)

Consultant (UNDP-Lesotho): “Lesotho Voluntary National Review on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2019”. Team Leader - SDG 17 Chapter (May-June 2019)

Consultant (WFP Lesotho): “Evaluation of the National School Feeding Programme in Lesotho: 2007-2017”. Team Leader: Dr. Barnaby Peacocke. (August 2017– July 2018)

Short-Term Consultant (World Bank): “Impact Evaluation of Lesotho’s Land Regularization Programme on Land Security and Investment”. Team Leader: Dr. Klaus Deininger. (2018)

Consultant (UNDP Lesotho): “Final Review of the Brussels Programme of Action 2001-2010”. (2010)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member; MSc Thesis Committee, Department of Economics (2016/17–2023)

Chairperson; Ad-hoc Disciplinary Committee on Cheating and Plagiarism, Department of Economics (2016/17–2022)

Convener; Development Economics Cluster courses, Department of Economics (2017/18–2022)

Member; Quality Assurance Committee, Department of Economics (2017/18–2023)

- REFEREING ▷ *Africa Insight; Applied Economics Letters; Economics and Human Biology; Economic Journal; Education Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; International Journal of Educational Research; Journal of Contemporary African Studies; Journal of Population Economics; Oxford Economic Papers; Review of Development Economics; Scientific African; Social Indicators Research*
- SKILLS **Programming:** Stata (*Proficient*), R (*Intermediate*), Python (*Intermediate*), L^AT_EX, LyX, Microsoft Office
Language: Sesotho (*Native*), English (*Fluent*), Swahili (*Limited Knowledge*)
- REFERENCES **Available upon Request**