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----- **FIELDS OF INTEREST** -----

Food security in rural areas of Africa

Production decisions of small farmers • Market function and price determination
Landholding systems • Food policy • Impacts of international trade and foreign direct investment

----- **EDUCATION** -----

M.S. Agricultural Economics (expected) January 2008

Field of Specialization: International Agricultural Development
Michigan State University, Michigan, U.S.A.

B.A. Language and Area Studies March 2001

Major: French
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan

----- **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** -----

Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics May 2006 – June 2007

Michigan State University, Michigan, U.S.A.

- Researched the profitability of commercially processed cowpea (black-eyed pea) products such as cowpea-fortified weaning foods for protein-energy malnourished children in West Africa; conducted a field survey (key informant interviews) in Accra, Ghana during February and March 2007

Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics August 2005 – May 2006

Michigan State University, Michigan, U.S.A.

- Collected trade statistics such as commodity classification codes, tariff rates, and volumes on different cherry products between the US and the EU; analyzed the data collected; wrote and presented a report
- Supported other research projects (e.g., updating data on cucumber production and trade in the US and the world)

Administrative attaché March 2001 – March 2003

Japanese Embassy in Paris, France

- Provided logistical supports for Japanese Embassies located in Africa; traveled to Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Gabon, and Cameroon for an assessment of living conditions of the Embassies' workers
- Researched and reported on the French policy appraisal system, road traffic law, and ombudsman system
- Prepared various business and personnel documents, including translation between French and Japanese

----- **SKILLS** -----

Languages:

English and French spoken and written fluently. Native Japanese speaker.

Computer:

Proficient in Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint, STATA, SPSS