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Interests

Education Inequalities, Labour Market Inequalities, Constraints to Small firms, Data Science, International Migration, International Development.

Education

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| 2019 – Present | Humboldt University – Berlin, Germany
PhD in Sociology
Advisors: Prof. Anette Fasang, Prof. Macartan Humphreys
<i>Expected end date: April 2023.</i> |
| 2022 – Present | UC Berkeley – California , USA
Visiting Fellow
Mentor: Prof. Marcel Fafchamps.
<i>End date: Dec 2022.</i> |
| 2010 – 2012 | University of Ibadan – Ibadan, Nigeria
MSc in Sociology
Advisor: Prof. Muyiwa Omobowale. <i>Grade: Top 10 percent.</i> |
| 2004 – 2008 | Obafemi Awolowo University – Ile-Ife, Nigeria
BSc in Sociology and Anthropology. <i>Grade: Top 10 percent.</i> |

Grants, Honors and Scholarships

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| 2022 | International Growth Center (IGC) PhD Grant, £20,000
<i>E-Bookkeeping: Measuring Small Firm Behaviour</i> |
| 2022 | Pilot Grant, Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) £6,500
<i>Accounting for Accounting: Book-keeping Lessons from Nigeria with Muhammad Zia Mehmood (UC Berkeley) and Anne Schick (Tufts University)</i> |
| 2021 | Winner, Peter Drucker Essay Challenge , Vienna |

- 2021 Exploratory Grant, PEDL £10,681
[E-Bookkeeping: Measuring Small Firm Behaviour](#)
- 2020 [G-20 Young Global Changers, Global Solutions Initiative](#)
- 2019 Capacity Building Grant, PEDL £5,000
E-Bookkeeping: Measuring Small Firm Behaviour
- 2012 Finalist, Essay on “WOMEN AND CLIMATE CHANGE” organized by the Greens of The European Parliament, European Union.
- 2012 Fellow, Dell Social Innovation Laboratory, University of Texas, USA
- 2010 Certificate of Recommendation, National Youth Service Corps, Borno
- 2011 Certificate of Participation, International Essay Contest for Young People by GOI Peace Foundation and UNESCO
- 2012 Taskforce Member, UNESCO EFA Youth Report 2012
- 2007 Certificate of Commendation, Faculty of Social Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

Publications

- 2022 **[Americah: Does signalling “foreignness” reduce the benefit of transnational education of returnees? Evidence from Nigeria](#)**
Abiola Oyeбанjo
under review.
- 2022 **[Old But Not Late: The Age-of-Arrival Effect on Wage gap of African Immigrants in the US.](#)**
Abiola Oyeбанjo
under review.
- 2022 **[What is the role of Pentecostalism on College-bound Anglophone Africans in OECD countries?](#)**
Abiola Oyeбанjo
under review.

Other Writings

- 2021 [Vaccine Nationalism: Focus on Africa](#)
Abiola Oyeбанjo
- 2014 [This is Not the Time to Save Mafa](#)
Abiola Oyeбанjo

2013 [2013, Ode to the Late Freedom Fighter Madiba](#)
Abiola Oyeбанjo

Professional work experience

- Dec 2019 – Date **Research Associate, Freie University, Berlin**
- May 2022 – June 2022 **Project Manager, Data Science for Social Good, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh**
Worked with fellows and partners on data science projects. Partners include Allegheny County, Vibrant Emotional Health and the Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development.
- October 2017 – Nov 2018 **Research Project Manager, American University DC, Project Location: Lagos**
The research includes geocoding almost 700 marketplaces in Lagos; interviews with officials of 40 mini tax stations; led baseline and end-line researchers to covering 4,000 vendors and two separate interventions including a carrot and stick/informational experiment
- Jan 2017 – June 2017 **Research Consultant, DFID-PERL, Abuja**
Provided strategic insights into how citizens, constituencies, constituency representatives, and government officials use ICT and social media in the Southwest region using design research
- June 2017 – September 2017 **Research Consultant, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Abuja**
Lead scheduling and field research on key radio houses, political decision-makers and key constituents using radio to influence public policy in Lagos with methods in design research and ethnography.
- Dec 2015 – May 2016 **Program Associate, Bridge International Academies, Lagos**
Provided project management support to the Development/Construction Team by ensuring that all project elements are aligned and tracked against required timelines and costs. The team built about 10 schools in a record time of less than a year.

- July 2015 – Nov 2015 **Research Associate, Bridge International Academies, Lagos**
 Conducted field research and scoping studies that provided critical insights into the establishment of about 10 schools in a year. I analyzed data from the rest of the company on the socioeconomic conditions and the competitive landscapes of private pre-primary and primary education in Lagos. This aided the provision of quality education to low-income earners in Nigeria.
- Jan 2014 – June 2015 **Research Associate, International Institute for Local Development, Abuja**
 In collaboration with the project team, I coordinated, designed and analyzed baseline and impact evaluation surveys in 4 states for result-based monitoring and evaluation of 72million World Bank Project on Rural Access and Mobility Project (RAMP) in Nigeria rehabilitating 470km road. The aim was to increase road access to 600,000 rural indigenes in 5 years.
 Coordinated the Warajiji Microcredit scheme of the IILD which provides interest-free loans to 155 disadvantaged rural women in Waru and Karamajiji communities in Abuja, Nigeria. (featured in the Editorial of Guardian Newspaper as a successful model that the Federal Government can adopt

[Presentations/Conferences/Workshops](#)

- August 2022 Presented, American Sociological Association
Los Angeles, California, USA
- April 2022 Presented, Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Annual Meeting
Cornell University, New York, USA
- March 2022 PEDL/CEPR The Frontiers of Research in Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries
New York University (NYUAD), Abu Dhabi, UAE
- March 2019 CEGA Summit, East Africa Social Science Translation Collaborative
Nairobi, Kenya
- July 2019 Presented, , Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Annual Meeting
University of Cape Town, South Africa
- June 2019 Evidence in Governance and Accountability Project – EGAP 26 Meeting
African School of Economics, Benin Republic
- June 2019 Presented, The Lagos Studies Association (LSA) Conference
University of Lagos, Nigeria

Nov 2018	PEDL/CEPR The Frontiers of Research in Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries <i>New York University (NYUAD), Abu Dhabi, UAE</i>
May 2018	Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Annual Meeting <i>University of California, Los Angeles, USA.</i>
January 2018	Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) Meeting <i>New York University (NYUAD), Abu Dhabi, UAE</i>

Community Service

Aug 2018 – Date	Empowerment for Local People Foundation (Executive Director) Support disadvantaged persons starting or scaling petite businesses in local communities with requisite business training, technical support and interest-free loans pooled from the public in small units through simple-framed platforms so as to improve their economic and social freedom.
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Professional memberships

2022 – Present	American Sociological Association
2019 – Present	American Political Science Association

Technical skills

Programming languages

Proficient in: R

Familiar with: Python, Stata, SQL

Software

LaTeX, Git, Tableau

Languages

English (fluent), Yoruba (Native)

Other interests

Travelling and Soccer