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Education

- 2025 [anticipated] Ph.D., Sociology, University of Florida
Areas of Concentration: Medical Sociology; Demography.
Dissertation Title: Preventive Healthcare Experiences of Black Immigrants in the United States: Exploring Inequalities in Access and Utilization.
- 2018 M.Sc., Demography [minor: Social Statistics], Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.
- 2012 B.Sc., Demography [minor: Social Statistics], Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.

Areas of Research & Teaching Interests

Social and Structural Determinants of Health; Health Disparities; Immigration; Global Health; Sexual, Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health; Substance Use; Demography.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Alawode O.A Relationship between Educational Assortative Mating and Reproductive Healthcare Utilization in Nigeria. *Journal of Biosocial Science* (2025). [Link to Paper](#)

Ajayi K.V, Bolarinwa O.A, Adekunle T.E, **Alawode O.A**, Siuluta N, Shongwe S., McCallum E. Prevalence and determinants of preterm birth among women of reproductive age in Kenya: a multilevel analysis of the 2022 Demographic and Health Survey. *Therapeutic Advances in Reproductive Health*. **19** (1-16) (2025). [Link to Paper](#)

Chukwudeh S.O., Bolarinwa O.A, **Alawode O.A**, Olawade D., Shongwe S., Tiwari R. How does the rise in contraceptive usage predict pregnancy termination in Kenya? An In-depth Multilevel Analysis. *BMC Public Health*. **25**(512) (2025). [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode O.A & Awoleye A.F. Prevalence, Trend, and Correlates of Child Fostering in Nigeria, 2008-2018: Findings from a National Survey. *Child & Youth Services* (2025). [Link to Paper](#)

Azubuike C.D & **Alawode O.A** Delayed Healthcare due to Cost among Adults Living with Multimorbidity in the United States. *Healthcare* **12** (22) (2024). [Link to Paper](#)

Nicholson, H. L., Jr. & **Alawode, O. A.**, Ford J.A (2024). Determinants of Prescription Opioid misuse among Black Americans: Evidence from the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. *Addictive Behaviors* **149** (2024), e13081. [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., Bolarinwa, O.A., Hajjar, J.M., Chukwudeh, S.O., & Yaya S. Is Intimate Partner Violence vertically transmitted among women in sub-Saharan Africa? Evidence from demographic and health surveys between 2010 and 2019. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. **22**(262) (2023). [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., **Alawode, O.A.**, Jegede O.T. & Adeleye K. Exposure to Parental Violence and Self-reported violence among adolescent girls in Nigeria: Evidence from a national survey. *International Journal of Sexual Health*. **35**(4) (2023). [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., **Alawode, O.A.**, Awoleye, A.F. & Ilesanmi, B.B. Internet Use, Exposure to Digital Family Planning Messages, and Sexual Agency among Partnered Women in Northern Nigeria: Implications for Digital Family Planning Intervention. *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*. **31**(4); 2261681 (2023). [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O. A., & Nicholson, H. L., Jr. (2023). Health literacy and uptake of annual physical checkups among emerging adults in the United States: Findings from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. *Sociology Compass*, e13081. [Link to Paper](#)

- Bolarinwa O. A., Hajjar J.M., **Alawode, O.A.**, Ajayi, K.V., Roberts A.T., & Yaya S. (2023). Multiple High-Risk Fertility Behaviours and Children Under-Five Mortality Survivors among married women of Reproductive age in Nigeria. *Archives of Public Health* **88**, 175 (2023). [Link to Paper](#)
- Alawode, O.A.**, Okeke, S.R., Sah, R.K., & Bolarinwa, O.A. Prevalence and determinants of intention to use modern contraceptives among grand-multiparous women in sub-Saharan Africa. *Archives of Public Health* **80**, 246 (2022). [Link to Paper](#)
- Bolarinwa, O.A., Afaya, A., Ajayi, K.V, Ojo, A. & **Alawode, O.A.** Prevalence and factors associated with the use of long-acting reversible and permanent contraceptive methods among women who desire no more children in high fertility countries in sub-Saharan Africa. *BMC Public Health* **22**, 2141 (2022). [Link to Paper](#)
- Awolaye, A.F., **Alawode, O.A.**, Chima, V., Okunlola D. A., & Obisie, S. (2022). Rural-Urban differentials in the relationship between household wealth index and maternal anemia status in Nigeria. *Health Care for Women International*; [Link to Paper](#)
- Okunlola D. A., **Alawode, O.A.**, Awolaye, A.F., & Oyelola, A. (2022). Exploring the Hierarchies: Multilevel Correlates of Child Mortality in Nigeria and Implications for Interventions. *Global Social Welfare* **9** (2022). [Link to Paper](#)
- Nicholson, H. L., Jr., Wheeler, P.B., Smith, N.C., & **Alawode, O.A.**, (2022) Examining the Relationship between Discrimination and Prescription Drug Misuse: Findings from a National Survey of Black Americans. *Substance Use & Misuse*, **57:7**, 1014-1021; [Link to Paper](#)
- Alawode, O.A.**, Ogunwemimo, H.S., Bolorunduro, M-E., & Awolaye, A.F. Age at Sexual Debut and Multiple Sexual Partnership among Adolescents in Nigeria: An Assessment of the Mediating Role of the Knowledge of Sexually Transmitted Infections. *Adolescents* (2021), **1** (4), 421-432; [Link to Paper](#)
- Alawode, O.A.**, Analysis of Non-Marital Fertility in Nigeria and Implications for Intervention and Future Research. *Social Sciences* (2021), **10(7)**, 256; [Link to Paper](#)
- Okunlola D. A., Bolarinwa, O.A., **Alawode, O.A.**, & Adetutu, O. M. (2020) Determinants of non-participation in Labour force among women of reproductive age in Nigeria. *African Population Studies* (2020), **34** (2), 5171-5186. [Link to Paper](#)
- Chima V., **Alawode, O.A.**, Awolaye, A.F., Hawa. O & Chima, I.L. (2020) Demographic and Psychosocial Determinants of Life Satisfaction Among Youths in Nigeria: Evidence from Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey. *International Journal of Social Science Research* (2020), **8** (2), 266-286. [Link to Paper](#)
- Okunlola D. A., **Alawode, O.A.**, Bolarinwa, O.A, Agbeja, O.I, & Awolaye, A.F. (2020) Socio-Demographic, Economic & Psychological Correlates of Risky Sexual Behaviour Among Sexually Active Young People in Nigeria. *Global Journal of Health Science* (2020), **12** (8), 9-26. [Link to Paper](#)
- Alawode, O.A.**, Chima, V., & Awolaye, A.F. (2019) Household Characteristics as Determinants of Ownership of Mosquito Nets in Urban Households in Nigeria. *Scientific African* (2019), **6** (2019) e00156, 16-27. [Link to Paper](#)
- Chima, V., & **Alawode, O.A.**, (2019) Modern Contraceptive Use among Female Adolescents in Rural Nigeria: Does Exposure to Family Planning Messages Matter? *Gates Open Research* **2019**, **3**:627. [Link to Paper](#)
- Alawode, O.A.**, (2019) Levels and Correlates of Health Insurance Coverage in Nigeria: Evidence from 2013 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey. *African Journal of Health Economics* (2019), **6** (3), 16-27. [Link to Paper](#)
- Awolaye A.F., Chima V., & **Alawode, O.A.**, (2018). Women Autonomy and Maternal Healthcare Services Utilization among Young ever-married women in Nigeria. *International Journal of Nursing and Midwifery*, **10(6)**, 62-73. [Link to Paper](#)

Other Publications [Non-Peer Reviewed]

Chima, V., **Alawode**, O.A., Arinze, I. & Olashore, E.A. Socio-Demographic Determinants of Accepting Behaviour Towards HIV Infected Persons in Nigeria (2018). Available at SSRN: [Link to Paper](#)

Obasesam, E.E., Opara, I.F., & **Alawode**, O.A. (2020) With TCI Support, Abia State Sees 108% Increase in Annual Client Volume. Available online at [Link to Publication](#)

Awaiting Publication

Alawode O.A., Relationship between Educational Assortative Mating and the Utilization of Reproductive Healthcare Services in Nigeria: Evidence from a National Survey [*Journal of Biosocial Science*].

Works Under Review

Oluwatobi A. Alawode & Barbara Zsembik Influenza Vaccination Uptake and Associated Factors among African-Born Immigrant Adults in the United States [*Under review at Population Research and Policy Review*].

Okeke-Obayemi D.O, **Alawode O.A.**, Okeke S.R., Mwaniki S.W., Mabhala, A., Mullens A.B, Bolarinwa O.A. Prevalence and Determinants of HIV Testing among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in 28 sub-Saharan African Countries [*Under review at BMC Public Health*].

Okunlola D.A, Alawode O.A, Opara C.V & Bolarinwa O.A. Sexual Behaviors and Self-reported Sexually Transmitted Infections among Male and Female Youths in Nigeria [*Under review at BMC Infectious Diseases*].

Alawode O.A Exploring Intersectional Barriers to Preventive Healthcare Utilization among Young Adults in the United States. [*Under review at Journal of Race and Ethnic Health Disparities*].

Okunlola D.A, **Alawode O.A, Opara C.V & Ajayi I.A.** Sexual Behaviors and Self-reported Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) among Male and Female Youths in Nigeria. [*Under review at BMC Infectious Diseases*].

Book Project in Preparation

Proximate Variables in Nigeria's Fertility Regime to be published in "The Demography of Nigeria: Trends, Patterns and Prospects".

In Preparation

Oluwatobi A. Alawode & Barbara Zsembik Influenza Vaccination Uptake and Associated Factors among African-Born Immigrant Adults in the United States [Draft Available].

Oluwatobi A. Alawode & Barbara Zsembik. Exploring Disparities in Preventive Healthcare Utilization among African-born Immigrant Adults in the United States.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode. An Intersectional Approach to Understanding Barrier to Healthcare Utilization among Young Women in the United States.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode. Intersectional Approach to Understanding Disparities in Breast Cancer Screening among Women in Four Low-Income Countries.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode Decomposing Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health Facility Delivery among Mothers in Nigeria: Evidence from the 2018 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode Exploring Intersectional Inequalities in the Utilization of Caesarean Section Delivery among Women in Nigeria: Further Analysis of the Demographic and Health Survey.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode Multilevel Analysis of the Levels and Determinants of Quality Antenatal Care in Nigeria: Evidence from the Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey

Presentations

Exploring Disparities in Preventive Healthcare Utilization among African-born Immigrant Adults in the United States. Paper presentation at the 2024 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia from 16 – 18, October 2024.

Are Women in Heterogamous Relationships at Higher Risk of Intimate Partner Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa? Flash presentation at the 2024 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia from 16 – 18, October 2024.

Black-White Disparities in the Relationship between Perception of Neighborhood Safety and Physical Activity. Poster presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana from 3 – 6, April 2024.

Perception of Community Health Resources and the management of Chronic Health Conditions: Exploring the link and Implications. Poster presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana from 3 – 6, April 2024.

Influenza Vaccination Uptake and Associated Factors Among African-born Immigrant Adults. Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana from 12 – 15, April 2023.

Identifying the Predictors of Preventive Care Utilization Among Middle-aged Residents of Rural Areas. Paper presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama from 6 – 9, April 2022.

Decadal Analysis of the Level and Correlates of Child Fostering in Nigeria: Insights from the Demographic and Health Survey, 2008 - 2018. Paper presentation at 2021 International Population Conference, Hyderabad, India from 5 – 10, December 2021. [Virtual in December 2021].

Understanding the Determinants of Intention to Use Modern Contraceptives among Grand Multiparous Women in 10 Highest Fertility Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Paper presentation at 2021 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN from 4 – 6, October 2021 [Cancelled due to COVID-19].

Sexual Infidelity Among Married Women in Sub-Saharan Africa: Examining the Role of Couple's Co-residence, Socioeconomic and Demographic Disparities. Paper presentation at 2021 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN from 4 – 6, October 2021 [Cancelled due to COVID-19].

Levels and Correlates of Health Insurance Coverage in Nigeria: Evidence from 2013 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey. Paper presentation at 8th African Population Conference, Entebbe, Uganda from 19 – 22, November 2019.

Exploring the influence of subjective well-being on the fertility intention of currently married women in Nigeria. Paper presentation at the 2019 Population Association of Nigeria Conference, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria from 10 – 12, June 2019.

Non-Marital Fertility in Nigeria: Levels, Patterns and Associated Factors. Paper presentation at the Population Association of America (PAA) 2019 Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, USA from 9 – 12, April 2019.

Nonuse of contraceptive among never-married women in Nigeria: Who, Where and Why? Paper presented at the 5th Nigeria Family Planning Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, 3-6 December 2018.

Household Characteristics as determinants of the ownership of Mosquito nets in Urban Nigeria. Paper presented at the 15th International Conference on Urban Health, Kampala, Uganda, 26-30 November 2018.

Modern Contraceptive Use among Adolescents in Rural Nigeria: Does Exposure to Family Planning Messages Matter? Paper presented at the 14th International Family Planning Conference, Kigali, Rwanda, 13 – 16, August 2019.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor in Sociology

August 2022 – Present

- My duties included teaching undergraduate students SYG 2000 [Principles of Sociology], grading papers, and attending office hours, which I have done for Fall 2022; Fall, Summer & Spring 2023; and Fall, Summer & Spring 2024; Summer 2025.
- Teaching Assistant for SYO 4400 [Medical Sociology] & SYD 3700 [Minorities in American Society – Spring 2021]

- SYD 4020 [Population/Demography] - Spring 2025.
- SYO 4400 [Medical Sociology] – Fall 2025 (scheduled).

Past Professional Experiences

Research & Evaluation Consultant: Formative Assessment of EU-funded UNICEF Conditional Cash Transfer Program to scale up MNCH Services Utilization in Adamawa, Bauchi, and the Kebbi States in Nigeria.

May 2021 – August 2021.

Technical Support Lead- Research, Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning. The Challenge Initiative [TCI] led by the William H. Gates Sr. Institute for Population and Reproductive Health. [*Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation / Merck for Mothers*]
September 2019 - December 2020.

Research, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, Post Pregnancy Family Planning [PPFP] Project Lagos, Nigeria. [*Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation / Merck for Mothers*]
February 2019 – August 2019.

Research & Evaluation Consultant; EU-UNICEF RMNCH Project, UNICEF Nigeria Bauchi Field Office, Bauchi State.
October 2018 – January 2019.

Research Data Analyst; BBC Media Action, Abuja, Nigeria.
July 2017- August 2018.

Graduate Research, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA.
January 2021 – May 2022.

As a research assistant to Harvey L. Nicholson, Ph.D., my duties involved:

- Literature review for topics on health disparities, and determinants of opioid and prescription drug misuse.
- Management and analysis of large-scale survey data including the National Survey of Drug Use and Health [NSDUH], National Survey of American Life [NSAL], National Health Interview Survey [NHIS], and National Survey of Black Americans [NSBA], Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System [BRFSS].
- Drafting of findings for journal article publication.

Scholarships & Awards

Travel Award to attend the 2023 Population Association of America Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LS - \$800

Travel Award to attend the 2022 Southern Sociological Society Conference in Birmingham, AL - \$450.

Travel Award to attend the 2021 IUSSP/ International Population Conference, Hyderabad, India - \$500.

Benjamin L. Gorman Quantitative Research Methods Award [2021] - \$300.

ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan [Workshop Grant] - \$3000

Graduate Teaching & Research Assistantship Award, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA [2021 – Present].

Professional Training & Workshops

Introduction to Emerging Methodologies in Social Science Research [IEMeSSR] at Wits University, South Africa
Summer 2021.

2022 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.
Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment.
Summer 2022.

Webinar: Survival Analysis Using Stata
December 2024.

Skills

Programming Language: Python, R & SQL

Data analysis & Visualization: Stata, R, Excel, Tableau.

Computing: Microsoft Office Package.

Data Collection: ODK, Survey CTO, and Qualtrics.

Language: English [Advanced], French [Beginner]

Professional Service

Journal Referee

American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Population Research; Scientific Reports; Archives of Public Health; Journal of Drug Issues; Journal of Urban Health; PLOS ONE; Archives of Public Health; Sexuality Research, and Social Policy; BMC Public Health; Contraception and Reproductive Medicine; BMC Women's Health; Medical Anthropology; International Journal of Women's Health; Journal of Public Health and Epidemiology; Journal of Population, Health, and Nutrition.

Other services

Session Presider for Paper Session titled **Using Sociology to Contextualize Population Health 1** at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Birmingham, Alabama.

Invited Presentation for Medical Sociology Class, University of Florida –March 2022.

Secretary; Florida Society of the Social Sciences [F3S] – 2022 - 2023

Professional Affiliations

Florida Society of the Social Sciences [F3S]; Southern Demographic Association [SDA]; Southern Sociological Society [SSS]; Union for African Population Studies [UAPS]; Population Association of America [PAA]; International Union for the Scientific Study of Population [IUSSP]; American Public Health Association [APHA].