## CHINEMELU U.S. OKAFOR

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Research Comparative politics of Africa; historical roots of comparative development; behavioral economics;

Interests corruption; government accountability; technology; culture, ethnicity, and inclusion

Education Princeton University Princeton, NJ

> Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program Expected: August 2021

> The George Washington University Washington, DC

> M.A. Applied Economics May 2018

> The University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

> B.A. Economics, B.A. International Studies May 2015 European Union Study Abroad, Leuven Belgium May 2014

Research The Busara Center for Behavioral Economics Lagos, NG

Fellow (postponed due to COVID-19) Experience June 2020

Areas of focus: Corruption; Behavioral economics – will conduct field survey of original paper, "Do Class Hierarchies Promote Peer Enforcement of

Corruption: An Empirical Test in Nigeria"

Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program Princeton, NJ

August 2019 - Present

Princeton, NJ

Predoctoral Research Specialist

Advisor: Prof. LaFleur Stephens-Dougan Areas of focus: Public opinion and racial attitudes – ran OLS,

ordered logistic and multivariate logistic regressions

**Empirical Studies of Conflict Project** 

September 2018 - August 2019 Research Specialist II

Advisors: Prof. Tarek Ghani and Prof. Jake Shapiro

Areas of focus: Natural resource extraction in Sub-Saharan Africa – built

R Shiny interactive map using three geocoded commercial datasets

The International Finance Corporation

Washington, DC

Research Assistant February - October 2018

Advisors: Dr. Tristan Reed and Dr. Alexandros Ragoussis

Areas of focus: Private sector firm development in Sub-Saharan Africa;

Impact investing - ran synthetic panel fixed effect regressions

The George Washington University

Washington, DC Independent Study September 2017 - May 2018

Advisor: Prof. Ronald Bird

Areas of focus: Demography - ran multivariate logistic regressions

The World Bank Washington, DC

Consultant June - August 2017

Advisors: Kinley Salmon and Nabila Assaf

Areas of focus: Major challenges to firm operations in post-conflict settings

- conducted statistical hypothesis testing

The Conference Board

Alexandria, VA Research Assistant January - May 2017

Advisor: Brian Schaitkin

Areas of focus: Technology and the giq-economy - conducted cross-state

analyses

## The United Nations Joint Inspections Unit

Geneva, CH

Research Intern August 2015 - January 2016

Advisors: Jose Andres Herrera, Herve Baudat, and Maria Gomez Areas of focus: System-wide monitoring and evaluation – drafted reports

**Policy Publications**  Creating Impact: The Promise of Impact Investing, International Finance Corporation 2019

Beyond Capital: Monitoring Development Outcomes of Multinational Enterprises, World Bank 2018

Surviving Firms of the Syrian Arab Republic, World Bank 2018 A Revolution Confined to Uber?, The Conference Board 2017

Works in **Progress** 

"The Long-Run Effects of British and French Colonial Legacies on Petty Corruption:

Evidence from West Africa"

"Assessing the Causal Relationship between Corruption and Inequality: A Time Series Analysis"

Selected and **Invited Talks**  Launching Your Career as an Applied Economist, George Washington University (2020)

Promoting Inclusion in Economic Research at Williams College (2020)

Okafor, Chinemelu. "Demography and the Marginal Propensity to Unionize."

George Washington University Research Days, April 2019

**Professional** Distinctions Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program, Princeton University August 2019 June 2018 J-PAL Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, MIT World Federation of United Nations Associations, Jaipur, India April 2015 Barger Leadership Fellows Program, University of Michigan September 2014

Selected

Princeton SIFP STEM Study Fellowship

April 2019

Awards Best Overall Performance in the Applied Economics Master's Program May 2018

Second Prize for Graduate Presenters in the Area of Economics, Politics, and Society

April 2018

GW Merit Scholarship LSA Global Experience Scholarship August 2016 April 2014

Professional

## The Research In Color Foundation

May 2019 - Present

Service

Founder and President

Created Research In Color an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the number of Ph.D. students of color in economics and economics-adjacent disciplines, and amplifying meaningful economic and policy research on communities of color; established an annual mentorship program that matches 15 minority students with 15 seasoned economists who, together, complete a 6-month long independent research project, of the mentee's choosing; raised 20,000 dollars for the annual Research in Color Conference at Princeton University through brand partnerships and donations.

**Technical** Skills

RStudio, R Shiny, STATA, LATEX, Tableau, Thomson Reuters Datastream, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Overleaf, GitHub

Languages

English (Native), Igbo (Intermediate Proficiency), French (Basic Proficiency)

Citizenship

American, Nigerian