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Research Interests	Comparative politics of Africa; behavioral economics; grassroots solutions to corruption and inequality; 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 Experience

The Busara Center for Behavioral Economics — Lagos, NG
Fellow (postponed due to COVID-19) — 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
Predoctoral Research Specialist — August 2019 - Present
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 — Princeton, NJ
Research Specialist II — September 2018 - August 2019
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 gig-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

"Do Class Hierarchies Promote Peer Enforcement of Corruption: An Empirical Test in Nigeria"
"Evaluating the Effects of Whatsapp on Corruption Reporting: A Comparative -
  Study of How Technology Motivates Important Normative Behaviors in Nigeria and Kenya"
"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
J-PAL Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, MIT	June 2018
World Federation of United Nations Associations, Jaipur, India	April 2015
Barger Leadership Fellows Program, University of Michigan	September 2014

Selected Awards

Princeton SIFP STEM Study Fellowship	April 2019
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	August 2016
LSA Global Experience Scholarship	April 2014

Professional Service

The Research In Color Foundation	May 2019 - Present

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