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<b>Research Interests</b>	Comparative politics of Africa; historical roots of comparative development; behavioral economics; corruption; government accountability; technology; culture, ethnicity, and inclusion	
<b>Education</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>	Princeton, NJ
	Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program	Expected: August 2021
	<b>The George Washington University</b>	Washington, DC
	M.A. Applied Economics	May 2018
	<b>The University of Michigan</b>	Ann Arbor, MI
	B.A. Economics, B.A. International Studies	May 2015
	<i>European Union Study Abroad</i> , Leuven Belgium	May 2014
<b>Research Experience</b>	<b>Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program</b>	Princeton, NJ
	Predctoral Research Specialist	August 2019 - Present
	Advisor: Prof. LaFleur Stephens-Dougan Areas of focus: <i>Public opinion and racial attitudes – ran OLS, ordered logistic and multivariate logistic regressions</i>	
	<b>Empirical Studies of Conflict Project</b>	Princeton, NJ
	Research Specialist II	September 2018 - August 2019
	Advisors: Prof. Tarek Ghani and Prof. Jake Shapiro Areas of focus: <i>Natural resource extraction in Sub-Saharan Africa – built R Shiny interactive map using three geocoded commercial datasets</i>	
	<b>The International Finance Corporation</b>	Washington, DC
	Research Assistant	February - October 2018
	Advisors: Dr. Tristan Reed and Dr. Alexandros Ragoussis Areas of focus: <i>Private sector firm development in Sub-Saharan Africa; Impact investing – ran synthetic panel fixed effect regressions</i>	
	<b>The George Washington University</b>	Washington, DC
	Independent Study	September 2017 - May 2018
	Advisor: Prof. Ronald Bird Areas of focus: <i>Demography – ran multivariate logistic regressions</i>	
	<b>The World Bank</b>	Washington, DC
	Consultant	June - August 2017
	Advisors: Kinley Salmon and Nabila Assaf Areas of focus: <i>Major challenges to firm operations in post-conflict settings – conducted statistical hypothesis testing</i>	
	<b>The Conference Board</b>	Alexandria, VA
	Research Assistant	January - May 2017
	Advisor: Brian Schaitkin Areas of focus: <i>Technology and the gig-economy – conducted cross-state analyses</i>	

**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*

<b>Published Contributions</b>	Race to the Bottom: How Racial Appeals work in American Politics, <i>University of Chicago Press</i> 2020 Creating Impact: The Promise of Impact Investing, <i>International Finance Corporation</i> 2019 Beyond Capital: Monitoring Development Outcomes of Multinational Enterprises, <i>World Bank</i> 2018 Surviving Firms of the Syrian Arab Republic, <i>World Bank</i> 2018 A Revolution Confined to Uber?, <i>The Conference Board</i> 2017
<b>Works in Progress</b>	“The Effect of Political Landscape on Petty Corruption: Evidence from Five West African Countries” “Assessing the Causal Relationship between Corruption and Inequality: A Time Series Analysis”
<b>Selected and Invited Talks</b>	J-PAL Research Staff Training, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2020) Launching Your Career as an Applied Economist, George Washington University (2020) Promoting Inclusion in Economic Research at Williams College (2020) <b>Okafor, Chinemelu.</b> “Demography and the Marginal Propensity to Unionize.” George Washington University Research Days (201)
<b>Professional Distinctions</b>	World Economic Forum Global Shaper August 2020 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
<b>Selected Awards</b>	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
<b>Professional Service</b>	<b>The Research In Color Foundation</b> May 2019 - Present <u>Founder and President</u> Founded <u>Research In Color</u> 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 inaugural Research in Color Conference at Princeton University through sponsorships with <u>Princeton University</u> and <u>J-PAL</u> , and donations.
<b>Technical Skills</b>	RStudio, R Shiny, STATA, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, SPSS, Tableau, Thomson Reuters Datastream, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Overleaf, GitHub
<b>Languages</b>	English (Native), Igbo (Intermediate Proficiency), French (Basic Proficiency)
<b>Citizenship</b>	American, Nigerian