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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> Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program	Princeton, NJ Expected: August 2021
	<b>The George Washington University</b> M.A. Applied Economics	Washington, DC May 2018
	<b>The University of Michigan</b> B.A. Economics, B.A. International Studies <i>European Union Study Abroad</i> , Leuven Belgium	Ann Arbor, MI May 2015 May 2014
<b>Research Experience</b>	<b>Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program</b> Predoctoral Research Specialist Advisor: Prof. LaFleur Stephens-Dougan Areas of focus: <i>Public opinion and racial attitudes – ran OLS, ordered logistic and multivariate logistic regressions</i>	Princeton, NJ August 2019 - Present
	<b>Empirical Studies of Conflict Project</b> Research Specialist II 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>	Princeton, NJ September 2018 - August 2019
	<b>The International Finance Corporation</b> Research Assistant 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>	Washington, DC February - October 2018
	<b>The George Washington University</b> Independent Study Advisor: Prof. Ronald Bird Areas of focus: <i>Demography – ran multivariate logistic regressions</i>	Washington, DC September 2017 - May 2018
	<b>The World Bank</b> Consultant Advisors: Kinley Salmon and Nabila Assaf Areas of focus: <i>Major challenges to firm operations in post-conflict settings – conducted statistical hypothesis testing</i>	Washington, DC June - August 2017
	<b>The Conference Board</b> Research Assistant Advisor: Brian Schaitkin Areas of focus: <i>Technology and the gig-economy – conducted cross-state analyses</i>	Alexandria, VA January - May 2017

**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>Works in Progress</b>	“The Effect of Political Landscape on Petty Corruption: Evidence from Five West African States” “Assessing the Causal Relationship between Corruption and Inequality: A Time Series Analysis”	
<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>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 Emerging Scholars in Political Science Program, Princeton University J-PAL Executive Education: Evaluating Social Programs, MIT World Federation of United Nations Associations, Jaipur, India Barger Leadership Fellows Program, University of Michigan	August 2020 August 2019 June 2018 April 2015 September 2014
<b>Selected Awards</b>	Princeton SIFP STEM Study Fellowship Best Overall Performance in the Applied Economics Master’s Program Second Prize for Graduate Presenters in the Area of Economics, Politics, and Society GW Merit Scholarship LSA Global Experience Scholarship	April 2019 May 2018 April 2018 August 2016 April 2014
<b>Professional Service</b>	<b>The Research In Color Foundation</b> <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.	May 2019 - Present
<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	