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

Selected Projects: Race to the Bottom: How Racial Appeals work in American Politics, *University of Chicago Press* 2020

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

Selected Projects: "Firm Heterogeneity in Natural Resource Extraction" Tarek Ghani, Anouk Riggerink, and Jacob Shapiro

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) 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

Selected Projects: Creating Impact: The Promise of Impact Investing, *IFC* 2019;

Beyond Capital: Monitoring Development Outcomes of Multinational Enterprises, *IFC* 2018

The George Washington University Washington, DC
Independent Study September 2017 - May 2018

Advisor: Prof. Ronald Bird

Areas of focus: Demography; Labor economics

Selected Projects: "Demography and the Marginal Propensity to Unionize," Chinemelu Okafor

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

Selected Projects: Surviving Firms of the Syrian Arab Republic, *World Bank* 2018

	The Conference Board Research Assistant Advisor: Brian Schaitkin Areas of focus: Technology and the gig-economy Selected Projects: A Revolution Confined to Uber?, <i>The Conference Board</i> 2017	Alexandria, VA January - May 2017
	The United Nations Joint Inspections Unit Research Intern Advisors: Jose Andres Herrera, Herve Baudat, and Maria Gomez Areas of focus: System-wide monitoring and evaluation Selected Projects: Management Letters for United Nations Member States and participating organizations	Geneva, CH August 2015 - January 2016
Work in Progress	“The Effect of Political Landscapes on Petty Corruption: Evidence from Five West African States” “Assessing the Causal Relationship between Corruption and Inequality: A Time Series Analysis”	
Selected and Invited Talks	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) Okafor, Chinemelu. “ <i>Demography and the Marginal Propensity to Unionize.</i> ” George Washington University Research Days (2018)	
Professional Distinctions	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
Selected Awards	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
Professional Service	The Research In Color Foundation <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
Technical Skills	RStudio, R Shiny, STATA, L ^A T _E X, SPSS, Tableau, Thomson Reuters Datastream, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Overleaf, GitHub	
Languages	English (Native), Igbo (Intermediate Proficiency), French (Basic Proficiency)	
Citizenship	American, Nigerian	