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RESEARCH Interests Applied Microeconomics:

Labor Economics Health Economics Education Economics Development Econ

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), NC, USA

Ph.D. Economics 2021-Present

University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), NC, USA

M.A. Applied Economics 2020

University of Ghana (UG), Legon-Accra, Ghana

M.Phil. Economics 2018 B.A. (Hons) Economics and Statistics 2015

Professional Experience Enterprise Analysis Unit, The World Bank Group

Consultant — Survey design and implementation Aug 2023 - Present

Economics Department, UNC-CH

Teaching & Research Assistant

Teaching Fellow

Aug 2021 - Present

June 2023 - Dec 2023

Economics Dept., Bryan Sch of Business and Economics, UNCG

Teaching & Research Assistant Aug 2019 - July 2021

Economics Department, *UG*

Research Assistant Aug 2018 - June 2019 Teaching Assistant Sept 2015 - June 2016

REFEREED ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 1. Yorke, F.R., Wahab, S., & **Turkson**, **D.** (2023). Maternal Education and Child Malnutrition: Evidence from West Africa. SN Social Sciences, 3 (200): 1-30.
- 2. Nyarkpoh, M.K., **Turkson, D.**, & Buaka, E.S. (2023). Tax compliance in Ghana: does corruption and trust in the government matter? *SN Social Sciences*, 3 (155): 1-18.
- 3. Osei, K.B., & Turkson, D. (2022). Cash Transfer and Multidimensional Child Poverty: Evidence from Ghana. *International Journal of Social Economics*, 49 (5): 744-764.
- 4. Turkson, D., Addai, N.B., Chowdhury, F., & Mohammed, F. (2021). Government Policies and Firm Performance in the COVID-19 Pandemic Era: A Sectoral Analysis. SN Business Economics, 1(12): 1-22.
- 5. Arthur, G.A. & **Turkson**, **D.** (2021). The Welfare Impact of Household Loans: An Analysis for Ghana. *Journal of Finance and Economics*, 9(2): 83-92.

- Turkson, D., & Ahiabor, J.K. (2020). Implication of Natal Care and Maternity Leave on Child Morbidity: Evidence from Ghana. Global Journal of Health Science, 12(9): 94-104.
- Turkson, D., & Codjoe, E.A. (2020). The Household Enterprise Sector in Ghana: Overview and Challenges. International Journal of Business and Management, 15(8): 140-151.

Manuscripts Under Review

Kuperberg A., **Turkson D.**, Mazelis J. M., Fredricks K., & Pant A. Student Loan Debt and Higher Education Disruptions During COVID-19. Review of Higher Education.

WORKING PAPERS

- 1. **Turkson**, **D.** (2024). Impact of Alcohol Use on Academic Performance Among College Students: The Case of Acute and Chronic Drinking.
- 2. Onyina, K. & **Turkson**, **D.** (2024). Cash Transfer and the Labor Supply of Vulnerable Households and Individuals: Does Household Indebtedness Matter? A Triple DiD Analysis.
- 3. Turkson, D. (2021). Are Formal and Informal Loans Substitutes or Complements?: The case of Household Enterprise credit access in Ghana.

Manuscripts In Preparation

Kuperberg A., Hamza-Saloum S., Mazelis J., & Turkson D. Student Loans and Mental Health among College Students Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Conference Presentations

2022. Kuperberg A., **Turkson D.**, Mazelis J. M., Fredricks K., & Pant A. "Student Loan Debt and Higher Education Impacts of COVID-19". *American Sociological Association Conference*, Los Angeles, CA

INVITED TALKS

2021. "Impact of Student Loans on College Students in the Covid-19 Pandemic". Kuperberg Labs: Student Loans and the Transition to Adulthood, UNC Greensboro

PROJECT REPORTS

Addai, N.B., **Turkson D.**, Sturdivant J., Holland S., & Queen W. (2021). Modeling Energy Consumption at UNC Greensboro II. *Green Fund Project*.

Queen W., Holland S., **Turkson D**., Addai, N.B., & Willis K. (2020). Modeling Energy Consumption at UNC Greensboro. *Green Fund Project*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate, Economics Department, *UNC-CH* ECON101: Introduction to Economics

Summer II 2023, Fall 2023

Grants

National Science Foundation [Grants #1947603 and #1947604]

Student Loans & Transition to Adulthood —\$360,228 May 2021 - Present PI: Arielle Kuperberg, co-PI: Joan Maya Mazelis, *RA: Danny Turkson*Should student loan be forgiven, and if so by how much? Exploring the impact of student loans and COVID-19 on human capital and health (academic performance, student wellbeing and job prospects after graduation)

Green Fund

Modelling Energy Consumption II — \$9,720 May 2021 - August 2021. PI: Danny Turkson, co-PI: Nana Addai Modelling Energy Consumption I — \$11,232 May 2020 - August 2020.

PI: Will Queen, co-I: Danny Turkson, co-I: Nana Addai

Forecasting of energy consumption in on-campus buildings at UNCG

Peer Referee	Review	of	f Development Economi	cs

FELLOW	Sigma Xi, Member American Economic Association, Member Beta Gamma Sigma Scholar Kathleen Price & Joseph M. Bryan Fellow	2023 2023 2020 2020
Scholarships & Awards	Joseph M. Kampf and the Elizabeth & Harry Brainard Scholarship, 2021 Data Dive Hackathon - 2^{nd} Runner-up , Arch MI, 2021 Joseph M. Bryan Foundation Scholarship, UNCG, 2020 & 2021 	\$21,700 \$2,000 \$26,000 \$6,000

Bryan Sch of Business and Economics - Academic Excellence Medal, 2020

VOLUNTEERISM Graduate Program Ambassador, Bryan Sch of Business and Economics 2020

i-Ambassador, International Student Rep, UNCG 2020

SOFTWARE SKILLS Stata, SAS, R, MATLAB, Fortran, SPSS, E-Views

Tools LATEX, GitHub, Microsoft office