



# DANNY TURKSON



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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** Aug 2023 - Present  
**Consultant** — at World Bank's Enterprise Survey (**WBES**).  
As consultant at WBES Unit (team of economists and firm-level survey experts) I contribute to:

- conducting Enterprise Surveys: design and implementation of firm-level survey in over 150 countries.
- draws upon this wealth of firm-level data to produce research on the micro-economic foundations of growth.

Economics Department, **UNC-CH**  
Teaching & Research Assistant Aug 2021 - Present  
Teaching Fellow 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

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

**Stata, SAS, R, MATLAB, SQL, Fortran, SPSS, E-Views**

## TOOLS

**L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GitHub, Microsoft office**

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.
6. **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.
7. **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](#). *Journal of Student Financial Aid-* **R&R**.

Onyina, K. & **Turkson, D.** (2024). [Cash Transfer and the Labor Supply of Vulnerable Households and Individuals: Does Household Indebtedness Matter? A Triple DiD Analysis](#). *The Journal of Development Studies-* **R&R**.

WORKING PAPERS

**Turkson, D.** (2024). [Impact of Alcohol Use on Academic Performance Among College Students: The Case of Acute and Chronic Drinking](#).

**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](#).

Capron A., Marshall E. & **Turkson D.**. [Rural Hospital Closures and Patient Welfare](#).

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., <b>Turkson D.</b> , Sturdivant J., Holland S., & Queen W. (2021). <a href="#">Modeling Energy Consumption at UNC Greensboro II</a> . <i>Green Fund Project</i> .  Queen W., Holland S., <b>Turkson D.</b> , Addai, N.B., & Willis K. (2020). <a href="#">Modeling Energy Consumption at UNC Greensboro</a> . <i>Green Fund Project</i> .	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Undergraduate</b> , Economics Department, <b>UNC-CH</b> Instructor — ECON101: Introduction to Economics <a href="#">Summer II 2023</a> , <a href="#">Fall 2023</a>	
GRANTS	<b>Green Fund</b>  <b>Modelling Energy Consumption II — \$9,720</b> May 2021 - August 2021. <b>PI: Danny Turkson</b> , co-PI: Nana Addai  <b>Modelling Energy Consumption I — \$11,232</b> May 2020 - August 2020. PI: Will Queen, <b>co-I: Danny Turkson</b> , co-I: Nana Addai <i>Forecasting of energy consumption in on-campus buildings at UNCG</i>	
PEER REFEREE	<i>Review of Development Economics; BMC Public Health; Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition</i>	
FELLOW	Sigma Xi, Member American Economic Association, Member Beta Gamma Sigma Scholar Kathleen Price & Joseph M. Bryan Fellow	2023 2023 2020 2020
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	JosephM. Kampf and the Elizabeth & Harry Brainard Scholarship, 2021 Data Dive Hackathon - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up , Arch MI, 2021 Joseph M. Bryan Foundation Scholarship, UNCG, 2020 & 2021 BB&T Academic Excellence Fellow, UNCG, 2019 Bryan Sch of Business and Economics - Academic Excellence Medal, 2020	\$21,700 \$2,000 \$26,000 \$6,000 
VOLUNTEERISM	Graduate Program Ambassador, Bryan Sch of Business and Economics i-Ambassador, International Student Rep, UNCG	2020 2020