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Research Interests: Applied Economics and Policy Evaluation, Financial Economics, and Determinants of Health and Wellbeing Inequalities.

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Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA): [Fellowship reference - PR244627](#)

Education

PhD, Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, 2020 - 2023. (Thesis title: *Essays on the Impact of UK National Living Wage Policy Insights into Health, Wellbeing, and Informal Caregiving*)

M.Sc., Economics with Distinction, University of Lagos, Nigeria, 2012 - 2014.

B.Sc., Economics, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria, 2007 - 2010.

Employment

Sept 2023 – date	Postdoctoral Research Associate Department of Public Health, Policy & Systems, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, United Kingdom <i>Contribute to research on intelligence for public health action to improve outcomes and address inequalities in children and young people's health.</i>
April – May 2023	Long-term Model Development Analyst Department for Work and Pensions <i>Contribute to research on how life events affect outcomes for older people in terms of pensions received; health; well-being and longevity.</i>
Dec 2022 – July 2023	Research Assistant Department of Management Science, University of Glasgow <i>Contribute to research on determinants of vaccine hesitancy and structural health inequality among Ethnic Minority groups in Scotland.</i>
Summer 2022	Research Intern Health and Social Care Analytical Department The Scottish Government, Scotland <i>Contribute to research on the approaches to measuring the benefits of the National Care Service (NCS) Programme</i>

Autumn 2020	Independent Researcher Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre, Abuja, Nigeria <i>Develop a report on the economic and social effects of COVID-19 public emergencies on vulnerable groups in Nigeria, especially women and disabled persons</i>
2019 – 2020	Research Associate Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa, Nigeria <i>Member of the Macroeconomic Management Research Group</i> <i>Conduct high-quality economic research and documents research reports</i> <i>Result and report dissemination to stakeholders and the general public</i>
2015 – 2019	Research Assistant Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, Nigeria <i>Identify and write technical proposals on research projects</i> <i>Facilitate workshops, seminars and training on econometrics and statistical methodology.</i>

Teaching

2023 – 2024	Dissertation Supervisor University of South Wales <i>Supervise MSc dissertation in the Faculty of Business and Creative Industries</i>
2021 – 2023	Graduate Teaching Assistant University of Strathclyde Business School <i>Analysis of Economics Data [with R-software lab] (Masters)</i> <i>Topics in Microeconomics with Cross Section Econometrics [with R-software lab] (BSc)</i> <i>Topics in Macroeconomics with Time Series Econometrics [with R-software lab] (BSc)</i>
2015 – 2017	Adjunct Lecturer Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos, Nigeria <i>Intermediate Microeconomics (BSc)</i> <i>Mathematical Economics (BSc)</i> <i>Dissertation supervision</i>

Scholarships, Grants & Prizes

National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) SPHR Phase III (School for Public Health Research), NIHR SPHR Pre-application Support Fund, £19,043.59

National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) SPHR Phase III (School for Public Health Research), SPHR Summer Internship Supervision 2024, £2,815.92

Royal Economic Society *Conference Grant Award*, 2023

PhD Scholarship, *Research Excellence Award*, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, 2020-2023. Full international tuition and stipend

Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Research Grant at the University of Lagos, 2015.

Tony O. Elumelu *Legacy Prize for Excellence* for Best Graduating MSc in Economics, University of Lagos, 2014, N500,000

The Council Scholarship/Bursary *Award of Merit* to Brilliant Student, Olabisi Onabanjo University, 2010.

Publications

Selected Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Evaluating the impact of the UK job retention scheme on mental health and wellbeing using matched difference-in-differences” (with Chris Deeming) *Fiscal Studies*. **Revise and resubmit.**

“School funding and educational attainment in adolescence: a longitudinal ecological study of English local authorities from 2015 – 2023”, *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*. **Revise and resubmit**

“Inequalities in school spending across Local Authorities in England: A time-trend analysis”, *British Education Research Journal*. **Revise and resubmit**

“Impact of child socioemotional and cognitive development on exam results in adolescence: findings from the UK Millennium Cohort Study” (with Michelle Black *et al*). Archives of disease in childhood February 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1136/archdischild-2024-327963>

“Conflicting economic policies and mental health: evidence from the UK national living wage and benefits freeze” (with Otto Lenhart and Alec Morton) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. April 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22592>

"Income Trajectories and Self-Rated Health Status in the UK" (with Otto Lenhart and Alec Morton). *SSM – Population Health*. Vol 17. March 2022

“Volatility spillovers and hedging effectiveness between health and tourism stocks: Empirical evidence from the US” (with Afees A Salisu and Xuan V Vo). *International Review of Economics & Finance* Vol 74. 2021

“Constructing a Global Fear Index for the COVID-19 Pandemic” (with Afees A Salisu). *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*. Vol 56 Issue 10. 2020

“The COVID-19 Global Fear Index and the Predictability of Commodity Price Returns” (with Afees A Salisu and Ibrahim Raheem). *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance*. Vol 27. 2020

“Is Nigeria Experiencing a Learning Crisis: Evidence from Curriculum-Matched Learning Assessment” (with Adedeji Adeniran, and Joseph Ishaku). *International Journal of Educational Development*. Vol 77. 2020

“Climatic Variations and Spatial Price Differentials of Perishable Foods in Nigeria” *Econometric Research in Finance Journal* Volume 5. 2020

“Returns and Volatility Spillover between Food Prices and Exchange Rate in Nigeria” *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies* Vol. 10 No. 3. 2020

Conference presentations

November 2024 - 17th European Public Health Conference, Lisbon, 2024

Presentation title: The impacts of UK coronavirus virus job retention (furlough) scheme on mental health.

September 2024 - 68th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Social Medicine and Population Health (SSM), Glasgow, 2024

Presentation title: Inequalities in local authority spending on schools in England. A longitudinal ecological analysis 2015-2023.

June 2023 The 12th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

Presentation title: The Effects of the National Living Wage and Benefits Freeze Policies on Informal Caregiving. <https://ashecon.confex.com/ashecon/2023/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/13079>

2021 Annual UK Data Service Health Studies User Conference

Presentation title: Income trajectories and health outcomes in the UK: exploring the impact of stability and volatility.

Reports and Blogs

“Infant mortality in England: August 2024”. Report. *Health Equity North*.

<https://www.healthequitynorth.co.uk/app/uploads/Infant-mortality-report-FINAL.pdf>.

“Research Internship – a good balance.” *Strathclyde Business School Blog Series*

<https://www.sbs.strath.ac.uk/blogs/SBS/post.aspx?id=1508>

“The implication of Covid’19 on the Nigerian Economy.” (with Samuel C Gabriel) *CSEA Blog Series*

<http://cseaafrica.org/the-implication-of-covid19-on-the-nigerian-economy/>

“Chinese Think Tanks with Chinese Characteristics: Some Lessons for African Think Tanks.” (2019)

On Think Tanks <https://onthinktanks.org/articles/chinese-think-tanks-with-chinese-characteristics-some-lessons-for-african-think-tanks/>

“The 2020 National Budget: Right Cycle is great, but implementation is better.” *CSEA Blog Series*

<http://cseaafrica.org/the-2020-national-budget-right-cycle-is-great-but-implementation-is-better/>

Workshops and Professional Development

2023 24th Royal Economic Society Easter Training School on Public Policy and Health, University of Bristol.

2023 Second Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics (SGPE) Summer School on *Difference-in-Difference*, University of Stirling.

2022 The Economics Network Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop

2022 First SGPE Summer School on *Machine Learning for Economists*, University of St. Andrews.

2022 Manage Successful Impact Evaluation Surveys (MSIES) virtual course organised by The World Bank Group’s Development Impact Evaluation Department (DIME).

2021 The World Bank Group’s Development Research in Practice course organised by The World Bank Group’s Development Impact Evaluation Department (DIME).

- 2019 Seminar on Think-Tanks and National Conditions Study for African Countries. University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China.
- 2018 Applied Time Series and Panel Data Econometrics Analysis Workshop, CEAR, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- 2015 Module Writing and Learning Management Systems (LMS) Training, organised by the University of Lagos Distance Learning Institute, Nigeria

Software and Programming Skills

Analytical

- R language
- Stata
- Python
- Eviews

General purpose

- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Word
- Latex

Journal Refereeing

Social Science and Medicine - Population Health, Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, International Journal of Health Planning and Management, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, International Journal of Energy Research, Journal of Economics Studies, Journal of Forecasting, North American Journal of Economics and Finance, Resources Policy, Asian Economic Letters, Econometrics Research in Finance

Referees

Available on request