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EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Economics, 2021–2026 (expected)

Dissertation: “Essays on Health, Public, and Development Economics”

Committee: Professor James Marton (Chair), Professor Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Professor Keith F. Teltser, Professor Ann DiGirolamo

M.A. in Economics (STEM), 2024

University of Ibadan, Nigeria

B.Sc. in Economics, First Class Honors, 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS

1. “**Mental Healthcare Facilities and Mortality: Evidence from Local Access and Insurance Expansion**”
Job Market Paper [\[PDF\]](#)
2. “**Public Payment Mandates and Provider Supply: Evidence from Nurse Midwives**”
with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Yu-Ting Huang
Status: Under Review [\[IZA Discussion Paper 18149\]](#) [\[SSRN\]](#)
3. “**Unlocking Health Potential: Health Effects of Free Maternal and Child Health Care Program**”
with Tejendra Singh
Status: Under Review [\[OSF Preprint\]](#)
4. “**The Effect of Online Sports Gambling Laws on Time Use**”
with Owen Fleming and Tejendra Singh
Status: Working Paper [\[OSF Preprint\]](#)
Media Coverage: [Investopedia](#), [Bipolar & Bipartisan](#)
5. “**Health Effects of Ambulance Deserts**”
with Tejendra Singh
Status: Working Paper [\[OSF Preprint\]](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Insurance Expansion, Behavioral Responses, and Emergency Medical Infrastructure: Evidence from the ACA”
- “Long Drive to Safety: Health Effects of Losing Access to Stroke Care”
- “Beyond the Prescription: Does Health Insurance Improve Social and Emotional Well-Being?”
- “Higher Education as Regional Development: Labor Market Impacts of Nigeria’s 2011 Federal University Expansion” with Godwin Aipoh

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

1. “Factors influencing choice of healthcare facilities utilisation by rural households in Ogun State, Nigeria” (with K. Aboaba, A. Akamo, T. Obalola, O.A. Bankole, A.O. Oladele). *Agricultura Tropica et Subtropica*, 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
2. “Capital Structure and Firm Performance among the listed Agro-Allied Firms in Nigeria” (with N. Olasehinde). *African Journal of Sustainable Development*, 2020. [\[Link\]](#)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Economics, GSU, 2021–present
- **Research Assistant**, Center on Health and Homelessness, GSU, 2025–present
Evidence Gap Map Project, Supervisor: Professor Shannon Self-Brown
- **Research Assistant**, Center for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan, 2019–2021
- **Economics Associate and Head of Department**, Lead Educational Institute, 2018–2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

- ECON 4350: Economics of Poverty and Public Policy, Fall 2024
- ECON 4210: Health Economics, Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant

- ECON 8100 Applied Microeconomic Analysis, Prof. Yongsheng Xu, Fall 2025
- ECON 2100 (Global Economics) & ECON 4300 (Economics of Cities), Prof. Glenwood Ross, 2022–2025
Note: ECON 4300 featured in [GSU News](#) for virtual exchange with Nile University
- ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics, Prof. Grace Eau, Spring 2022
- ECON 4220: Environmental Economics and Policy, Prof. Garth Heutel, Fall 2021

Teaching Certification

- GSU Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Online Education (CETLOE), Spring 2024

INVITED WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Facilitator, “Introduction to Causal Inference and Applied Microeconometrics”
Workshop for African Researchers and Students, Virtual (May 24, 2025)
Organized by Omolola AK-Fasasi

- Designed and delivered workshop on causal inference methods for 35+ participants across Africa
- Covered difference-in-differences, instrumental variables, and regression discontinuity designs
- Applied methods to real-world development economics examples

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2025–2026

- Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) Fellowship, Robinson College of Business, GSU
- Professional Development Training, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- E.D. (Jack) Dunn Fellowship and Research Fund
- APPAM Equity & Inclusion Student Fellowship

2024

- Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair Funding (×2)
- Carole Keels Endowed Scholarship

2013–2019 (University of Ibadan)

- Best Graduating Student in Economics (2019)
- Best Undergraduate Research Paper (2019)
- Dean's List (2013–2017, ×4)
- Award of Academic Excellence (2013/2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026

CSAE Oxford, UK

2025

Southern Economic Association • APPAM Fall Research • AEA CSQIEP Mentoring • ASHEcon (Organized Session, Discussant & Presenter) • Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Practice Job Talk Day • Midwest International Economic Development • Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science • GSU Graduate Research Conference • EconNect Africa JMC Symposium (virtual) • VEPPS Graduate Student Session (virtual) • Midwest Economic Association • AYSPS Digital Landscape Initiative

2024

ASHEcon San Diego (Organized Session & Presenter) • American Public Health Association • APPAM Fall Research • CSAE Oxford, UK [Selected] • Atlanta Fed Workshop • Southern Economic Association • Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Research Day • VEPPS Graduate Presentations, Virtual • Applied Young Economist Webinar, University of Warwick, Virtual

2023

APPAM Fall Research Atlanta • GSU Graduate Research Conference • AYSPS Digital Landscape Initiative

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service

- Referee: *International Journal of Health Economics and Policy*
- Abstract Reviewer: ASHEcon 2025, APHA 2024 (Maternal and Child Health)

Conference Organization

- Session Organizer: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2025
- Panel Organizer: ASHEcon Conference, San Diego, 2023

University Service

- Judge: Undergraduate Research Conference, GSU, 2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association • American Society of Health Economists • Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management • American Public Health Association • Southern Economic Association • Econometric Society

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Econometric Methods: Difference-in-Differences, Triple Differences, Event Study, Synthetic Control, Regression Discontinuity, Instrumental Variables

Programming: Stata, R, Python, \LaTeX , Markdown

Machine Learning: Linear/Logistic Regression, Random Forests, K-Nearest Neighbors, PCA

REFERENCES

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