

# OLUCHI MBONU

CURRENT POSITION	<b>The World Bank, Development Research Group</b> Research Economist	2025-
EDUCATION	<b>Harvard University</b> Ph.D. Economics M.A. Economics	2025 2022
	<b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> B.A. Mathematics and Economics Minor Computer Science	2016
PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Mandatory Retirement and Age, Race, and Gender Diversity of University Faculties” (with Daniel Ho and Anne McDonough), <i>American Law and Economics Review</i>, 23(1), pp. 100-136, 2021  <i>ALER Empirical Paper Award, 2022</i></p> <p>“Menu Labeling, Calories, and Nutrient Density: Evidence from Chain Restaurants” (with Daniel Ho and Anne McDonough), <i>PLoS One</i>, 15(5), 2020</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Market Segmentation and Coordination Costs: Evidence from Johannesburg’s Minibus Networks” (with F. Christopher Eaglin)</p> <p>“The Role of the ‘Fare’ in Welfare: Public Transportation Subsidies and their Effects on Low-Income Households” (with Seth Chizeck)  <i>UEA Prize for Best Student Paper, Honorable Mention, 2024</i></p> <p>“Faring Well in the Labor Market: The Employment Effects of Public Transportation Fare Subsidies” (with Seth Chizeck)</p> <p>“The Effect of Exposure: Evidence from Spatial Choices in Nairobi” (with Joshua Dean and Gabriel Kreindler)</p> <p>“Nudging Parents out the Door: The Impacts of Parental Encouragement on School Choice and Test Scores” (with Guthrie Gray-Lobe, Michael Kremer, Joost de Laat, and Cole Scanlon)</p>	
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Prize for Best Student Paper, Honorable Mention, UEA	2024
	Best Empirical Paper Award, American Law and Economics Review	2022
	Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University	2021, 2022
	Fellowships for Distinguished African Students, Government of Nigeria	2019-2021
	Renwick Academic Achievement Award, UNC-Chapel Hill	2012-2016
RESEARCH GRANTS	Policy Impacts Early-Career Scholar Grant	2024
	Kenneth C. Griffin Economics Research Award	2023
	Lab for Economic Applications and Policy	2022, 2023
	J-PAL NA Social Policy Research Initiative Grant	2023
	Warburg Research Fund	2021, 2022
	Institute for Humane Studies	2019

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES	<b>2025:</b> World Bank Conference on Transport Economics, European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, GPRL Rookiefest, NBER Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century, World Bank/IGC Urbanization and Development Conference, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)	
	<b>2024:</b> Northeastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Cities and Development Workshop, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (UEA), Policy Impacts Conference	
	<b>2023:</b> Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Research Conference	
REFEREING	<i>American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics</i>	
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT	Teaching Fellow, Harvard University	2021-2024
	Research Assistant, Harvard University, Prof. Gabriel Kreindler	2022-2024
	Short-Term Consultant, World Bank, DIME	2021
	Research Assistant, Harvard University, Prof. Michael Kremer	2020
	Empirical Research Fellow, Stanford University, Prof. Daniel Ho	2017-2019
	Technical Analyst, Credit Suisse	2016-2017