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Education

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy PhD. Public Policy	Chicago, USA 2026 (expected)
University College London MSc. Economics, <i>Distinction</i>	London, UK 2018
University College London BA. Philosophy and Economics, <i>First Class Honors</i>	London, UK 2017

Publications

“A Denial a Day Keeps the Doctor Away”
with Abe Dunn, Joshua D. Gottlieb, Adam Shapiro and Pietro Tebaldi
The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 139(1): 187–233, February 2024.

Work in Progress

“Employment, Productivity and Weak Institutions” (with Dauda Musa)

“Firm Behavior and Salary Uncertainty” (with Dauda Musa)

“Pentecostalism, Health and Behavior: Mechanisms and Evidence from Nigeria”

“Megachurches and Religious Messaging in Nigeria” (with Olaitan Ogunnote)

“Pentecostalism and Social Cooperation: The Big Gods Hypothesis in Action” (with Olaitan Ogunnote)

Past Research Appointments

University of Chicago Booth School of Business Pre-Doctoral Fellow	Feb 2020 - Sept 2020
University of British Columbia Vancouver School of Economics Pre-Doctoral Fellow	Oct 2018 - Jan 2020

Grants

The Weiss Fund

Research Grant (\$50,000)	2024
Pilot Grant, with Olaitan Ogunnote (\$15,000)	2024
Pilot Grant (\$11,500)	2024
Exploratory Grant (\$3,500)	2023

Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG)

PhD Student Research Grant (£15,000)	2024
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The Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)

Seed Grant, with Olaitan Ogunnote (\$10,639)	2024
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BFI Development Economics Research Fund

Research Grant (\$30,000)	2025
Research Grant (\$25,000)	2024
Pilot Grant (\$10,000)	2024
Exploratory Grant (\$5,000)	2023
Pilot Grant, (\$10,000)	2023
Exploratory Grant (\$5,000)	2022

The Pearson Institute

Small Research Grant, with Dauda Musa (\$5,000)	2025
Small Research Grant (\$10,000)	2023

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL)

Seed Grant, with Nofiu Adebisi and George Agyeah (£5,000)	2023
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BFI Political Economics Initiative

Small Research Grant (\$5,000)	2023
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Fellowships and Awards

Harris Graduate Student Fellowship	2020 - 2026
Erste Bank Group Scholarship	2015

Invited Seminars (including scheduled)

2025: Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (Berlin), STEG Early Career Workshop
2024: Covenant University

Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

2025: CSAE, DevPEC

2024: ASREC, SIOE, RES PhD Conference