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Research Interests: Applied Microeconomics and Impact Evaluation, Determinants of Health and Wellbeing Inequalities.

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Education

PhD, Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, 2020 - 2023.

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

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

Employment

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

Teaching

- 2021 – 2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant | University of Strathclyde Business School
Analysis of Economics Data [with R-software lab] (Masters)
Topics in Microeconomics with Cross Section Econometrics [with R-software lab] (BSc)
Topics in Macroeconomics with Time Series Econometrics [with R-software lab] (BSc)
- 2015 – 2017 Adjunct Lecturer | Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos, Nigeria
Intermediate Microeconomics (BSc)
Mathematical Economics (BSc)
Dissertation supervision

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.**
- “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://cseafrica.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://cseafrica.org/the-2020-national-budget-right-cycle-is-great-but-implementation-is-better/>

Grants, Prizes and Scholarships

National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) School for Public Health Research (SPHR)
Pre-application Support Fund 2025, £19,043.59

NIHR 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.*

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.*

Professor Afolabi Soyode *Price for the Best Graduating Student, Olabisi Onabanjo University, 2010.*

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