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Research Interests: Health Economics, Financial Economics, and Applied Econometrics and Impact Evaluation.
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Education

PhD, Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK, 2020 – 2023 (viva date Oct 2023).

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

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

Scholarships, Awards & Prizes

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.

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.

Employment

- Nov 2022 – Sept 2023 Research Assistant | School of Social Work & Social Policy, University of Strathclyde
Research on the Covid-19 Crisis and Subjective Wellbeing in Britain using ONS Secure Research Service (SRS), UKRI COVID-19 Award ES/W001187/1.
- April – May 2023 Long-term Model Development Analyst | Department for Work and Pensions
Research on how life events affect outcomes for older people in terms of pensions received; health; well-being and longevity.
- Dec 2022 – July 2023 Research Assistant | Department of Management Science, University of Glasgow
Research on determinants of vaccine hesitancy and structural health inequality among Ethnic Minority groups in Scotland.
- May – Nov 2022 Research Intern | The Scottish Government, Scotland
Research on the approaches to measuring the benefits of the National Care Service (NCS) Programme
- Autumn 2020 Independent Researcher | Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre, Abuja, Nigeria
Research 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)

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Conflicting economic policies and mental health: evidence from the UK national living wage and benefits freeze. “*forthcoming*”

"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

"Asymmetric and Time-Varying Behavior of Exchange Rate and Interest Rate Differential in Emerging Markets" (with Afees A Salisu and Ibrahim Adeleke) *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* Vol. 57 No. 14. 2021

"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

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

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

"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

"Improving the predictability of stock returns with Bitcoin prices" (with Afees A Salisu and Kazeem Isah) *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, Vol 48. 2019

"Modelling Oil Price-Inflation Nexus: The Role of Asymmetries" (with Afees A Salisu, Kazeem Isah, and OK. O. Oyewole). *Energy* 125. 2017

"Intellectual Capital and Firm Performance: A Review of Empirical Literature Based On VAIC™ Model" (with Wakeel A Isola and Lateef A Odekunle). *Unilag Journal of Humanities*, 5(1), 49-65. 2017

"Unit Root Modeling for Trending Stock Market Series" (with Afees Salisu, Umar B Ndako, U. B., and Tirimisiyu F Oloko) *Borsa Istanbul Review*. 2016

"Capital Structure, Competition and Firm Performance: Evidence from Nonfinancial Companies in Nigeria" (with Wakeel A Isola) *Journal of Contemporary Issues and Thought* Vol. 5. 2015

"Corporate Financial Structure of Nonfinancial Quoted Companies in Nigeria" (with Wakeel A Isola) *Managing Global Transitions International Research Journal* 13(3): 267-280. 2015

"Oil-Price and Macroeconomic Dynamics of Oil-Exporting Countries in Africa A Panel-VAR Investigation" (Joseph A Omojolaibi and Olufemi Y Alimi). *University of Mauritius Research Journal* Vol 21. 2015

"Foreign Aid, Public Expenditure and Economic Growth: The Nigerian Case" (with Ibrahim A Odusanya and A I Logile) *The Journal of Applied Business Research* 27(3). 2011

Book Chapter

“Non-inclusive Growth and Industrialisation Nexus in Nigeria: New Perspective and Policy Implications” (with Olufemi M. Saibu) in Nwokoma, N. I. and Isola, W. A. (Eds): *Nigeria’s Industrial Development, Corporate Governance and Public Policy*. University of Lagos Press. 2016

Working Papers

“Conflicting economic policies and mental health: evidence from the UK national living wage and benefits freeze” (with Otto Lenhart and Alec Morton) *Strathclyde Discussion Papers in Economics* 22 – 10. Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. 2022

“Modelling the residential electricity demand in the US” (with Afees A. Salisu and O. J. Oyewole). *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 042*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

“Shale oil revolution: Implications for oil-dependent countries” (with Afees A. Salisu). *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 043*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

“Exchange rate movement in sectoral stock prices of Nigerian firms: Is there evidence of asymmetry?” (with Kazeem Isah). *CEAR Working Papers Series No. 046*. Centre for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan. 2018

Conference presentations

July 2023 British Sociological Association Happiness Study Group. Happiness in Turbulent Times: Latest Developments in Wellbeing Research One-Day Seminar.

Presentation title: The Coronavirus Crisis and Subjective Wellbeing (SWB) in Britain.

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/26163/happiness-study-group-seminar-programme-12th-july-2023.pdf>

June 2023 The 5th London Workshop on Institutions, Inequality, and (Un)Happiness, UCL, London

Presentation title: The Coronavirus Crisis and Subjective Wellbeing (SWB) in Britain.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ssees/news/2023/feb/call-papers-one-day-workshop-institutions-inequality-and-unhappiness>

June 2023 Annual UK Data Service Health Studies User Conference, UCL, London

Presentation title: The COVID-19 Crisis and Subjective Wellbeing (SWB) in Britain: A Pooled Analysis of 100 Survey Waves of Secure Access Data from the Opinions and Lifestyle (OPN) Survey.

<https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/app/uploads/healthconfprog2023-06-29.pdf>

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>

January 2023 Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics Annual PhD Conference

Presentation title: The effect of the National Living Wage on Informal Care

2022 Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics Annual PhD Conference

Presentation title: The Impact of the UK’s National Living Wage Policy on Mental Health

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.

2021 Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics Annual PhD Conference

Presentation title: Income Trajectories and Health Outcomes: Evidence from the UK

2015 8th Nigerian Association of Energy Economists International Conference, Nigeria

Presentation title: Energy Consumption, Pollution and Economic Growth in Selected African Countries: Evidence from Heterogeneous Panel Techniques.

Blogs

“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/>

Research work and projects in progress

The impact of the UK National Living Wage on Informal Caregiving.

The Covid-19 Crisis and Subjective Wellbeing in Britain

UKRI COVID-19 Award ES/W001187/1 with Dr Chris Deeming

ONS Secure Research Service (SRS) Project Reference No. 2001318

<https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=ES%2FW001187%2F1>

Workshops and Professional Development

- 2023 24th Royal Economic Society Easter Training School on Public Policy and Health, University of Bristol.
- 2023 2nd Scottish Graduate Programme in Economics (SGPE) Summer School on *Difference-in-Difference*, University of Stirling.
- 2022 The Economics Network Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop
- 2022 1st 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 Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methodology in Business and Management, University of Strathclyde.
- 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

International Journal of Health Planning and Management, Asian Economic Letters, Econometrics Research in Finance, 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

Reference available on request