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EDUCATION

George Mason University, Arlington VA **Aug 2023-Present**
PhD Public Policy **In view**

Pardee RAND Graduate School – RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA **Sept 2022-Aug 2023**
MPhil Policy Analysis (1 year) **3.94/4.0**
Core Coursework: Advanced Microeconomics I & II, Mathematics for Policy Analysis, Perspectives of Public Policy Analysis, Statistics for Policy Analysis, Economic Development, Operations Research I & II

University of St. Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom **Nov 2017**
MSc in Sustainable Development (**Distinction in Dissertation**) **GPA: 16.4/20**
Core Coursework: Development and Environment, Economics of the Environment, Master Class in Sustainable Development, Responsible Investment
Dissertation: Is the Resource Curse a Pre-condition for Positive or Negative Genuine Savings?
Awards: Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) Scholar (2016-2017)

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria **Mar 2016 – Aug 2016**
MSc in Economics (Completed 12 credit hours; **Distinction Grade**) **GPA: 6.0/7.0**
Core Quantitative Coursework: Microeconomics I, Macroeconomic Theory I, Introduction to Econometrics

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria **May 2014**
BSc. in Economics (**First Class Honors**) **GPA: 6.0/7.0**
Research project topic: The Determinants of Poverty in Rural Nigeria
Awards: ECOWAS Fellowship (2015-2016), University Scholar (2015), Deans Honors List (2011)
Core Quantitative Coursework: Mathematics for Economists (Linear Algebra, Calculus), Introductory Econometrics, Introduction to Probability & Statistics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policy Analysis, Global Development with respect to Poverty Dynamics, Income Inequality, Access to Public goods, Community development, Economic shocks and Vulnerability, Public Policy, Health Economics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RAND Corporation **Santa Monica, CA**
Assistant Policy Researcher **Sept 2022 – Aug 2023**

- Co-published a commentary on food security in fragile urban contexts
- Produced a policy brief on Africa-China export relations
- Contributed towards a revolutionary global health security project on waste water surveillance for public health emergency preparedness
- Cleaned and managed health prescription data on STATA
- Collected data on telehealth activities in mental health institutions in the US.

CHECOD (Centre for Health Economics and Development) Africa Ltd. **Abuja, Nigeria**
Research Associate **Oct 2019 – Aug 2022**

- Conducted a community-centered engagement assessment within a team on the impact of a Global Fund project on health systems strengthening in three states in Nigeria (Imo, Kaduna & Oyo)

- Developed frameworks for livelihood assessments and territorial development approach in the insurgency ravaged Northeast zone of Nigeria and review of development finance and poverty in Nigeria
- Conducted fieldwork data collection and report-writing compilations of health financing baseline assessment across the various states of Nigeria
- Conducted estimations and documentations of the National and Sub-National Health Accounts Reports
- Trained National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) staff on the use of STATA software application
- Trained new interns on statistical and quantitative methods of analysis, and independently conducted research, literature reviews, and weekly presentations centered on ‘Population and Demography in Nigeria’, ‘Nigeria and the Sustainable Development Goals’, ‘Revenue Raising and Fiscal Space’, and ‘Investment Case for National Health’, ‘Micro-Finance Institutions and Socio-Economic Development’.

Department of Economics, University of Ibadan

Ibadan, Nigeria

Tutorial Assistant

Jan 2018 – Aug 2019

- Scheduled and organized weekly tutorials for the Introductory Mathematics for Economics I & II (ECO 104 & 204) course
- Proctored continuous assessments and final examinations
- Assisted course lecturer in the grading of class assignments and examinations and maintained class attendance records

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/VOLUNTEERING

University of St Andrews

Scotland, UK

Project Research Student

Jan 2017 – May 2017

- Collaborated within a team of four graduate students to conduct a field survey on environmental sustainability of seven hotels/guesthouses within the St Andrews community centered on Towel re-use during customers visit
- Conducted data collection through surveys and questionnaires to measure the openness of customers to discount compensation towards agreeing to towel re-use during visits
- Transcribed survey responses into the appropriate Microsoft excel format and analyzed categorical data using the Chi-square test of independence with STATA

Office of International Programme, University of Ibadan

Ibadan, Nigeria

International Community Student Ambassador

Oct 2015 – Sept 2016

- Organized campus tours to prospective students and parents
- Coordinated and planned undergraduate open days and visit days for international students
- Responded to calls and email correspondence queries from prospective applicants

Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Initiative Group

Ibadan, Nigeria

Mentor/Academic Counselor

Sept 2014 – Jun 2015

- Mentored and served as an academic counselor to female high school seniors and juniors within my community of primary placement in Ibadan, Nigeria
- Organized and participated in monthly sensitization visits to secondary schools in the Local Government Area with a focus on the exposition of school pupils to the goals and benefits of the MDGs

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software: STATA, EViews, SPSS, Tableau

Skills: Field Research Methods, Econometric and Statistical modeling

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAWE)

July 2015 – Present