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EDUCATION

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Ph.D. in Economics, 2021–2026 (expected)
Dissertation: "Essays on Health, Public, and Development Economics"
Committee: Professor James Marton (Chair), Professor Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Professor Keith F. Teltser, Professor Ann DiGirolamo
M.A. in Economics (STEM), 2024

University of Ibadan, Nigeria
B.Sc. in Economics, First Class Honors, 2018

COMPLETED PHD COURSEWORK

Core Theory: Advanced Microeconomics I & II
Econometrics: Econometrics I & II, Applied Econometrics, Machine Learning for Economists
Field Courses: Health Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics

WORKING PAPERS

1. **"Mental Healthcare Facilities and Mortality: Evidence from Local Access and Insurance Expansion"**
   Job Market Paper [PDF]
2. **"Public Payment Mandates and Provider Supply: Evidence from Nurse Midwives"**
   with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Yu-Ting Huang
   Status: Under Review [IZA Discussion Paper 18149] [SSRN]
3. **"Unlocking Health Potential: Health Effects of Free Maternal and Child Health Care Program"**
   with Tejendra Singh
   Status: Under Review [OSF Preprint]
4. **"The Effect of Online Sports Gambling Laws on Time Use"**
   with Owen Fleming and Tejendra Singh
   Status: Working Paper [OSF Preprint]
   Media Coverage: Investopedia, Bipolar & Bipartisan
5. **"Health Effects of Ambulance Deserts"**
   with Tejendra Singh
   Status: Working Paper [OSF Preprint]

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Insurance Expansion, Behavioral Responses, and Emergency Medical Infrastructure: Evidence from the ACA"

- "Long Drive to Safety: Health Effects of Losing Access to Stroke Care"
- "Beyond the Prescription: Does Health Insurance Improve Social and Emotional Well-Being?"
- "Higher Education as Regional Development: Labor Market Impacts of Nigeria's 2011 Federal University Expansion" with Godwin Aipoh

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

1. **"Factors influencing choice of healthcare facilities utilisation by rural households in Ogun State, Nigeria"** (with K. Aboaba, A. Akamo, T. Obalola, O.A. Bankole, A.O. Oladele). *Agricultura Tropica et Subtropica*, 2023. [Link]
2. **"Capital Structure and Firm Performance among the listed Agro-Allied Firms in Nigeria"** (with N. Olasehinde). *African Journal of Sustainable Development*, 2020. [Link]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Economics, GSU, 2021–present
- **Research Assistant**, Center on Health and Homelessness, GSU, 2025–present
  Evidence Gap Map Project, Supervisor: Professor Shannon Self-Brown
- **Research Assistant**, Center for Econometric and Allied Research, University of Ibadan, 2019–2021
- **Economics Associate and Head of Department**, Lead Educational Institute, 2018–2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

- ECON 4210: Health Economics, Spring 2026
- ECON 4350: Economics of Poverty and Public Policy, Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant

- ECON 8100 Applied Microeconomic Analysis, Prof. Yongsheng Xu, Fall 2025
- ECON 2100 (Global Economics) & ECON 4300 (Economics of Cities), Prof. Glenwood Ross, 2022–2025
  Note: ECON 4300 featured in GSU News for virtual exchange with Nile University
- ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics, Prof. Grace Eau, Spring 2022
- ECON 4220: Environmental Economics and Policy, Prof. Garth Heutel, Fall 2021

Teaching Certification

- GSU Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Online Education (CETLOE), Spring 2024

INVITED WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Facilitator, "Introduction to Causal Inference and Applied Microeconometrics"
Workshop for African Researchers and Students, Virtual (May 24, 2025): Organized by Omolola AK-Fasasi

- Designed and delivered workshop on causal inference methods for 35+ participants across Africa
- Covered difference-in-differences, instrumental variables, and regression discontinuity designs
- Applied methods to real-world development economics examples

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2026

- Georgia State University Foundation Award: E.D. (Jack) Dunn Fellowship and Research Fund

2025
- Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk (CEAR) Fellowship, Robinson College of Business, GSU
- Professional Development Training, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- E.D. (Jack) Dunn Fellowship and Research Fund
- APPAM Equity & Inclusion Student Fellowship

2024
- Bernard B. and Eugenia A. Ramsey Chair Funding (×2)
- Carole Keels Endowed Scholarship

2013–2019 (University of Ibadan)
- Best Graduating Student in Economics (2019)
- Best Undergraduate Research Paper (2019)
- Dean's List (2013–2017, ×4)
- Award of Academic Excellence (2013/2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 (Scheduled)
CSAE Oxford, UK • Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) • Society of Labor Economists (SoLE)

2025
Southern Economic Association • APPAM Fall Research • AEA CSQIEP Mentoring • ASHEcon (Organized Session, Discussant & Presenter) • Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Practice Job Talk Day • Midwest International Economic Development • Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science • GSU Graduate Research Conference • EconNect Africa JMC Symposium (virtual) • VEPPS Graduate Student Session (virtual) • Midwest Economic Association • AYSPS Digital Landscape Initiative

2024
ASHEcon San Diego (Organized Session & Presenter) • American Public Health Association • APPAM Fall Research • CSAE Oxford, UK [Selected] • Atlanta Fed Workshop • Southern Economic Association • Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Research Day • VEPPS Graduate Presentations, Virtual • Applied Young Economist Webinar, University of Warwick, Virtual

2023
APPAM Fall Research Atlanta • GSU Graduate Research Conference • AYSPS Digital Landscape Initiative

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service
- Referee: *International Journal of Health Economics and Policy*
- Abstract Reviewer: ASHEcon 2025, 2026 • APHA 2025 (Mental Health), 2024 (Maternal and Child Health) • AcademyHealth 2026 (Mental Health)

Conference Organization
- Session Organizer: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2025
- Panel Organizer: ASHEcon Conference, San Diego, 2023

University Service
- Judge: Undergraduate Research Conference, GSU, 2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association • American Society of Health Economists • Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management • American Public Health Association • Southern Economic Association • Econometric Society

• Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin- Madison • Center on Health and Homelessness, The School of Public Health, Georgia State University

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Econometric Methods: Difference-in-Differences, Triple Differences, Event Study, Synthetic Control, Regression Discontinuity, Instrumental Variables
Programming: Stata, R, Python, LaTeX, Markdown
Machine Learning: Linear/Logistic Regression, Random Forests, K-Nearest Neighbors, PCA

REFERENCES

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Statement of Research Interests
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Research Interests. My research examines how healthcare infrastructure and insurance policy affect population health outcomes, with attention to disparities across age groups and socioeconomic status. I employ quasi-experimental methods and large administrative datasets to produce causal evidence informing health policy. My work engages questions central to aging and health economics: how healthcare access shapes mortality among elderly populations, how insurance expansion affects health outcomes, and how policy can reduce health disparities among vulnerable groups.

Dissertation Research. My job market paper provides the first causal evidence that mental health treatment facilities reduce population mortality. Using heterogeneity-robust difference-in-differences with seventeen years of county-level data, I demonstrate that each additional facility prevents 1.56 deaths per 100,000 residents annually. Critically for aging research, *mortality reductions concentrate among elderly populations*, who face the greatest mental health access barriers. I also show that Medicaid expansion amplifies facility effectiveness by 26 percent in high-uninsurance counties, and that facility closures increase mortality nearly ten times more than openings reduce it. These findings speak to how healthcare infrastructure investments can improve outcomes for aging populations and how insurance policy interacts with healthcare supply. My broader portfolio includes work under review at the *Journal of Human Resources* on provider supply and at the *AEJ: Economic Policy* on maternal health in Nigeria.

Motivation for Attending. I am motivated to participate for three reasons. First, while my dissertation establishes expertise in health economics methods, I seek guidance on extending my agenda to questions more directly focused on aging. My finding that elderly individuals experience the largest mortality reductions from mental health facilities suggests promising avenues, and I would benefit from mentorship in developing these extensions. Second, I have limited access to mentorship specifically in aging economics at my institution. Georgia State has strong health economists, but expanding my network to include aging specialists would strengthen my research. Third, as I transition to the job market, I am eager to learn about datasets and methods relevant to aging research, including the Health and Retirement Study and Medicare claims data.

Support and Guidance Sought. I would find the following most helpful: (1) feedback on positioning my mental health infrastructure research within the aging economics literature, particularly regarding elderly mental health access; (2) guidance on promising research questions at the intersection of healthcare infrastructure, insurance policy, and aging; (3) advice on accessing aging-focused datasets such as the Health and Retirement Study; and (4) mentorship on navigating the academic job market as a health economist with interests in aging. I am particularly interested in exploring how mental health facility availability affects outcomes beyond mortality for elderly populations, including healthcare utilization, disability, and long-term care needs.