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PRESENT POSITION

Research Fellow, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution Apr 2010 – Present

PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, American University of Nigeria, Yola Nigeria Aug 2009 – Jul 2010

Visiting Scholar, Population Studies and Training Center,
Brown University, Providence RI Apr 2009 – Mar 2010

Research Affiliate, Institute of Behavioral Sciences,
University of Colorado at Boulder Sep 2007 – Aug 2008

Visiting Lecturer, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg,
South Africa Sep 2007 – Aug 2008

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2008
Dissertation: “Family Networks and Economic Behavior in Low Income Countries”
Committee: Professors Mark Pitt, Andrew Foster, and Nancy Qian

Pre-Doctoral Certificate in Economics, Yale University, New Haven, CT May 2002

M. Sc. in Economics, University of Lagos, Nigeria, June 1997

Thesis: Effect of Exchange Rate Devaluation on Non-Oil Commodities Export in Nigeria

B.Sc. in Actuarial Science (First Class Honors), University of Lagos, Nigeria, June 1994

RESEARCH FIELDS

Development, Labor and Population Economics

ARTICLES AND WORKING PAPERS

1. “Sharing the Burden of Parental Death: Intra-family Effects of HIV/AIDS Orphans on Fertility and Child Quality,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 60 (2): 279-309 (January 2012)
2. “Tribal Systems,” in *The Elgar Companion to Public Choice*, 2nd Ed., Michael Reksulak, Laura Razzolini, and William F. Shughart II (eds.), with Mwangi Kimenyi (forthcoming in Spring 2012)
3. “Consensual Democracy,” in Esther Duflo et al. “The Big Question: Paths Out of the Wilderness: How to Sustain the Global Economic Recovery” *World Policy Journal*, 28 (1): 3-7 (Spring 2011)
4. “Trade Competitiveness, Growth and Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa: Why Internal Openness Matters,” *Africagrowth Agenda 2010*: pp. 20-21, with Emmanuel Asmah
5. “Preferences or Cultural Obligations: Re-examining the Source of Gender Differential in Resource Allocation and Outcomes,” Africa Growth Initiative Working Paper #1, Brookings Institution (March 2012)
6. “Extending the Learning Community: Rural Radio, Social Learning and Farm Productivity in Ghana,” with Emmanuel Asmah, *revise and resubmit*
7. “Employment Choice and Mobility in Multisector Labor Markets: Theory and Evidence from Ghana,” *submitted to Journal*

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Employment and Wages in LDCs: Urban Informal Sector in the Harris-Todaro Model”
2. “Science and Technology Policy in African Countries and the Newly Industrializing Countries (NICs),” with Osita Ogbu

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University Graduate School, 2006–2007;
Compton Foundation Fellowship, Population Studies and Training Center, 2005–2006;
Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, 2002–2004;
Pre-doctoral Fellowship for Africa, Economic Growth Center, Yale University, 2001–2002;
Annual Scholarship for Best Students, University of Lagos, 1991–1994

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University of Nigeria, Yola:

Introduction to Microeconomics; Introduction to Econometrics; Introduction to Mathematical Economics; Introduction to Macroeconomics; Intermediate Macroeconomics; Money and Banking

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg:

Introduction to Demographic Methods; Mortality and Health Transitions

Brown University:

Global Business Environment (Pre-college Program Instructor); Labor Economics (Teaching Assistant); Introductory Econometrics (Teaching Assistant)

University of Lagos, Lagos Nigeria:

Business Mathematics and Statistics (Lecturer); Business Mathematics and Statistics (Undergraduate Tutor); Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics (Undergraduate Tutor)

SERVICE

Interdisciplinary Graduate Students Committee, Population Studies Training Center, Brown University (2006-2007)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

United Bank for Africa Plc, Lagos Nigeria

Assistant Manager, Credit Risk Management	2000 – 2001
Assistant Manager, Financial Institutions and Money Market	1999 – 2000
Banking Officer, Insurance and Risk Management	1997 – 1999

Hymans Robertson Nigeria Limited, Lagos, Nigeria

Actuarial Trainee, Life Insurance and Employee Retirement Benefits	1994 – 1997
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