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Ph.D. Economics. State University of New York at Binghamton, May 2013

**Thesis:** Precolonial experiences and economic development of ethnic groups in colonial Africa.

M.A., Economics, State University of New York at Binghamton, 2009

B.Sc., Economics, University of Port Harcourt, 2005

**Research Fields:**

Economic Development, Economic History, Macroeconomics

**Employment History:**

Director, Applied Economics Programme - African Heritage Institute

Policy Associate - Economic Research Southern Africa, July 2013 - date

Research Associate – Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University, April 2016 - date

United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research -  
Consultant - February 2015 - January 2016.

Lecturer – State University of New York at Binghamton, Jan 2010 - May 2013

Macroeconomic Theory, Introduction to International Economy, Economic Development  
in Africa, Economics of Developing Countries

Teaching Assistant - State University of New York at Binghamton, Aug 2009 - Dec 2009

Research Assistant - Microfinance Division, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja - Aug 2006 – Aug 2007

### **Publications:**

1. “The trans-Atlantic slave trades and Local Political Fragmentation in Africa” *Economic History Review*. Forthcoming.
2. “The Impact of the Slave Trade on Literacy in Africa: Evidence from the Colonial Era.” *Journal of African Economies, Editors Choice*. 2016. 25 (1): 1-17. doi: 10.1093/jae/ejv018
3. “A Dream Deferred: the Microfoundations of Direct Political Action in Pre- and Post-democratization South Africa”. With Biniam Bedasso. 2016. 52(1): 130-146. *Journal of Development Studies*. doi:10.1080/00220388.2015.1036041
4. “Social Capital and Human Capital in the Colonies: A Study of Cocoa Farmers in Western Nigeria”. *Economic History of Developing Regions*. 2015. 30(1): 1 – 22.
5. “An Examination of sub-National Growth in Nigeria:1999-2012” *South African Journal of Economics*. 2015. 83(3):335 – 357.
6. “The Introduction of Higher banknotes and the price level in Nigeria” with Ngozi E. Egbuna. 2013. *International Journal of Economics and Finance*. 5: 1 doi:10.5539/ijef.v5n1p105

### **Working Papers:**

1. “The Impact of Political Competition on Economic Growth”. *Economic Research Southern Africa* Working Paper no. 525.
2. “Mark-ups and Competitiveness of the South African economy: a firm level analysis.” with Johannes Fedderke, and Nicola Viegi. UNU-WIDER Working Paper No. 2016/40

### **Works in Progress:**

1. “Climate, Yams, and Precolonial Centralization in Africa.”
2. “Group-Based Inequality: Patterns and Trends in South Africa” with Biniam Bedasso

**Other Projects:**

1. Constructing alternative measures of Economic Activity: satellite data on lights at night for local government councils in Nigeria.

**Other Articles:**

1. Various articles for Business Day Newspaper, Premium times, Vanguard Newspaper and The Guardian.

2. Self-run Nigeria economics blog with 175 articles since 2009.

**Journal Referee:**

Economic History Review

Economic History of Developing Regions

Journal of African Economies

South African Journal of Economics

Southern African Business Review

West Africa Review

**Memberships and Awards:**

JJI Middleton Award 2015

Dissertation Fellowship

Binghamton Foundation Travel Grant

Binghamton University Travel Award

Rosa Colecchio Travel Award for Dissertation Research Enhancement

**Conference Presentations & Participations (Selected):**

African Economic History Network Conference, October 2015. Wageningen, The Netherlands

World Economic History Congress, August 2015. Kyoto, Japan.

CSAE 2015, March 2015. Oxford, UK

CSAE 2014, March 2014. Oxford, UK.

4<sup>th</sup> Southern Hemisphere Economic History Summer School, Dec 2013. Montevideo, Uruguay.

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, May 2013. New York City, USA.

New York African Studies Association Conference, April 2013. Binghamton, USA.

Cliometrics Conference, May 2012. Tucson, USA.

Missouri Valley Economics Association, The 48th Annual Meeting, October 2011. Kansas City, USA.