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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Economics, Howard University, Washington DC, USA – Expected May 2026

M.A. Economics, Howard University, Washington DC, USA – May 2025

M.Sc. Sustainable Development (Economic Development), University of Ibadan, Nigeria – Sept 2023

**B.Sc. Microbiology**, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria – Sept 2014

# **PROFESSIONAL**

**Artificial Intelligence with Python**, Harvard University Extension School – 2023

# TRAINING & CERTIFICATES

Post Graduate Program in Data Science, Career Era & Birchwood University, Orlando, Florida – 2022

**Data Analytics**, Google Career Certificate Program – 2021

Machine Learning Engineering, Amazon Web Services Certificate Program – 2021

**Blum Global Fellowship in Development Finance Practice**, Hebrew University Business School & Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research, Israel – 2020

**Certificate in Foundations of Sustainable Development**, The Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York – 2017

#### TECHNICAL

### **Econometrics**

### SKILLS

Time Series & Panel Data Analysis; Nonlinear & Bayesian Econometrics; Spatial Econometrics; Structural Equation Modeling; Quantile Regression; IV Regression & GMM; Vector Autoregression & Cointegration; Monte Carlo & Stochastic Frontier Simulations; Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE); Causal Inference (DiD, FE, RDD, RCT, PSM, Synthetic Control); Machine Learning—Based Causal Techniques (Causal Forest, CATE, DTE, DR Learners).

#### Data Science

Data Analysis & Visualization; Data Preprocessing & Cleaning; Statistical Modeling & Inference; Predictive Modeling; ML Algorithms (RF, XGBoost, LightGBM, CatBoost); NLP & Large Language Models (LLM); Deep Learning, Computer Vision & Image Processing; Reinforcement Learning; Model Evaluation & Optimization; Big Data Technologies; Database Management & SQL; Experimental Design & A/B Testing; Data Mining & Feature Engineering; Distributed Computing & Parallel Processing; Cloud Computing.

#### **Programs**

Python, R, Stata, IBM SPSS, Google Earth, Tableau, KNIME, MATLAB, PowerBI, SQL, HTML, ArcGIS, JavaScript, GitHub, Azure, and AWS services.

# HONORS & AWARDS

Frederick Douglass Doctoral Scholar, Howard University Graduate School, 2023–2024

**World Bank Group Africa Doctoral Fellow** – selected as 1 of 32 fellows from over 3,000 applicants, Jan 2023–Jun 2023

Early Career Conference Grant, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London, UK – 2019

**Outstanding Research Contribution Award**, *Young African Leaders Journal of Development*, African Union, Ethiopia – 2018

Young WASH Scholar, Africa Water Association (AfWA) & USAID West Africa – 2018

YALI Leadership Award in Energy and Environmental Sustainability, Mandela Washington Alumni Fellowship of Nigeria & U.S. Embassy, Nigeria – 2018

**Young IFAD Scholar**, International Fund for Agricultural Development with Global Master's in Development Practice, Columbia University & University of Ibadan – 2018

**Conference Grant Award**, University of Ibadan, Africa Conference on Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility – 2017

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Climate Change and Energy Dynamics: Evidence from BRICS and G7 Countries," *Energy & Environment*, 2024, 0(0). [Link]

"Evaluating the Economic Impact of the G20 Compact Initiative: Evidence from Causal Inference Using Advanced Machine" (with N. Yameogo), *Journal of Sustainable Development*, 2024, 17(5), 56–76. [Link]

"Defense Expenditure and National Well-Being: Evidence from the G7 Countries," *Defence and Peace Economics*, 2024, 1–12. [Link]

"Effectiveness of Collective Action in Reducing Transaction Cost for Smallholder Paddy Farmers in Tanzania" (with L. Popoola), *African Journal of Economic and Sustainable Development*, 2020, 7(4), 391–404. [Link]

"Water Availability Challenges in Low-Income Areas of Agbowo Community, Ibadan, Nigeria" (with O. Olayide), *International Journal of Circular Economy and Waste Management*, 2021, 1(1), 81–96. [Link]

	"Assessment of Women and Children Vulnerability to Water Use in Low-Income Urban Area of Agbowo Community, Ibadan, Nigeria" (with O. Olayide), <i>International Journal of Sustainability Management and Information Technologies</i> , 2019, 5(2), 29–34. [Link]
	"Transaction Cost Factors Affecting the Economic Life of Smallholder Paddy Farmers in Tanzania" (with L. Popoola and L. Muhoni), <i>Africa Journal of Sustainable Development</i> , 2019, 8(1). [Link]
World Bank Group Papers	"Climate Shocks and Their Effects on Food Security, Prices, and Agricultural Wages in Afghanistan" (with B. P. J. Andree and A. Braimoh), <i>Policy Research Working Paper, World Bank Group (PLANET)</i> , 2024. [Link]
	"Reproducibility Package for Climate Shocks and Their Effects on Food Security, Prices, and Agricultural Wages in Afghanistan" (with B. P. J. Andree), <i>World Bank Policy Research Working Papers</i> , 2024. [Link]
World Bank Group Reports	International Finance Corporation. (2024). Repurposing power markets: The path to sustainable and affordable energy for all. International Finance Corporation. [Link]
	The World Bank Group. (2023). Compact monitoring report: Africa Advisory Group meeting, November 2023. G20 Compact with Africa. [Link]
<b>Book Chapters</b>	"A Review on Impact of Changing Climate on Sustainable Food Consumption," in <i>Global Food Politics and Approaches to Sustainable Consumption</i> , 2020, 54–76. [Link]
	"Climate Change Implication on Airborne Infections: Roadmap for Nigeria's Health Sector Development," in <i>Handbook of Climate Change Resilience</i> , 2018, 1–10. [Link]
Blog	"Better Data for Better Outcomes: New Tools and Analysis to Break Afghanistan's Food Security Crisis" (with B. P. J. Andree and A. Braimoh), <i>World Bank Blogs</i> , 2025. [Link]
Work in Progress	Heterogeneous Effects of Cooling Demand on Household Electricity Consumption using Causal ML Models
	Impact of Climate-Driven Cooling Demand on U.S. Household Electricity Consumption and Expenditure
	The Building Energy Performance Standard Program: Impacts on Building's Energy Efficiency and GHG Emissions in Washington, DC
	Beyond Affordability: A Spatial Econometric Analysis of Renter Cost Burdens and Social Determinants in the United States
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS	<b>Annual Economic Measurement Seminar</b> , National Association for Business Economics (NABE), Washington DC, USA – 2025
	<b>International Workshop on Empirical Methods in Energy Economics (EMEE 2025)</b> , EMEE Network & The World Bank, Washington DC, USA – 2025
	American Economic Association / National Economic Association Conference (ASSA Meetings), AEA & NEA – 2024
	<b>Development Studies Association Conference</b> , Marino Institute of Education & Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland – 2023
	<b>Access to Water Challenges in Low-Income Urban Areas</b> , Nigeria's National Conference on Water Supply and Hygiene – 2019
	<b>Ibadan Sustainable Development Conference</b> , Centre for Sustainable Development, University of Ibadan, Nigeria – 2018
	Symposium on Climate Change and Adaptation in Africa, University of Ibadan, Nigeria – 2018
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	World Bank Group – Economist Washington DC   01/2023 – Present

Washington, DC | 01/2023 – Present

- Authored IFC's flagship report on gender data gaps, featured as a chapter in the UN Flagship Report on Gender Equality.
- **Developed model-based early warning systems for food insecurity** (Afghanistan, Yemen) using econometric and VAR approaches, improving lead times for IDA's Early Response Financing by up to 12 months.
- Directed high-level economic diagnostics for the Compact with Africa (CwA), producing analyses that informed the Germany-Africa Head of State Summit and Annual Meetings.
- Applied advanced econometrics and machine learning methods (DiD, TMLE, PSM, Random Forest, LightGBM, Gradient Boosting) to evaluate policy and investment impacts.
- Conducted applied research on energy and extractives markets, refining IFC's AIMM framework to assess development impact and linking power market structure to sector outcomes.

- Built predictive models for IFC's debt portfolio, applying machine learning (HistGradient Boosting, LightGBM, CatBoost, XGBoost) and natural language processing (BERT, LDA, LSA, NMF) to identify risks and improve portfolio monitoring.
- Engaged senior stakeholders across World Bank Group, academia, private sector, and government, translating research into actionable policy recommendations.

# **Howard University Graduate School** – Research Assistant | Teaching Assistant Washington, DC | 2024 – 2025

- Collected and processed international trade flow data from the UN Comtrade database to support faculty research (Spring 2024).
- Served as Teaching Assistant for *Economics Statistics* (third-year undergraduate), providing instruction support, grading, and student guidance (Fall 2024, Fall 2025).

### Edelman Global Advisory – Research Analyst

Washington, DC | 09/2022 - 12/2022

- Conducted research on trade, regulatory issues, climate change, and health across six regions, tracking client priorities and emerging needs.
- Applied advanced data analysis to interpret complex datasets and delivered reports that informed client strategy.

# DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) & DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

Energy Efficiency Analyst | Washington, DC | 06/2022 – 12/2022

- Analyzed benchmarking data and responded to technical inquiries, generating actionable insights to support energy efficiency and decarbonization.
- Produced guidance documents and educational materials for decarbonization and housing retrofit programs, supporting low-income households.
- Performed benefit-cost analyses and emissions calculations for DC buildings, reporting on decarbonization and solar initiatives.

### Nigerian Economic Summit Group – Bridge Policy Research Fellow

Nigeria | 08/2020 – 08/2021

- Conducted analyses on COVID-19's socioeconomic impact and assessed national development plans for water and sanitation reform.
- Served as research fellow on Nigeria's water bill and co-led establishment of the UN CEO Water Mandate in Nigeria.
- Contributed to national technical committees and summits, integrating gender and digital technology themes into development planning.

### **International Institute for Local Development** – Data Analyst

Abuja, Nigeria | 09/2019 – 07/2021

- Applied statistical and machine learning models (Random Forest, AdaBoost, KNN, SVM, CNN) to analyze World Bank–funded rural and agricultural projects.
- Used R, Excel, and Tableau for data visualization and reporting, producing actionable recommendations for decision-makers.

# Clean Edge Exclusive Solution – Team Lead, Projects & Programs

Nigeria | 06/2017 – 12/2020

- Directed project teams deploying mini-grid solar and energy efficiency solutions across Nigeria, engaging 60+ volunteers.
- Evaluated project performance against strategic goals and convened the first Annual Youth Summit on Environment.
- Led a national assessment of Nigeria's plastic circularity landscape with partner organizations.

# **Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research | Gigawatt Global Inc.** – Development Finance Specialist Israel | 01/2020 – 09/2020

- Reviewed feasibility studies for grid-connected solar projects, assessing solar yield, infrastructure, and ESG impacts.
- Applied Google Earth and PVSYST to optimize solar design and interconnection, and conducted energy demand forecasts.
- Built financial models to evaluate returns, risks, and capital requirements for renewable energy investments.

### Africa Water Association & USAID West Africa – Research Fellow

Nigeria | 07/2018 – 12/2018

- Researched urban water supply challenges in Nigeria, collecting survey data via Kobo Collect and analyzing in SPSS
- Built Tableau dashboards for reporting and presented findings at an international sustainable development conference.

### International Fund for Agricultural Development – Research Fellow

Arusha, Tanzania | 01/2018 - 06/2018

- Investigated factors affecting smallholder farmers' market access using survey data and analysed with SPSS software.
- Published findings in peer-reviewed journals including Africa Journal of Sustainable Development.

### Crown FM Broadcast Group & Independent Media – Research Analyst

Nigeria | 06/2013 - 06/2016

- Conducted audience and market research to guide multi-platform content strategy.
- Analyzed digital performance metrics (SEO, engagement) to optimize audience reach.