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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Allegheny College, Pennsylvania Department of Business and Economics Assistant Professor Maternity Leave: Fall 2023, Fall 2025	2023 - Present
Amherst College, Massachusetts Economics Department Visiting Assistant Professor	2022 - 2023

EDUCATION

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA Ph.D. Economics	2022
University of Texas at San Antonio M.A Economics	2016
American University of Nigeria, Yola B.A Economics Magna Cum Laude Honors	2012

RESEARH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Institutions and Political Economy

WORKING PAPERS

- Review of Female Genital Mutilation
- The Intergenerational Transmission of Female Genital Mutilation in Nigeria: Role of Parental Education and FGM Attitudes with Dr. Elizabeth Asiedu, Dr. Ami Adjoh-Baliki and Alexander Opoku
- The Returns to Migration in Nigeria: Consumption and Geographic Barriers

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Neoliberalism and Economic Development in Africa: The Case of Fuel Subsidy Removal and Forex Liberalization in Nigeri with Dr. Steve Onyeiwu
- Female Genital Mutilation: Laws and Attitude
- Ancestral Ethnic Characteristics and Prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation in Africa
- Armed Conflict and Education: Evidence from Banditry in Northwestern Nigeria

PRESENTATION AND MEDIA

PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- Western Economic Association International -WEAI (June 2025)
- Female Genital Mutilation: Myths and Realities, Allegheny College (March 2025)
- Spring 2025 Research for Lunch, Allegheny College (February 2025)
- 2024 ASSA Annual Meeting (January 2025)
- Southern Economic Association, 94th Annual Meeting (November, 2024)
- Western Economic Association International -WEAI (June 2024)
- 2024 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (June 2024)
- 2023 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (June 2023)
- Allegheny College (April 2023)
- Amherst College (November 2022)
- Howard University (October 2022)
- Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre - BCEC (September 2022)
- Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (April 2022)
- Applied Young Economist Webinar- AYEWE (April 2022)
- Amherst College (March 2022)
- Allegheny College (March 2022)
- Sadie's Collective's Virtual Research and Networking Reception (November 2021)
- George Mason University (February 2021)

MEDIA

- Featured and Interviewed in The Campus (Allegheny College Newspaper) "Female Genital Mutilation: Myths, Realities and What Everyone Should Know" available [here](#)
- Featured and Interviewed in The Campus (Allegheny College Newspaper) titled 'Madan Sara Showcases Economic Power of Haitian Women' available [here](#)
- Interview with The Amherst Student titled "Fresh Faculty: Aisha Yusuf" available [here](#)
- Journey of an International Student, Podcast Interview with Positive Philter available [here](#)
- Three Minute Thesis, George Mason University available on YouTube [here](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Allegheny College

Instructor

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| • ECON 100: Introduction to Microeconomics | Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025 |
| • ECON 438: Gender and Economics | Spring 2024, Spring 2025 |
| • ECON 200: Microeconomics Theory | Fall 2024 |
| • LS 120 & LS 121: Exploratory Advising | Fall 2024, Spring 2025 |
| • ECON 238: Poverty, Inequality and Efficiency | Spring 2025 |

Amherst College

Instructor

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| • ECON 111: Introduction to Economics, Co-instructor | Fall 2022 |
| • ECON 262: Development Economics | Fall 2022, Spring 2023 |
| • ECON 490: Special Topics in Development | Spring 2023 |

George Mason University

Instructor

- ECON 309: Economic Problems and Public Policies Summer 2020
- ECON 360: Economies of Developing Areas Summer 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- ECON 695: Public Economics/Public Choice Fall 2021
- ECON 637: Econometrics I Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Graduate Tutor

- ECON 103: Contemporary Microeconomic Principles Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- ECON 104: Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles Fall 2017, Spring 2018

University of Texas at San Antonio

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- ECON 3123: Econometrics Spring 2016
- ECON 3113: Mathematical Economics Fall 2015
- ECON 6113: Mathematical Economics Fall 2015

RESEARCH AND RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

George Mason University

Research Assistant for Prof. Thomas Stratmann July 2018 - May 2022

University of Texas at San Antonio

Research Assistant for Prof. Don Lien June 2015 - August 2015

Research Assistant for Prof. John Merrifield August 2014 - May 2015

Investment Analyst

February 2013 - February 2014

National Pension Commission, Abuja, Nigeria

National Youth Service Corps

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Participant, Committee on the Status of Women Summer 2025
in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) Mentorship Program
Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago
- Exploratory Advising Training Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
Allegheny College, Meadville, PA
- Participant, Association for the Advancement of African Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
Women Economists (AAWE) Workshop
- Faculty Fellow, CTL Pedagogical Partnership Program (P3) Spring 2023
Amherst College, Amherst, MA
- Participant, Course Design Seminar Spring 2023
Center for Teaching and Learning
Amherst College, Amherst, MA

AWARDS, HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Co-Recipient of Demmler Grant Award for Teaching Innovation, Allegheny College Spring 2023
- Second Place, GMU Three-Minute Thesis Competition April 2022
- 2021 Sadie Collective Research Scholar
- Ph.D Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University August 2018 - May 2022
- Area 21 Director, Division B, District 29, Toastmasters International June 2020 - June 2021
- GTA Fellow, Department of Economics, George Mason University August 2017 - May 2018
- Graduate Assistant, Department of Economics, UTSA August 2014 - May 2016
- Second Place, 2019 Area 21, D29, Evaluation Contest, Toastmasters International
- Second Place, 2019 Area 21, D29, International Speech Contest, Toastmasters International
- First Place, 2016 Area F14, D55, International Speech Contest, Toastmasters International

SERVICE

STUDENT RESEARCH AND MENTORSHIP

- URSCA Student-Faculty Research Summer 2024, Summer 2025
- Second Reader, Senior Thesis Spring 2024, Spring 2025
- Peer Mentor, Allegheny College Spring 2024
- Faculty Advisor, Women in Business and Economics Club (WIBE) Fall 2025 - present
- Second Reader, Senior Thesis Amherst College Fall 2022, Spring 2023

DEPARTMENT AND COLLEGE SERVICE

- Worked on a project to identify department strategies to increase female representation in the Business and Economics Majors Summer 2025
- Met with prospective economics student and their family Summer 2025
- Contributed to International Studies department self-study process by meeting with external reviewers Spring 2025
- Represented Business and Economics Department at the Major/Minor Fair Spring 2025
- Co-developed Social Behavior and Institutions (SB) Rubric Summer 2024
- Demmler Teaching Innovation Award - Participated in the revision of the Statistics Sequence in the department with colleagues. I reviewed of 60+ institutions math/stat requirements Summer 2024
- Compiled resources to support WIBE club and member development Summer 2024
- Created a WIBE partnership project into Gender and Economics course, combining teaching and service to promote gender equity. Spring 2024

JOURNAL REFEREE

- European Journal of Political Economy (EJPE)
- Journal of Mason Graduate Research (JMGR)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, SPSS, EViews, Tableau, L^AT_EX