

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Chair, Department of Economics & Business Management, Agnes Scott College 2023–
- Associate Professor, Economics & Business Management, Agnes Scott College 2018–
- Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Morehouse College 2015–2018
- Visiting Faculty, Development Practice Graduate Program, Emory University 2015
- Visiting Faculty, Department of Economics, Emory University 2014–2015
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology 2006–2014
- Economic Consultant for the African Division, World Bank 2005–2006

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley [Agric. and Resource Economics] 2006
- M.Sc. University of California, Berkeley [Agric. and Resource Economics] 2002
- Pre Doc Yale University, New Haven CT. [Economics] 2000
- B.Sc. University of Ibadan, Nigeria. [1st Class Honors, Economics] 1999

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) 2008–
- Research Affiliate, Households in Conflict Network 2013–
- Research Fellow, Global Labor Organization 2017–

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Labor & Demographic Economics, Economics of Education, Development Economics, Applied Econometrics and Health Economics.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

- “Violent Conflict Exposure and Household Welfare: Lessons from Nigeria Using Panel Data.” with John Odozi 2024 [Accepted in Journal of African Development].
- “A Call for Social Justice-Related Research in Agricultural, Environmental, and Natural Resource Economics” with Miesha Williams, Caitlin Caspi, Sarah Jacobson, Richard Melstrom, Robert Mohr, and Brandon Ware *CHOICES*, 3rd Quarter 2024. Available online at <https://www.choicesmagazine.org/choices-magazine/submitted-articles/>
- “In Need of a Roof: Pandemic and Housing Vulnerability.” with Kusum Mundra. *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 7, no. 1 2024: 27-44.
- “Evolution of Inequality in Nigeria: a Tale of Falling Inequality, Rising Poverty, and Regional Heterogeneity.” with John Odozi. *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 6, no. 4 2023: 297-309.
- “Childhood trauma among Chinese inmates.” with Liu, Han, Lucy F. Ackert, Fang Chang, Li Qi, and Yaojiang Shi.
- “Does violent conflict affect the labor supply of farm households? The Nigerian experience.” with John Odozi *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, 50.3 401-435, 2021.

- “Do crop purchase programs improve smallholder welfare? The case of Zambia’s Food Reserve Agency” with Winnie Fung, Saweda Liverpool-Tasie and Nicole Mason. *Agricultural Economics*, 51, no. 4: 519-533, 2020.
- “Homeownership trends among the never married” with Kusum Mundra. 2019. *Housing Studies*, Vol 34:1, 162-187, 2019.
- “Diversity and Social Capital in the U.S: A tale of conflict, contact or total mistrust?,” with Willie Belton and Yameen Huq. *Review of Economics and Institutions (REI)*, 9(2), 39, 2018.
- “Determinants of Homeownership among Immigrants: Changes during the Great Recession and Beyond” with Kusum Mundra. *International Migration Review*, 52(3), 648–694. 2018.
- “Do Limited English Students Jeopardize the Education of other Students? Lessons from the North Carolina Public School System” with Tim Diette. *Education Economics*, Vol 25:2, pp 446-461, 2017.
- “Gender and Racial Differences in Peer Effects of Limited English Students: A Story of Language or Ethnicity?” with Tim Diette. *IZA Journal of Migration*, Vol 6:2. 2017.
- “Gender and Race Heterogeneity: The Impact of Students with Limited English on Native Students’ Performance,” with Tim Diette, *American Economic Review*, 104(5): 412-17, 2014. **Conference Proceeding**
- “Black-White gap in Self-Employment. Does Intra-Race Heterogeneity Exist?” with Willie Belton, *Small Business Economics*, 41 (1), pp 25-39, 2013.
- “Coming to America: Does having a Developed Home Country matter for Self-employment in the U.S.?,” with Willie Belton, *American Economic Review*, 102 (3): 538-42, 2012. **Conference Proceeding**
- “Are Returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” with Naihobe Gonzalez, *Economics of Education Review*, 30 (6), 1348-1369, 2011.
- “Have Returns to Education changed in Nigeria? Uncovering the Role of Democratic Reforms,” *Journal of African Economies*, 20(5), 737-780, 2011.
- “Africa’s Education Enigma? The Nigerian Story,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 91 (1), 128-139, 2010.
- “Do Immigrant Groups differ in Welfare Usage? Evidence from the U.S.,” with Maharouf Oyolola, *Atlantic Economic Journal*, 39 (3), 231-247, 2011.
- “The Role of Race and Birth Place in Welfare Usage among Comparable Women: Evidence from the U.S,” with Maharouf Oyolola, in *Review of Black Political Economy*,. 39, Issue 3, 285-297, 2012.
- “Disparities in the Benefits from Democratic Reform in Nigeria: A Gender Perspective,” *Developing Economies*, 48(3), 345-375, 2010.
- “Disparities in Labor Market Outcomes across Geopolitical Regions in Nigeria. Fact or Fantasy?,” *Journal of African Development*, 10 (1), 11-31. 2008.
- “Research in Partnership with faith based NGOs: Comments and Discussions,” *Journal of Faith and Economics*. Number 52, Fall. 2008. **Non Peer Reviewed**
- “Brain Drain, Waste or Gain? What we know about the Kenyan Case,” *Journal of Global Initiatives: Policy, Pedagogy, Perspective*,. 2 (2), 113-129, 2007.

Book Chapters

- “Global Migration of Talent: Drain, Gain and Transnational Impacts” with Robin Marsh in *International Scholarship Program in Higher Education: Pathways for Social Change*. Ed. Joan R. Dassin, Robin Marsh and Matt Mawer. Palgrave Macmillan. October 2017.
- “School Enrollment, Attainment and Returns to Education in Africa,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics: Policies and Practices*. Ed. Celestin Monga and Justin Yifu Lin. Oxford University Press. 2015.
- “Winners and Losers Post Democracy in Nigeria: A Look at Labor Market Outcomes,” in *Economics of Developing Countries*. Ed. T.N. Caldeira. Nova Publishers. 2009.
- “Economic and Econometric Evidence for and against Private Income and Employment Benefits of Education in Africa,” in *Educational Reform in Africa: Essays on Curriculum, Libraries, Counseling and Grade Levels*. Ed. Valentine and Etim, James. Edwin Mellen Press. New York: 2009.

Other Publications

- “COVID-19’s housing crisis hit many Asians in the US hardest – but only after government aid began flowing” with Kusum Mundra. *THE CONVERSATION*. March 3, 2023.
- “Evidence from North Carolina shows that immigrant students with limited English have a very minor impact on native students’ performance.” with Diette Timothy. London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog Publication. 2014.
- “Economic Development and Workforce impact of state DOT highway expenditure.” with Danny Boston. Georgia DOT research project final report. 2013.
- Invited Book Review of *New Direction in Development Ethics* Edited by Charles K Wilber and Amitva Krishna Dutt. *Journal of Faith and Economics*. Number 57, Spring. 2011.
- Invited Book Review of *The Bottom Billion* by Paul Collier. *Journal of Faith and Economics*. Number 51, Spring. 2008.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- “Land Access Inequality and Poverty among Agricultural Households in Nigeria” with John Odozi 2024. [Submitted to Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics]
- “The African Diaspora: Exploring its size, roles and contributions to the African Continent” Book Chapter Under Review.
- “Marriage Market Signals and Homeownership for Never Married Women in the U.S.” with Kusum Mundra. 2023.
- “The Impact of Low Intensity Conflict on Children’s Education Attainment: Lessons from IDPs in Colombia,” with Kate Wharton. 2016.
- “A Flop or a Success? An evaluation of Welfare Impacts of the 6-3-3-4 Education System in Nigeria,” IZA Discussion Papers #9131. 2015.
- “Can Parent’s Alcohol Consumption create Negative Education Externalities for Children: Evidence from India,” 2019.
- “The Racial Saving Gap Enigma: Unraveling the Role of Institutions,” with Willie Belton. IZA Discussion Papers #3545, 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate level): Fall 2014-2018, 2023, 2024; Spring 2015-2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
- Senior Seminar in Economics (undergraduate level): Spring 2019,2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Leadership Prologue: Social Business (undergraduate level): Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023
- Intermediate Microeconomics(undergraduate level): Fall 2019
- Labor Economics (undergraduate level): Fall 2008, 2020, 2021, 2024; Spring 2016, 2019, 2023
- Global Gateways (undergraduate level) Fall 2018
- Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate level): Summer 2010, 2012; Spring 2011, 2013, 2014, 2023
- Data Analytics (undergraduate level): Fall 2017
- Econometrics Lab (undergraduate level): Spring 2017
- Mathematical Economics(undergraduate level): Fall 2016
- Economic Development (undergraduate level): Fall 2006-2013,2015; Spring 2010, 2014
- Development Economics (Masters level): Spring 2008, 2009, Fall 2015
- Advanced Microeconomics (undergraduate level): Summer 2007; Fall 2010; Spring 2008, 2011, 2013
- Contemporary Economic Issues (undergraduate level): Fall 2014, Spring 2015
- Empirical Research Methods (PhD level): Fall 2011, 2012, 2013
- Introduction to Global Trade and Finance (undergraduate level): Fall 2014, Spring 2015
- Money and Banking (undergraduate level): Spring 2018

STUDENT RESEARCH SUPERVISION

- Undergraduate Summer Research Supervision: Ms Ella Nuez (2023)
- Master's Thesis Supervision (Georgia Tech): Mr Manny Glover (2010). Islamic Institutions, the Status of Women, and Economic Growth. [Thesis Committee Chair]
- Honors Thesis Supervision at Emory
 - Thesis Committee Chair for Ms Mingyan Fan (2015)
 - Thesis committee member for Ms Cindy Jiang (2015)
- Senior Thesis Supervision (Georgia Tech)
 - Mr Alex Howell (2014), Ms Marissa Hsiao (2014), Ms Kamna Bohra (2013), Mr Kevin Strika (2012), Mr Omar Morrison (2012), Ms Rachel Theil (2011), Mr Ahsan Dharani(2011), Mr Stephen Kump (2010), Mr Farhad Amani (2010), Mr Jing Zhang (2009).
- Presidential Undergraduate Research Award Supervisor
 - Ms Kate Wharton (Presidential Undergraduate Research Award (PURA) recipient 2010),
 - Ms Fengning Yu (PURA recipient 2010),
 - Ms Naihobe Gonzalez (2 time PURA recipient 2008, 2009)
 - Ms Gabby Sirow (2 time PURA recipient 2009, 2010),
- Independent Research Supervision (Georgia Tech): Ms Anu Parvatiyar 2008.

PAST GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- Holder Teaching Innovation Grant. 2020. Amount:\$500
- USAID-Ethiopia. Innovation Fund for Ethiopia Agriculture (IFEA) Project. 2014. [Role: Co-investigator] Amount: \$2 million
- The University Transport Institute. Economic Development and Workforce Impacts of GDOT Highway Expenditure. 2012. [Role: Co-PI] Amount: \$225,000.
- Georgia Tech Program Development Training Grant (formerly ISERF), 2012. Amount:\$2500.
- Georgia Tech UROP Materials, Supplies, & Travel Grants for Undergraduate Research, 2009. Amount: \$800.
- Georgia Tech Faculty Development Grant, 2009. Amount: \$3000.
- Georgia Tech UROP Materials, Supplies, & Travel Grants for Undergraduate Research, 2008. Amount: \$1000.
- Georgia Tech Center for excellence in teaching and learning (CETL) Teaching Fellow Grant, 2008. Amount: \$1000.
- Georgia Tech Incentives for Seeking Extramural Research Funding (ISERF), 2007. Amount: \$3500.

HONORS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- NSF funded: Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellow. 2008-2011.
- Georgia Tech Class of 1934 Special Faculty Award for Teaching Effectiveness. 2012.
- Selected participant in a 3 year sponsored program focused on the Economics of Global Poverty (Sponsor: Calvin College). 2012-2014.
- Georgia Tech Ivan Allen College Special Research Award. 2011.
- Georgia Tech CETL Thank a teacher recognition for ECON 2106 (Microeconomics). 2012.
- Georgia Tech CETL Thank a teacher recognition for ECON 3310 (Advanced Microeconomics). 2008, 2011.
- Georgia Tech CETL Thank a teacher recognition for ECON 4411 (Development Economics). 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013.
- Selected participant in the UNC Entrepreneurship Bootcamp sponsored by Ewing M. Kauffman Foundation. 2009.
- Georgia Tech CETL Class of 1969 Teaching Fellow. 2008.
- Rocca Dissertation Fellowship for Study on Africa. 2004-2005.
- Non-Resident Graduate Tuition Scholarship, University of California, Berkeley. 2001-2006.
- The African Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Yale University. 2000-2001.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Seminar/College-Wide Research Presentations

- Howard University Department of Economics Seminar Series “In Need of a Roof: Pandemic and Housing Vulnerability” March 2024
- Samford University “Violent Conflict Exposure in Nigeria and Household Welfare: What Can We Learn from Panel Data?” September 2022
- ACME Lecture Series “Direct and Indirect Effects of Crop Purchase Programs on Smallholder Welfare: Evidence from Zambia” Presented November 29th 2018.
- Faculty Research Cafe Morehouse College “The role of past institutions and information transfer in understanding the Black-White gap in self-employment” March 22, 2018.
- Agnes Scott College, Department of Economics, Decatur GA. “The Impact of Low Intensity Conflict on Children’s Education Attainment: Lessons from IDPs in Colombia ”. October 10, 2017.
- Mercer University, Department of Economics, Atlanta GA. “The Impact of Low Intensity Conflict on Children’s Education Attainment: Lessons from IDPs in Colombia ”. February 22, 2017.
- University of Georgia, Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics, Athens, GA “Can crop purchase programs reduce poverty and improve welfare in rural communities? Evidence from the Food Reserve Agency in Zambia”. November 11th, 2015.
- Nigerian Practical Entrepreneurship Conference, Atlanta GA. “Evaluating the Effectiveness of Entrepreneur Programs: Measuring Your Results” August 2015.
- Kennesaw State University. “Economics of Education” 2014.
- Beijing China. Meeting of Oxford Handbook on Africa (hosted by Peking University). “School Enrollment, Attainment and Returns to Education in Africa” 2013.
- Policy Summit: Federal Reserve Bank Cleveland Ohio. “Black-White Gap in Self-employment: Does Intra-Race Heterogeneity Exist? ” 2013.
- Morehouse College. Paper: “Do Significant Immigrant Inflows Create Negative Education Impacts? Lessons from the North Carolina Public School System ” 2013.
- University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Paper: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia,” 2012.
- University of Arizona. Paper: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia,” 2012.
- University of California, Berkeley. Paper: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia: What we can learn from recent IDPs,” 2012.
- University of South Florida, Tampa. Paper: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia: What we can learn from recent IDPs,” 2012.
- University of Kansas. Paper: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2011.
- Ball State University. Paper: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2011.
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Paper: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2010.
- Morehouse College. Paper: “The racial saving gap enigma: unraveling the role of institutions,” 2009.
- Baylor University. Paper: “The racial saving gap enigma: unraveling the role of institutions,” 2008.
- World Bank. “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2006.
- University of Utah. Paper: “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2006.
- Union College. Paper: “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2006.
- Georgia Institute of Technology. Paper: “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2006.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. Title: “Land Access Inequality and Poverty among Agricultural Households in Nigeria” January 2024.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. Title: “In Need of a Roof: Pandemic and Housing Vulnerability” January 2024

- 90th Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. Title: “Evolution of Inequality in Nigeria: A Tale of Falling Inequality, Rising Poverty and Regional Heterogeneity” November 2023.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. Title: “Evolution of Inequality in Nigeria: A Tale of Falling Inequality, Rising Poverty and Regional Heterogeneity” January 2023
- 89th Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Title: “Violent Conflict Exposure in Nigeria and Household Welfare: What Can We Learn from Panel Data?” November 2022.
- Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Meeting . Invited Panel Speaker special symposium/panel on social justice issues in agriculture and environmental economics. 2022.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, California Title: “Labor Supply and Violent Conflict in Nigeria” 2020.
- 89th Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Title: “The Effect of Violent Conflict in Nigeria on Economic Welfare” 2019.
- Conference on Challenges in Development: A Global-Local Perspective Georgia Tech. Atlanta GA. “Direct and indirect effects of crop purchase programs on smallholder welfare: Evidence from Zambia”. April 2019. (Invited)
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. Title: “Conflict Exposure and Economic Welfare in Nigeria”, 2019.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. Title: Can a father’s alcohol consumption affect a child’s education attainment? Evidence from India, 2019.
- Morehouse College, Annual Research Colloquium, Atlanta, GA “Homeownership trends among the never married”. November, 2017.
- 87th Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida. Title: “A Flop or a Success? An evaluation of Welfare Impacts of the 6-3-3-4 Education System in Nigeria” 2017.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. Title: “Marriage Market Signals and Homeownership for the Never Married” 2017.
- 86th Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC,. Title: “Marriage Market and Homeownership for the Never Married” 2016.
- Morehouse College, Annual Research Colloquium, Atlanta, GA “Diversity and Social Capital in the U.S: A tale of conflict, contact or total mistrust?”. November 11th, 2016.
- Workshop for book on International Scholarship hosted by Ford Foundation at the International House, New York. “Global Migration of Talent: Drain, Gain and Transnational Impacts October”. 2016
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. Title: “A Flop or a Success? An Evaluation of the Welfare Effects of 6-3-3-4 in Nigeria” 2016.
- 14th IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Buch Germany. “A Flop or a Success? An Evaluation of the Welfare Effects of 6-3-3-4 in Nigeria” July 2015. (Sponsored presentation)
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. Title: “The Inverted Population Pyramid, Anime and Marriage: The Japanese Story” 2015.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. Title: “Diversity and Social Capital in the U.S: A tale of conflict, contact or total mistrust?” 2015.
- Morehouse College, Annual Research Colloquium, Atlanta, GA “Can crop purchase programs reduce poverty and improve welfare in rural communities? Evidence from the Food Reserve Agency in Zambia”. November 13th, 2015.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Title: “Gender and Race Heterogeneity: The Impact of Increases in Students with Limited English on Native Students’ Performance,” 2014.
- Seventh Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta. Title: “Determinants of Immigrant Homeownership: Examining their Changing Role during the Great Recession and Beyond.” 2013.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida. Title: “Gender and Race Heterogeneity: The Impact of Increases in Students with Limited English on Native Students’ Performance,” 2013.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida. Title: “Can Parent’s Alcohol Consumption create Negative Education Externalities for Children? Evidence from India,” 2013.
- The Economics of Global Poverty Seminar Series at Calvin, Calvin College. Title: “A Flop or a Success? An evaluation of welfare impacts of the 6-3-3-4 Education System in Nigeria”. 2013.

- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, California. Title: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia: What we can learn from recent IDPs,” 2013.
- Second Wave Economics Research Conference, Department of Economics, Ohio State University. Paper: “Do Significant Immigrant Inflows Create Negative Education Impacts? Lessons from the North Carolina Public School System?,” 2012.
- The Economics of Global Poverty Seminar Series at Calvin, Calvin College. Title: “Poverty and Inequality in Nigeria 10 years post democratic reform: Gender, Education and Geopolitical differences,” 2012.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans. Title: “The Effect of Immigrants on Native Student Achievement,” 2012.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. Title: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2012.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. Title: “Coming to America: Does having a developed home country matter for self-employment in the U.S?,” 2012.
- Fifth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta. Title: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia: What we can learn from recent IDPs,” 2011.
- Invisible Women’s Conference, Bennet College. Title: “The Role of Race and Birth Place in Welfare Usage among Comparable Women: Evidence from the U.S.” 2011.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Title: “Conflict and its impact on Educational Accumulation and Enrollment in Colombia: What we can learn from recent IDPs,” 2011.
- Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Yale University. Title: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2011.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Denver Colorado. Title: “Black-White Disparities in Bank Savings and Investment Income: Evidence of Within and Between Racial Differences,” 2011.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting. Title : “Coming to America. Does Home Country’s Economic Status Matter for Self-Employment in the U.S?,” 2010.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. Title: “Within and Between Gender Disparities in Income and Education Benefits from Democracy in Nigeria,” 2010.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. Title: “The Role of Information and Institutions in Understanding the Black-White Gap in Self-Employment,” 2010.
- World Bank/IZA, Employment and Development Conference, Bonn Germany. Title: “Understanding low average returns to education in Africa: the role of heterogeneity across education levels and the importance of political and economic reforms,” 2009.
- Georgia Institute of Technology. Title: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2009.
- Third Southeastern International Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta. Title: “Are returns to Education on the Decline in Venezuela and does Mission Sucre have a Role to Play?,” 2009.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. Title: “ Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story.” 2009.
- Second Southeastern International Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank Atlanta. Title: “Understanding low average returns to education in Africa: the role of heterogeneity across education levels and the importance of political and economic reforms,” 2009.
- Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Workshop, Department of Economics, Duke University. Title: “Understanding low average returns to education in Africa: the role of heterogeneity across education levels and the importance of political and economic reforms,” 2009.
- Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Workshop, Santa Barbara, California. Title: “Understanding low average returns to education in Africa: the role of heterogeneity across education levels and the importance of political and economic reforms,” 2008.
- Western Economics Association International (WEAI) Annual Meeting Honolulu, Hawaii. Title: “ Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2008.
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting Florida, Orlando. Title: “The Racial Saving Gap Enigma: unraveling the role of institutions,” 2008.
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Title: “The Racial Saving Gap Enigma: unraveling the role of institutions,” 2008.

- Kenya Diaspora Conference: Brain Drain, Waste or Gain? University of Kennesaw, Georgia. Title: “What we know about the Kenyan Case,” 2007.
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. Title: “Within and Between Gender Disparities in Income and Education Benefits from Democracy,” 2007.
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (AAEA), Portland, Oregon. Title: “Winners and Losers Post Democracy in Nigeria: A Look at Labor Market Outcomes,” 2007.
- Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC), Cornell University. Title: “Understanding low average returns to education in Africa: the role of heterogeneity across education levels and the importance of political and economic reforms,” 2006.
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (AAEA), Long Beach, California. Title: “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2006.
- Yale University. Paper: “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2005.
- University of California Berkeley. Title: “Africa’s Education Enigma: The Nigerian Story,” 2005.

Other Invited Presentations

- Invited Speaker: Conference in Support of the Nigerian Millennium Development Goals Committee. Atlanta Georgia. Presentation: “Literacy, Primary Education and Gender Inequality,” 2010.
- Invited Speaker: Georgia Tech I-House End of Semester Program. Presentation: “Few Things about Africa and Nigeria you might not know,” 2008.
- Invited Speaker: Georgia Tech New faculty orientation. Presentation: “Getting Off to a Good Start: Words from the Wise(r) Lessons from my Journey so far,” 2008.
- Invited Speaker: Georgia Tech African Students Conference on Education in Africa. Presentation: “Returns to Education in Africa,” 2007.
- Invited Speaker and Panelist: Panel Discussion on African Societies in Development, Georgia Tech. Presentation: “Critical Economic Development Issues for Africa in the 21st century,” 2007.
- Invited Speaker and Panelist: Symposium for the Health and Rights of Women Everywhere, organized by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Georgia. Presentation: “The Case for Women’s Education in Developing Countries,” 2006.

SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

External Professional Service Contributions

Journal Leadership

- Review of Black Political Economy **Associate Editor**, 2022-Now

Professional Societies Leadership and Memberships

- African Finance and Economic Association (AFEA) **Elected Director**, 2017, 2019-2024
- Association of Christian Economists (ACE) **Elected Executive Committee Member**, 2018-2022
- National Economic Association (NEA) **Elected Board Director**, 2016-2019
- Member: American Economic Association (AEA); Southern Economic Association (SEA); National Economic Association (NEA), Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREEA), The Association for the Advancement of African Women Economists (AAAWE).

Grant Reviewer

- Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) and the UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

Journal Referee

Journal of Development Economics (JDE) World Development	World Bank Economic Review (WBER)
Economics of Education Review (EER)	Journal of Population Economics (POPECON) Education Economics
Journal of African Economies (JAE)	Journal of African Development (JAD)
IZA Journal of Migration (JOM)	Contemporary Economic Policy
Economica	Canadian Journal of Economics
Economic Inquiry	Economics Bulletin
Small Business Economics Journal (SBEJ)	Journal of Business Venturing
The Economics of Transitions	Review of Black Political Economy (RBPE)
Southern Economic Journal (SEJ)	Journal of Household Economics (JHE)

Organizer or Chair of Session in Professional Meetings

- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 2022. (Session Chair)
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 2019. (Co-Organiser: Conflict, Culture, and Welfare-Related Outcomes in Developing Countries)
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL. 2019. (Co-Session Chair: Conflict, Culture, and Welfare-Related Outcomes in Developing Countries)
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. 2015. (Session Chair)
- The Economics of Global Poverty Conference, Gordon College, MA, 2015. (Session Chair)
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA. 2014. (Session Chair)
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA. (Session Chair: Time Allocation: Women Caring for Themselves and Other), sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP). 2010
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting. Atlanta GA. (AEA Session Chair: Development 2) 2010.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting. Atlanta GA. (AEA Session Organizer: Migrants and Immigrants: Impact, Behavior and Economic Outcomes) 2010.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting. Atlanta GA. (AEA Session Chair: Migrants and Immigrants: Impact, Behavior and Economic Outcomes) 2010.
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Washington DC. (Session Chair: Issues in Economic Development), sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP). 2008.
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans Louisiana. (Session Chair: Development Economics). 2007.

Discussant in Professional Meetings

- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting January 2022 Virtual.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, California. (Session: Applied Micro in Economic Development: Natural Disasters, Education, and Technology) 2020.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. 2016.
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC. 2016.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. 2016.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. 2015.
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. (Session: Undocumented Immigration). 2014.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago Illinois. (Session: Women and Economic Development in Africa).2012.
- Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago Illinois. (Session: Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Entrepreneurship).2012.

- Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC) Yale University. 2011 (Session: Education). 2011.
- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC. (Session: The Impacts of Armed Conflict on Households and Individuals: Lessons from Germany, Nepal, Colombia and Tajikistan). 2011.
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. (Session: Undocumented Immigration). 2010.
- Western Economic Association International Annual Meeting, Hawaii. (Session: Education and Its Impacts) CSWEP sponsored sessions. 2008
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans Louisiana. (Session: Diversity and Inequality in Education). 2007.
- American Agriculture and Applied Economic Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon. (Session: Symposium on Research Partnerships with Faith Based NGOs.) 2007.

Internal Service Contributions

Internal Service Contribution (Agnes Scott College)

- Chair of the Department of Economics and Business Management (2023-
- Member Curriculum Committee (2023-)
- Member Strategic Planning Team (2020-)
- Faculty Advisor: 18 students (2019-2020), 11 students (2020-2021) 13 students (2021-2022) 14 students (2022-2023) 18 students (2023-2024)
- Member Finance and Strategic Planning Committee (2019-2022)
- Member of COACHE Survey Implementation Committee (2018-2022)
- Faculty Adviser for ASC Students Organization “Students for Equitable and Sustainable Cities Student” (2020-2023).
- Faculty Representative Budget Council (2020)
- Participated as a panelist in webinar series/podcast focused on addressing the challenges of COVID-19 (2020)
- Volunteer for recruitment initiative: Faculty Chat with prospective students (April 2020)
- Volunteered in ASC Community Calling Campaign (June 2020)
- President’s Inauguration - select faculty participant (2019)

Internal Service Contributions (Georgia Tech)

- Member of School of Economics PhD Committee. 2012- 2014.
- Member of African Network Committee (Part of the IAC Strategic Planning Committees). 2011-2012.
- Member of School of Economics Chair Search Committee. 2011- 2012.
- School of Economics, Georgia Tech, Research Seminar Organizer. 2011-2012, 2007-2008.
- Member of Leadership Task force Committee (Africa Network) 2010-2011.
- Department Coordinator Georgia Tech Charitable Campaign. 2010-2011, 2008-2009. 2012-2013
- Member Undergraduate Curriculum Committee School of Economics, Georgia Tech. 2006 - 2012.
- Member of IAC Dean Search Committee. 2009-2010.
- Member of School of Economics Department Recruitment Committee. 2009-2010.
- School of Economics Undergraduate Research Opportunity Representative (UROP) 2009.
- Faculty Adviser for the African Students Association (ASSA) at Georgia Tech. 2008-2013.
- Faculty Adviser for the International Justice Mission (IJM) students Chapter at Georgia Tech. 2012-present.
- Ivan Allen College (IAC), Legacy Awards Committee. 2008.
- Participated in Q&A session on the economy alongside Willie Belton organized and interviewed by Robert Nesmith from The Whistle (Volume 33, Number 25, August 11-2008).
- Participated in Freshmen Partner Program (Part of Freshman Experience Program). 2007.