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Education**Harvard University, USA**

Ph.D. Public Policy: Economics track, 2018 to 2024 (expected)

Imperial College, UK

M.Res (Distinction) in Business: Economics pathway, 2018

London School of Economics/London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

M.Sc (Distinction) in Health Policy, Planning and Financing, 2012

University of Oxford, UK

B.A. (First class) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 2008

Fields

Development Economics

Public Economics

References

Professor Rema Hanna
 Harvard Kennedy School
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Professor Nathan Hendren
 Economics Department, MIT
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Professor Anders Jensen
 Harvard Kennedy School
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Fellowships & Awards

Bok Teaching Certificate, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, 2022
 Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University, 2018-2020 and 2023-2024
 Brian Abel-Smith prize for outstanding overall performance in the MSc, London School of Economics, 2012
 College Warden's award for final exam performance, Wadham College, Oxford, 2008

Teaching

Advanced Quantitative Methods II: Econometric Methods, Harvard Kennedy School, teaching fellow for Professor Will Dobbie, 2023
 Data [Gov 50], Harvard College, teaching fellow for Professor Adeline Lo, 2022
 Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics, Harvard Kennedy School, teaching fellow for Professor Soroush Saghafian, 2021
 Political Economy of Globalization, Harvard College, teaching fellow for Professors Lawrence Summers, Robert Lawrence, 2020-2022
 American Economic Policy, Harvard College, teaching fellow for Professors Jeffrey Liebman, Lawrence Summers, 2020

Employment

Imperial College (London, UK), Analyst (Health Economics) - Global Health and Development, 2016-2018
 National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (London, UK), Technical Analyst (Health Economics) – NICE International, 2014-2016
 National Primary Health Care Development Agency (Abuja, Nigeria) Gov. of Nigeria, Economist (Overseas Development Institute Fellow), 2012-2014

Research

Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Research assistant for Prof Will Dobbie, 2022-2023
 LSE Health and Social Care, London School of Economics, Research Assistant for Prof Panos Kavanos, 2011-2012
 British Red Cross, Research Intern, 2011

Job Market Paper **“Impact evaluation, welfare comparisons and the value of public funds.”**

Are we looking for the right outcomes when conducting impact evaluations? How can we extrapolate from individual causal effect and cost-effectiveness estimates to making judgements about which of the policies evaluated best support social well-being? In other words, how feasible are systematic welfare evaluations of common development policies using existing data? These questions should be simple to answer if sheer volume of evidence were the key: the field of development economics has led the ‘credibility revolution’ in causal inference. Yet the accumulated evidence from program-specific impact evaluations is rarely used for systematic comparisons between policies and programs. Particularly in public finance, there have been few opportunities to translate this program evaluation evidence into welfare comparisons. I develop and adapt established public finance frameworks to develop general criteria for welfare comparisons, and take advantage of previously missed opportunities to conduct meta-research. I conduct a comparative welfare analysis of 40 policies implemented in low and middle-income countries since 1997, which were previously evaluated using experimental and quasi-experimental methods. In all geographic regions, marginal value of public funds point estimates are clustered between approximately 0 and 2. I also offer adaptations to the canonical MVPF approach to account for the particular public finance position of developing countries, and provide evidence on the fitness-for-purpose of current priorities in impact evaluations.

Publications Okoli U, Morris L (corresponding author), Oshin A, Pate MA, Aigbe C and Muhammad A. Conditional cash transfer schemes in Nigeria: Potential gains for maternal and child health service uptake in a national pilot programme. *BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth* 14, 2014. doi:10.1186/s12884-014-0408-9

Papers in Progress “Cost-effectiveness and health system strengthening.” In progress.
“Algorithmic fairness and targeting error weights.” In progress.

Academic Service Student Convener, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, 2023
Volunteer, Harvard Economics Diversity & Inclusion Student Group; Graduate Women in Economics, 2019-2020
Mentor, Harvard Kennedy School PhD peer mentorship program, 2019 to 2021

Languages English (native); Spanish, German (intermediate); Nigerian/West African Pidgin (basic)

Software skills R, Stata (advanced); Matlab, NVivo, ArcGIS (basic)