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EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia PA
Ph.D. in Economics (2015)

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA
B.A. in Economics (2006)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Howard University, Washington, DC (2018-Present)

Assistant Professor, Randolph College, Lynchburg VA (2015-2018)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Non-Resident Fellow, Washington Center for Equitable Growth (2024-2025)

Faculty Fellow, Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida (2022-Present)

Early Career Research Award (\$5,000)- Upjohn Institute for Employment Research (2020)

Faculty Fellow, Center for Race and Wealth, Howard University, Washington, DC (2019-2024)

Scholar-in-Residence, Institute for Research on Poverty- UW-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin (2019-2020)

Research Fellowship (\$10,000) - Howard University (2019)

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Labor and Human Capital, Economic Inequality, Economic Development,

Research Experience

Institute for Schools and Society, College of Education, Temple University (2010-2012)

Center for Research in Human Development and Education, College of Education, Temple University (2007-2010)

Publications

Journal Articles

HBCU Attendance and Longer-term Outcomes (2025) (forthcoming at American Economic Journal (American Economic Journal (AEJ): Policy) (with Ashely Edwards, College Board, Justin Ortugas, University of Florida and Jonathan Smith, Georgia State University)

Applicants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (2023). American Economics Association Papers and Proceedings (Vol 113, pp 440-45). (joint with Ashely Edwards, College Board, Justin Ortugas, University of Florida and Jonathan Smith, Georgia State University)

The Minimum Wage as a tool for Racial Economic Justice (2023). *Journal of Economic Literature*, 61 (3): 977-87. (with Rebecca Hsu, Howard University)

Child-to-Parent Intergenerational Transfers, Social Security and Child Wealth-building (2022). In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 112, pp. 53-57). American Economic Association.

Labor Market Conditions and Racial/Ethnic Differences in College Enrollment (2019). *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 1-11.

Student Debt and Labor Market Outcomes (2019). In *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Vol. 109, pp. 171-75). (with Gerald Daniels, Howard University)

An Examination of Instructional Time Allocation and Student Engagement for Grades K-16 Science, Mathematics, and Education Courses. *International Journal of Science in Society*. (2011). (Joint with Stull, J. C., Majerich, D. M., & Varnum, S. J.)

Using Clickers in a University Physics Course to Improve Student Achievement (2011). American Physical Society Forum on Education. <http://www.aps.org/units/fed/newsletters/spring2011/stull.cfm> (Joint with Stull, J., Majerich, D., Varnum, S., Ducette, J., & Gilles, T)

Book Chapters, Policy Papers and Research Briefs

Understanding College Choice: The HBCU Context (2024). Brookings Institution Research Brief. (joint with Ashely Edwards, College Board, Justin Ortugas, University of Florida and Jonathan Smith, Georgia State University)

HBCUs and the College Choices and Outcomes of Black Students (2024). The Minority Report (pp1- 2)

U.S. Labor Markets Require A New Approach To Higher Education (2021). In *Boosting Wages For U.S. Workers In The New Economy* (Pp. 71–84). Washington Center for Equitable Growth

The Returns to HBCU Attendance in Florida (2024). Report for Helios Education Foundation. (joint with Ashely Edwards, College Board, Justin Ortugas, University of Florida and Jonathan Smith, Georgia State University)

The Returns to College for Black Students in Florida (2024). Report for Helios Education Foundation. (joint with Ashely Edwards, College Board, Justin Ortugas, University of Florida and Jonathan Smith, Georgia State University)

Working Papers

Race, College Degree and Economic Mobility (revise and resubmit)

Recessions and Racial Income Inequality

Gains and Gaps in College Outcomes over the Business Cycle

Works in Progress

The Gender-race Wage Gaps after the Great Recession (joint with Keisha Solomon, Howard University)

The Impact of Economic Expansions during young Adulthood on Educational and Labor market Outcomes (joint with Keisha Solomon, Howard University)

The Impact of cash transfers on hunger, mental health and learning among tertiary students in Jamaica. (with Fitzroy Henry, University of Technology, Jamaica and Keisha Solomon, Howard University)

HBCUs and the Supply of Black Medical Professionals (with La'Marcus Wingate, Howard University)

GRANTS and OTHER AWARDS

Co-PI: Research and Teaching in Economics Capacity Grant Sloan Foundation (1.4 million) (2021-2024), (1.5 million) 2024-2027)

Co-PI: HBCU Attendance and Longer-term Outcomes (67,273) - The Washington Center for Equitable Growth (2022)

Co-PI: The Returns to College for Black Students in Florida (25, 900)- Helios Education Foundation (2022)

PI: Collaborative Excellence in Research (\$484,679)- National Science Foundation (2021)

PI: Academic Grant (\$20, 000) – The Washington Center for Equitable Growth (2020)

PI: Pipeline Grant (\$26, 652)- Russel Sage Foundation (2020)

PI: Small Grants Award (\$5,000) -University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Financial Security (2019)

Dissertation Completion Grant (\$10,000)- Temple University (Spring, 2015)

Graduate Student Research Travel Grant- Temple University (Fall, 2014)

Graduate Research/Teaching Assistantship- Temple University (2008-2012)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2023 American Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana

2022 Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond Race and Economic Outcomes Conference, Richmond, VA

2022 American Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, Virtual

2021 Southern Economics Association, Houston, Texas

2021 Session Chair, American Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, Virtual

2020 Session Organizer and Chair, American Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA; Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

2019 Center for Financial Security, UW-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin; Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Washington D.C; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Denver, CO.
 2018 Southern Economics Association, Washington D.C
 2017 Western Economics Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA; Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA
 2016 Eastern Economic Association, New York, NY.
 2015 Eastern Economic Association, New York, NY.
 2014 Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, Georgia; Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.
 2010 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS). New York, NY

INVITED TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

2024 Presenter, Helios Education Foundation Forum, Virtual
 2021 Discussant, Yale Economic Growth Center Symposium on Race, Gender and Economic Justice
 2020 Presenter, Sadie Collective Annual Conference, Washington DC
 2020 Presenter, Junior Scholar Intensive Training Program, Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin Madison
 2020 Presenter, Maryland Non-profits lecture series: A matter of Equity, virtual
 2020 Presenter, Richmond Fed undergraduate mentoring program, virtual
 2020 Presenter, University of Maryland Undergraduate Women's Economics Club, virtual

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis, Summer 2009, Fall 2020-2024, Spring 2016, 2017, 2018-2025
 Economics of Development and Growth, Fall 2012, Spring 2018-2022, 2025
 Statistics for Business and Economics, Fall 2015, 2017-2019
 Macroeconomic Principles, Summer 2008, Fall 2011, Summer 2012, Fall 2013, 2018, 2021-2022, 2024
 Economic Well-being in Cuba, Spring /Summer 2017
 Econometrics, Spring 2017
 Labor Economics, Spring 2016
 Microeconomic Principles, Fall 2011, 2015, 2017, Spring 2016, 2017
 The American Economy, Summer 2014, Fall 2014
 Public Control of Businesses: Antitrust Law, Spring 2013
 Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis, Summer 2010, Spring 2012

Certifications

Certificate in Distance Learning

SERVICE

Member, Distinguished Faculty and Department Awards Committee, Howard University, College of Arts and Science (COAS) (2024-2026)
 Reviewer, Douglas Graduate Fellowship, Howard University, College of Arts and Science (COAS) Graduate School (2025)
 Mentor, Howard University Department of Economics Postdoctoral Scholar Program(2021-Present)
 Member, Job Search Committee, Howard University Department of Economic (2023-2024)
 Editorial Board Member, Journal of Business and Economic Studies (2023-2026)

Academic Vice Chair, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) Program Committee (2022-2023)

Reviewer: American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Program (2021, 2023)

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Howard University Department of Economics (2021-2022)

Referee: Journal of Economics, Race and Policy (2018), Review of Black Political Economy (2020), Journal of Family and Economic Issues (2021), Journal of Economic Literature (2024-2025)

NSF Panelist (2019, 2025)

Seminar Coordinator, Howard University Department of Economics (fall 2019)

Faculty Advisor, Howard University Department of Economics Graduate Students Association (2018-2020)

Chair, Development Economics Committee, Howard University Department of Economics (2018-Present)

Member, Curriculum Committee, Howard University Department of Economics (2019-2023)

Chair, Intercultural Competence Committee (2017-2018)

Associate Editor, International Journal of Science in Society (2011)

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISION

DISSERTATION PROPOSAL COMMITTEES

- Amira AlGhumham. “Local Fiscal Policies Impacts of Economic Development and Tax Incentives on the District of Colombia Economy (Spring 2019)
- Najla Alzamil. “The Economic Impacts of the Idle Land Tax on the City of Riyadh Land Prices” (Spring 2019)
- Marcy Jadego-Adekoya. “MANAGING MIGRATION IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION: THE SENDING COUNTRIES :A Case study of Selected Countries in the Caribbean Region” (Summer 2020)
- Clarisse Ndjungu. “Blood Minerals and the Curse: The Invisible Hand, State Failure, War and Mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo” (Fall 2020)
- Mode Alotaibi. “The Economic Effects of Foreign Trade on Manufacturing Growth in Saudi Arabia” (Spring 2021)
- Sara Alhaif (2021).
- Arsene Oka The Influence of Industries, Natural Resources, and Institutions on FDI inflows: A Disaggregated Approach (Spring 2024)
- Ami Adjoh “The Effect of Intimate Partner Voilence (IPV) on Mental Health of Children in IPV Households (scheduled Spring 2025);
- Eddie Gray. “Assessing the Impact of JOBs Act: Will Increased Access Change Investor Behavior? (Ongoing)

FIELD PAPERS

- Jones Arkoh Paintsill. “Climate Change and Health: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa (Fall 2024)
- Ami Adjoh. “The Effect of Intimate Partner Voilence (IPV) on Mental Health of Children in IPV Households (Spring 2024)
- Aisha Alamri. “Natural Resources and the Location determinants of FDI in GCC Countries” (Fall 2023)
- Arsene Oka. “The Determinants of Chinese Foreign Investment: How Relevant are Natural Resources” (Fall 2023)

- Aisha Udochi. “From Specious Statistics to Dependable Data: Constructing Retail Spending Estimates with Nigerian Transactions Data” (Spring 2023)
- Yusra Riyad Taha Alkasabeh. “Economic Growth and Inequality of Opportunity in Jordan” (Summer 2022)
- Hanadi Alabaad. “Trends in Global Female Labor Participation: 1900-2017” (Spring 2021)
- Adedayo Ladelokun. “Petroleum Extraction, Agriculture and Local Communities in the Niger Delta: A Case of Ilaje Community” (Spring 2020)

ASSOCIATIONS

Fellow, Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE)

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, National Economics Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- The Economics of HBCUs. Whitehouse Council of Economic Advisor’s Report (May 16, 2024)
- The Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Diversity in Economics Video Series (2023)
- “Labor Market Mystery: Where are the Older Gen Z Workers?,” Wall Street Journal (November 13, 2022)
- "Andria Smythe on the College Outcomes of Young Adults in a Recession," Poverty Research & Policy Podcast/ UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty. (May 18, 2021).
- "New Study Shows Social Security Reduces Inequality for Working-Age Americans," Office of US Representative John B Larson (CT-01). (October 2, 2020).
- "Cash from Kids Slows After Parents Retire," Squared Away Blog/ Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. (October 1, 2020).
- "College students struggle with uncertain job market after graduation," Good Morning America Online. (September 14, 2020).
- "Politics with Amy Walter: Governing, the Economy, and Coronavirus," Public Radio International (PRI). (March 20, 2020).
- "Politics with Amy Walter: Should We Be Worried About a Recession?," WNYC Studios. (August 23, 2019).