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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, University of Houston, Houston, Texas. May, 2019 (Expected)

Dissertation title: *"Essays on the Economic Impact of China's Accession to the WTO"*

Dissertation committee: Dr. Kei-Mu Yi (Chair), Dr. Bent Sorensen, Dr. Dietrich Vollrath

MA., Economics, University of Houston, Houston, 2016

MA., Economics (Concentration in Business), University of Texas, San Antonio, 2011

B.Sc., Economics, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria. 2004

RESEARCH FIELDS

Fields: International Economics, Applied Macroeconomics.

Sub-Fields: Growth and Development Economics.

WORKING PAPER AND WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Effects of China's Accession to the WTO on Nigeria and Other Developing Economies" (**JMP**)

"Trade liberalization and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Nigeria"

"What do Sub-Saharan Africa Countries gain from Trade with China?"

"Quantifying the Welfare Gains from Trade: a Model with Labor Frictions"

RESEARCH & INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Summer, 2016 Research Assistant for Prof. Kei-Mu Yi, University of Houston, Texas

2011 - 2014 Consultant & Analyst for Africa's Small-Medium Enterprises, Houston, Texas

2007 - 2008 Senior Executive Associate, Zenith Bank Int. plc, Lagos, Nigeria

2005 - 2006 Executive Associate, Zenith Bank Int. plc, Lagos, Nigeria

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer, 2018 Intermediate Macroeconomics, University of Houston, Instructor

Spring, 2017 Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Houston, Instructor

Fall, 2016 Principles of Microeconomics, University of Houston, Instructor

Summer, 2017 Introduction to Econometrics & Economics of health care, University of Houston

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Ruxandra Boul & Prof. Nathalia Zhivan

2015 - 2017 Introduction to Economic Data Analysis, University of Houston,

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Joel Melendez

2015 - 2016 Intermediate Macroeconomics, University of Houston,

Teaching Assistant to Prof. German Cubas

2010 Principle of Macroeconomics, University of Texas, San Antonio,

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Saeid Mahdavi

2011 Introduction to Finance, University of Texas, San Antonio,

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Edgar Ghossoub

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

January, 2019 Three Minute Talk (3MT), Graduate Research and Scholarship Projects Day. Speaker
University of Houston (Top 50 Ph.D. students from various departments).

October, 2018 Macroeconomics Job Market Conference, Texas A & M University, College Station, TX

July, 2018 Africa Meeting of the Econometrics Society, Cotonou, Benin Rep. Presenter & Participant

2016 - present Graduate Student Workshop, University of Houston

2014 - 2017 Graduate Student Brown Bag, University of Houston

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Yoruba (Native), French (Beginner)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, Matlab, R (Beginner), L^AT_EX

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

2018	Cullen Travel Grant Fellowship
2018	Africa Chapter of Econometric Society Fellowship
2014 - present	Cullen Supplemental Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston
2010 - 2011	Graduate Fellowship, University of Texas, San Antonio
2006	Zenith Bank Int. IPO Financial Award
2004	Henry Fajemirokun Prize for Best Graduating Student in Business Economics

REFERENCES

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WORKING PAPERS

"The Effects of China's Accession to the WTO on Nigeria and Other Developing Economies" (*Job Market Paper*)

Abstract:

I employ a computable general equilibrium (CGE) model to quantitatively examine the impact of China's accession into the WTO on developing economies, with a focus on Nigeria. My framework is a multi-country, multi-sector, Ricardian trade model with sectoral heterogeneity in several dimensions including the trade elasticity. I estimate the key trade elasticities and comparative advantage parameters using a gravity equation with cross country data on trade, tariff rates, and proxies for trade costs. The calibrated model has 29 sectors and 25 countries which includes advanced, middle income and emerging economies. I study the effects of bilateral tariff reductions for Nigeria and China only, as well as for the observed tariff reductions after China's WTO accession. I find that most gains accrue to low income countries. Nigeria's welfare gain is 1.20% but China gains 0.20%, United States gains 0.05% and India gains 1.49%. The primary source of these gains is increased volume of trade.

"Trade liberalization and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Nigeria"

Abstract:

This paper estimates the productivity gains to Nigeria firms from reducing tariffs on final goods and intermediate goods following China's entry to the WTO in 2001. Lower output tariffs can increase productivity by inducing more import competition, while cheaper imported inputs can raise productivity through production organization, learning and the technology embodied in the goods. I use Nigerian firm level data from 1998 to 2003, which includes firm level information on inputs, output and imported inputs, and estimate firm level production function from which I extract measures of firms' total factor productivity. I then regress total factor productivity at the firm level on tariffs. I find that a 10 percentage point fall in input tariffs leads to 0.14% productivity gains for firms that import their inputs.