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RESEARCH INTEREST

- Elders Abuse
- Ethical treatment and human rights issues of vulnerable women
- Building inclusive support and care for older adults
- Long-term caregiving for rural elders
- Violence and abuse for rural women (IPV)

EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 2023 - Present

Ph.D. Human Development and Family Science
Concentration: Adult Development and Aging
Advisor: Professor Pamela Teaster

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka May 2021

B.Sc. Cooperative Economics and Management
Top 5% of 98 students

Thesis: Effect of post-harvest losses on the income of cooperative farmers in Awka North LGA
Supervised by: Prof. Emmanuel. E. Umebali

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Clinical Management of Rape and Intimate Partner Violence in Humanitarian Settings 2022

World Health Organization on Open Learning

An Integrated Approach to Building Health Systems Resilience 2022

World Health Organization on Open Learning

Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (audited) 2022

Wesleyan University on Coursera

RESEARCH/WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research August 2023- Present

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia, USA

Assistant Social Service Officer March 2022 – June 2023
Maries topes International Organization
Lagos, Nigeria

- Educated vulnerable adults on abuse and how to identify potential abusers and report them to the right authority.
- Assisted in organizing outreaches to rural women, especially the elderly who cannot afford check-ups through our social franchise, this has benefitted over 200 women in southern, Nigeria.
- Assisted in providing survival-centered case management services to elderly women affected by conflict and specifically providing support to survivors of gender-based violence.
- Coordinated and provided care that is equitable, efficient, effective, safe, and timely.

Community Caregiver

September 2017- January 2022

St. Theresa's Care Home

Anambra, Nigeria

- Assisted the elderly with their basic needs such as bathing, washing, dressing, and eating and cultivated relationships with their family members to promote a trusted caregiver bond
- Facilitated outreaches and sensitization programs to older adults between the ages of 58 and 80 on health care and issues related to promoting overall well-being
- Organized and administered medications by the care plan
- Organized community engagement programs for older adults in the communities and have successfully conducted 4 of these programs and they focused on COVID-19 mitigation, mental health awareness, health promotion, and human rights.

Undergraduate Thesis Research (Supervisor: Prof. Emmanuel. E. Umehali) 2020 – 2021

Department of Cooperative Economics and Management, Nnamdi Azikiwe University Nigeria

- Systematically sourced for and obtained pertinent literature from the department's library and the internet to support my research on the effect of post-harvest losses on farmers' income.
- Analyzed post-harvest loss management strategies adopted by farmers using surveying methods and purposive sampling techniques of 10 active cooperative societies having a total membership size of 138.
- Primary data was obtained by administering a well-structured questionnaire to farmers through their various cooperative societies. The sample size for the distribution of the questionnaires was determined using the Taro Yamani formula and a total of 103 respondents were selected as sample size; out of which 64 were valid.
- Data collected were presented in tables and percentages and the chi-square formula was used in testing the hypothesis.
- Composed, wrote, and authored a full thesis report of the entire project containing, background to the study, relevant literature, the research methodology, findings, and recommendations.

LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Department of Medical Social Service

June 2022 – February 2023

UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital

Osogbo, Nigeria

- Provided social support which includes short-term counseling, community resource mobilization, and crisis intervention
- Consulting with physicians, patients, and family members to determine timely resolutions for problems in over 120 cases

Non - Governmental Organization (NGO) Volunteer

February – May 2022

Hope for Family Development Initiative

Osogbo, Nigeria

- Educated vulnerable women and girls on domestic violence and safety plans (precautionary measures against domestic violence) through sensitization programs.
- Encouraged the establishment of three (3) learning centers for vulnerable adults and organized a series of classes on life-building skills such as self-esteem, planning, and decision-making.

President

June 2022 – Present

Anti-Corruption Group (Community Development Service)

Osogbo, Nigeria

- In charge of organizing all the administrative activities of the CDs group.
- Serving as a linkage between the local government inspector and the corps members.
- Led sensitization campaigns geared towards encouraging people to actively participate in initiatives aimed at reforming policies and laws on corruption.

Volunteer Member

February 2022

National Youth Service Corps – Orientation Broadcasting Service (OBS)

Osogbo, Nigeria

Volunteered as the lead graphic designer at the NYSC Camp

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Tutor (Department of Cooperative Economics and Management)

2019 – 2021

Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka

Nigeria

- Mentored and intensively taught over 200 prospective undergraduates by organizing tutorial sessions on weekends.
- Created a reading club that benefitted my colleagues and students at lower levels and promoted the idea of studying amongst students.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

HOD's Award for emerging the winner of the National Association of Cooperative Economics and Management (NACEM brain) quiz competition, 2019

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member - National Institute of Management
- Member – Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC)
- Graduate member - National Association of Cooperative Economics and Management

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP ATTENDED

- Stress Management Revolutions Summit(Virtual Attendee) August, 2022
- Organizational effectiveness workshop at American Space Osogbo June 2022
- Social effects of Sexual Abuse and Prevention(Virtual Attendee) March, 2021

DIGITAL COMPETENCE

Graphic design, Web design, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel.