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Education

- Ph.D. May 2022 Public Policy Ph.D. (*Specialization: Environment & Security Policy*),
UNC Charlotte, Charlotte – U.S.A.
Dissertation: “[Three Essays on Conflict and Displacement: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria.](#)”
- MA 2015 Political Science (*Concentration: Environmental Politics & Policy Analysis*),
Appalachian State University, Boone – U.S.A.
- MIAD 2008 International Affairs and Diplomacy, Ahmadu Bello University,
Zaria – Nigeria.

Academic Experience

- a. Research/Teaching Assistant Professor (*Appalachian State University*), Government & Justice Studies,
2022 – Present.
- Fieldwork Manager (Nigeria)/Research Assistant (*UNC Charlotte*), “Displace,
Return, and Reconstruct: Population Movement and Resilient to Instability
Project,” PI: Dr. Jim Walsh, 2020 – 2022.
- Teaching Assistant/Instructor of Record (*UNC Charlotte*), “INTL 3001: Global
Environmental Crisis and Migration,” Dept: Global Studies Dept (UNC
Charlotte), Spring 2021 – Spring 2022.
- Research Assistant (*UNC Charlotte*), “Public Opinion, Learning and Sentiment
experimental lab project,” PI: Dr. Zachary Mohr, 2019 – 2020.
- Research Assistant (*UNC Charlotte*), “Counter-Terrorism Data Development
(CTD) project,” PI: Dr. Justin Conrad, 2018 – 2019.
- POLS – Lab Manager & Research Assistant (*UNC Charlotte*), “Political Emotion
and Regulation Behavior (PERAB) project,” Award 1743847, *National Science
Foundation*, PI: Dr. Cherie Maestas & Sara Levens, 2016 – 2018.
- b. Others Sustainability Program Coordinator (*Appalachian State University*), Educational
Doctoral Program, Spring 2016 – Summer 2016.
- Sustainability Fellow, Office of Sustainability (*Appalachian State University*), Fall 2014
– Spring 2016.

Professional Experience

Consultant Researcher, [Global Insight](#), New York, USA: May 2022 – Present.

Consultant Researcher (volunteer), Coalition for Collaboration on HIV/AIDS Research & Intervention (CCHR), Georgia, USA: May 2020 – May 2022.

Relationship Manager, Domestic Banking Group, Ecobank Nigeria Ltd, Kachia Road Branch, Kaduna, Nigeria: July 2011 – January 2014.

Zonal Representative (North), Customer Care Management and Operations, Oceanic Bank Int'l PLC, Kasuwar Barchi Branch, Nigeria: August 2006 – June 2011.

Grant Support

“Reversing Exodus: A field experimental study of conflict displacement and return.” A doctoral dissertation funding support under the “Displace, Return, Reconstruct Project” by the Minerva Research Initiative grant N0: W911NF1810089

Grant Applications

DoD, U.S.A: “Climate change and the psychosocial foundations of adaptation: resource competition, social cohesion, and strategic climate resilience in selected African countries.” (Estimated Project Value: \$1,000,000).

Wallenberg Foundations, Sweden: “Strengthening social capital in conflict areas by improving mental health – Evaluating the effects of randomized controlled trial in Northeastern Nigeria.” (Estimated Project Value: SEK 8,952,233)

Publications

Thompson, P.O., Hall, J., Hecker, T., & Walsh, I.J. (Submitted for publication). Trustworthy information increases return intentions of displaced persons but is undermined by posttraumatic stress. *British Journal of Political Science*.

Ademu, L.O., Gao, J., **Thompson, P.O.**, Ademu, L. (2022). Impact of short-term air pollution on respiratory infections: A Time-Series analysis of Covid-19 cases in California during the 2020 wildfire season. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

Obidoa, C., **Thompson, P.O.**, Thitsa, M., Smith, E., & Katner, H. (2022). Sexual behavior patterns of black young adults in Georgia: Results of a latent class analysis. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

Thompson, P.O., Mallum, F. & Chigbu, G. (2021). Nigeria: A narrative of competing needs between shifting global trends, sustainable transportation, and economic growth. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*.

Thompson, P.O., Ademu, L., & Ademu, L. (2021). Opium or elixir? How adherence to major world religions influences Africans' health-related behavior during a pandemic: A case study of Nigeria. In *Handbook of Africa and the Changing Global Order* (pp.1025-1046). Palgrave MacMillan Publishers.

Thompson, P.O. & Titiksha, F. (2020). Counting Lives: Colonial institutions and Africa's prevailing conflicts. In *Handbook of Africa's Political Economy* (pp.877-890). Palgrave MacMillan Publishers.

Thompson, P.O. (2017). Minority rights and environmental justice in developing countries. In *Human Rights Dilemmas in the Developing World: The case of marginalized populations at risk*. Lexington Books.

Dentith, A. M., & **Thompson, O. P.** (2017). Teaching adult ecojustice education. *New Directions for Adult and Continuing Education*, 2017(153), 65-75.

Seyeditabari, A., Levens S., Maestas, C., Shaikh S., Walsh, J.I., Zadrornzny, W., Danis, C., & **Thompson, P.O.** (2017). Cross corpus emotion classification using survey data. In *Proceedings of Symposium on Computational Modelling of Emotion: Theory and Application*.

Thompson, P., & Udogu, E. I. (2016). The roots of ethnic conflict in Africa: from grievance to violence ed. By Wanjala S. Nasong'o. *Africa Today*, 62(4), 67-72.

Conferences

a. Presentations

Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network, Berlin, 2021: "Reversing Exodus: An experimental study of the role of information and psychological processes in voluntary return." (With James I. Walsh & Jonathan Hall).

Int'l Conference on Sustainable Development, Columbia University, New York, September 2019: "Place, Perception, or Politics? Measuring U.S. Urban-Rural Natural Disaster Resilience Capacity." (with Titiksha Fernandes, and Christina M. Danis).

American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2018: "Power, Policy, and Discourse: a Comparative Analysis of the United Nations 2015 Paris Climate Agreement Speeches." (with Scott T. Fitzgerald).

South-Eastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, Milledgeville, Georgia, October 2018: "The Implication of Colonial Institutions in Africa's Prevailing Conflicts: a Story of Numbers." (with Titiksha Fernandes).

North Carolina Political Science Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 2015: "The Penetrating Influence of Social Media in Africa's Political Landscape: a Case Study of the Global Pressure on the Nigerian Government in the Wake of the *Boko Haram* Mass Kidnap."

b. Panelist/Discussant

Human Security, Violence, and Trauma: Psychological Responses and Political Impacts of Conflicts Conference, University of California, Berkeley, May 2021: "Grounding the Human Experience of Trauma."

African Studies and Research Forum 23rd Annual Conference, North Carolina Central University, Durham NC, November 2014: "Panel on African Development."

Working Papers

"Do they improve or worsen reintegration prospect? The role of traditional authorities in 'aiding' the reintegration of former combatants in post-conflict African societies."

“Social ranking and transitional justice preferences: A conjoint analysis of the victims of Boko Haram insurgency.” [With J.I. Walsh & J. Hall]

“Mothering conflict? A qualitative investigation of mothers’ influence in community-government forces violent clashes in the Niger-Delta.”

“Affective attributions: Heterogenous blame during crisis events.” [With C.D. Maestas, L.R. Atkeson, S. Levens, W. Flanders, & M. Cawvey]

“How feeble is the mind of the young? Emotional pathway to radicalization among US college students.” [With C.D. Maestas]

Invited Speaker

Global Appalachia Seminar, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, November 2014: “International Mountain Ranges: Connections between the Appalachians and Other Mountains.”

Scholarships & Awards

[Conference Travel Grant](#), American Political Science Association (APSA), 2021.

Graduate Assistant Support Program (GASP), UNC Charlotte, 2016 – 2021.

First Generation Scholar Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019.

Graduate School Summer Fellowship, UNC Charlotte, 2019.

Appalachian Global Leadership Award, Appalachian State University, Boone, 2015.

Adam P. Kephart Scholarship for International Programs, Appalachian State University, Boone, 2015.

Additional Training

[Advancing Research in Conflict Consortium](#) (ARCC), 2019.

Advancing Research in Conflict Field Preparedness, Security Awareness, and First Aid Training

Project Mosaic Workshop, UNC Charlotte, 2017

Topic Modelling and Basic Text Analysis with R

Project Mosaic Workshop, UNC Charlotte, 2016.

Multilevel Modelling with STATA

Skills

Software

Proficient in STATA, ArcGIS, Nvivo, Qualtrics

Language

Proficient in English, Hausa, Pidgin, and Idoma languages

Community Service

Mentor: Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) Mentorship Program. Mentored gifted college graduates from African countries to help them secure admissions to social sciences' graduate programs in North America. [2020 – 2022].

Senator: Graduate Public Policy Association, UNC Charlotte. Represented the Public Policy Students at the Graduate & Professional Student Government. [Academic year 2018 – 2019].

Organizer: “Ecojustice Leadership Academy” (A four-day seminar at Appalachian State University Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership that explores the role of educators in a time of ecological crisis). [Summer 2017].

Member: Search Committee for the Ass. Director of International Students and Scholarship Office at Appalachian State University, Boone. [Fall 2015].

Volunteer: Justice, Development & Peace Commission – Our Lady’s Catholic Church, Kaduna – Nigeria. [2000 – 2004]

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Institute de Diplomatie Publique (Institute of Public Diplomacy)
South Eastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)
North Carolina Political Science Association (NCPSA)
African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
African Studies in Europe (AEGIS)