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Academic Positions

Michigan State University,
Department of Community Sustainability (from August 2020)
Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics
Assistant Professor, August 2017 –
Pepperdine University,
Assistant Professor of Economics, August 2015 – July 2017

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: Ph.D. (2015).
Business Economics
Cornell University, Ithaca: M. Eng. (2004)
Chemical Engineering
Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria: B.Sc. (1999)
Chemical Engineering

Papers and Publications

(† - with MSU Graduate Student, * - with non-MSU graduate student, ** - with undergrad)

Peer-Reviewed Publications (16)

Olabisi, M., Richardson, R., and Adelaja, A., (2022) **Closing Africa's Renewable Energy Financing Gap**
Africa Year in Review (Published Jan 2023)

Olabisi, M., Richardson, R., and Adelaja, A., (2022) **The Next Global Crisis: Africa's Renewable Energy Financing Gap**
Climate and Development (Published online Sep 2022)

Olabisi, M., and Richardson, R., (2022) **Why the Poor Pay Higher Energy Prices: Evidence from Tanzania**
World Development Perspectives 26 (June): 100414

Mora, J. and Olabisi, M. (2022) **Economic Development and Export Diversification: The Role of Trade Costs**

International Economics (Published online Nov 2022)

Ashworth, J., and Olabisi, M. (2022) **Distance and Mismatch in Graduate School Selection**

Education Economics (Published online Feb 2022)

* Olabisi, M., Obekpa, H.O. and Liverpool-Tasie, L.S.O. (2021) **Is Growing Your Own Food Necessary for Dietary Diversity? Evidence from Nigeria**

Food Policy 104 (Oct): 102144

Olabisi, M., Tschirley, D., Nyange, D. and Awokuse, T. (2021) **Does Trade Protectionism Promote Domestic Food Security? Evidence from Tanzanian Edible Oil Imports**

Global Food Security 28 (3) 100470

Mora, J. and Olabisi, M. (2021) **Export Growth Drivers and Econ. Development**
Empirical Economics (Published online Jan 2022)

Olabisi, M. and Sawyer, W C. (2021) **The Demand for Imports and Exports in Africa: A Survey**

Journal of African Trade 7 (1-2) 45–59

Olabisi, M. (2020) **Trade Shocks and Youth Jobs**

IZA Labour Policy 10 (1) 2020011

Olabisi, M. (2020) **Input-Output Linkages and Sectoral Volatility**

Economica 87 (347): 713–746

Mora, J. and Olabisi, M. (2020) **Economic Development and the Margins of Trade: Are the Least Developed Countries Different?**

Economic Inquiry 59 (2): 600-621

Olabisi, M, Blanco, L., Mora, J. and Prieger, J. (2020) **Export Survival in Africa and Latin America: Diversification, Synergies and Competition**

Southern Economic Journal 87 (1): 245-273

Olabisi, M., Tschirley, D., Nyange, D. and Awokuse, T. (2019) **Energy Demand Substitution from Biomass to Imported Kerosene: Evidence from Tanzania**

Energy Policy 130 (7): 243–252

Olabisi, M. (2019) **Bridging the Enforcement Gap in International Trade: Participation in the New York Convention on Arbitration**

Journal of International Business Policy 2 (1): 86–109

Olabisi, M. (2017) **The Impact of Exporting and FDI on Product Innovation: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturers**

Contemporary Economic Policy 35 (4): 735–750

Olabisi, M. and Stein, H (2015) **Sovereign Bond Issues: Do African Countries Pay More to Borrow?**

Journal of African Trade 2 (1-2): 87–109

Submitted Journal Articles (2)

Olabisi, M., Liu, J., Maredia, M., Ajeigbe, H.A., Ajibade, T.B. (2022) **In-Group Competition for Incentives**

(Submitted to *Journal of Development Economics*)

** Olabisi, M. and Nicolaysen, M. (2022) **Discrimination in Retail**

(Submitted to *Journal of Consumer Affairs*)

Articles in Preparation (7)

Economic Development and Export Growth: The Role of Trade Costs

(with Mora, J.)

Gender Participation Rates in Food Value Chains: Evidence from Nigeria

(with Maredia, M., Ajeigbe, H.A., and Ajibade, T.B.)

Market Linkages in the West African Food Value Chain

(with Maredia, M., Ajeigbe, H.A., and Ajibade, T.B.)

Why Bulk Discounts for Food Elude the Poor: Evidence from Tanzania

(Previously submitted to the *Journal of Development Economics*, with Persaud, A.)

Sovereign Bond Issues: Why African Countries Still Pay More to Borrow

(with Stein, H.)

Trade and Global Economic Shocks: A Network Perspective

Market Linkages and Price Volatility: Evidence from Nigerian Grain Markets

Published Working Papers Not Peer-Reviewed (3)

Olabisi, M. (2019) **Export Diversification: Evidence from Sino-African Trade**
(SSRN Working Paper)

Olabisi, M., Tschirley, D., Nyange, D. and Awokuse, T. (2018) **The Challenge of Substituting Sunflower Oil for Imported Palm Oil: Evidence from Tanzania**
(FSP Working Paper)

Olabisi, M. (2016) **Demand Volatility and Export Entry**
(FREIT Working Paper)

Service

Committee Service for Department(s)

2022-23 - CSUS Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Committee Chair)

2023 - AFRE MS - Theses Selection Awards Committee

2022 - CSUS Award Review Committee

2021-22 - CSUS Undergraduate Advisory Council Committee

2019-21 - AFRE Graduate Placement Committee

2018 - AFRE Graduate Dissertation Award Committee

Other Service

Reviewer for Energy Policy Journal

Reviewer for Agricultural Economics Journal

Reviewer for Population and Environment Journal

NSF SBE Advisory Board

Carnegie Africa Diaspora Fellowship Program - Review and Conf. Committee Service

Mentoring and Student Advising

2021– Doctoral Student - Liu Jiawen

2022– Masters Student - Asma Sampa

2022– Undergraduate Research Mentor for William Carvalho and Shubham Aggarwal

2020-22 Honors College Undergraduate Research Mentor for Maren Nicolaysen

2019-20 Honors College Undergraduate Research Mentor for Allan Kiambuthi

2020-22 Doctoral Dissertation Committee for Jun-Tae Park (Graduated 2022)

2019-21 Doctoral Dissertation Committee for Jeognhwan Choi (Graduated 2021)

2018-20 Doctoral Student Supervision for Rahul Dhar

2018-19 Doctoral Student Supervision for Ahmed Salim Nuhu

2018-20 Research Instructor and Mentor to NAPP Doctoral Visitors to MSU: Obekpa, Hephzibah; Sule, Balarabba; Onyinye Choko and Olumba, Charles

External Grants, Fellowships, Awards and Research Visits

2021: **Feed the Future: Legume Systems Innovation Lab**

Lead Principal Investigator on research grant to study value chain linkages between markets in West Africa, Phases I & II (with Maredia, M. and Crawford, E.).

(~\$775,000)

2020: National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator on, Trade and Global Economic Shocks: A Network Perspective.

(~\$75,000)

2019: Feed the Future: Legume Systems Innovation Lab

Lead Principal Investigator on research grant to study value chain linkages between markets in West Africa, Commissioned Activity, (with Maredia, M.).

(~\$104,000)

2018, 2016: Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship

Full travel grant for a research visit. Selected for an international research/teaching collaboration with peers from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Mentored graduate students and taught a research methods workshop during the 2016 visit.

2016, 2015: AEA-NSF Travel Grants

Received funds to travel, and participate in the National Science Foundation Summer Pipeline Conference in Albuquerque NM (July 2015), the AEA Annual meetings in San Francisco CA (January 2016) and the WEAI Conference in Portland OR (July 2016). Mentored prospective economics graduate students from under-represented backgrounds and presented research papers at the Summer Pipeline meetings.

2013: Advanced Graduate Workshop on Globalization and Development

Full travel, board and conference tuition grant. Selected from a global pool of applicants for a two-week workshop in Bangalore, India, organized by Columbia University's Initiative for Policy Dialogue. Presented preliminary work on export failure –the extensive margin of trade.

2010: National Science Foundation, East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes (OISE-1014618)

Selected in US-wide competition for East Asia research visitor program. Attached to the National University of Singapore from June to August 2010. Worked on product innovation impacts of FDI and export participation. (See Publications section).

(Expenses + ~\$5,000)

Internal Grants and Awards

2018: TPP Research Grant

Two-year grant awarded for pilot research projects to study linkages in food value chains, by the Tanzania Partnership Program (TPP) at Michigan State University.

(~\$30,000)

2016: Rothschild Applied Research Fellowship

One-year fellowship and cash grant awarded to an outstanding researcher at Pepperdine University's Graziadio School of Business and Management.

(~\$5,000)

2016: Cross-School Collaborative Research Award

Received funds to support research projects that cross boundaries within Pepperdine University. Joint research project with James Prieger and Luisa Blanco of the School of Public Policy, selected from university-wide search. (See Works in Progress section.) (~\$16,000)

Conferences and Other Presentations

† - Invited Presentations, Seminars and Panels

2023: **Global Convening for the Legume Systems Innovation Research Lab, Livingstone Zambia.** Feb 20-24, Led a team that presented work on market linkages.

2023: **American Economic Association Conference, New Orleans.** Jan 07-08, Presented papers on economic development and trade costs.

2022: **Canadian Economic Association Conference, Ottawa Canada.** Jun 02-05, Presented paper on economic development and trade costs.

2022: † **University of Michigan Ross Alumni Speaker Series.** Apr 1. Presentation on Climate Issues in Academia and Beyond.

2022: † **United Nations Conference, Johannesburg South Africa (Online Presentation).** Mar 1. Presented paper on Challenges of Financing Sustainable Energy Transition for African countries.

2021: † **University of Richmond, Richmond VA.** Dec 4. Seminar on joint work with Alexander Persaud on Prices and Poverty.

2021: † **Bayero University Kano Center for Dryland Agriculture, Kano Nigeria.** Nov 2021. International Presentation - about work on Linkages and Price Volatility in Food Markets.

2021: † **University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN.** Nov 4 Trade and Development Seminar Series. Presented work on Linkages and Price Volatility in Food Markets.

2021: **Carnegie Africa Diaspora Fellows Conference, Washington DC.** Oct 05-08, Conference Steering Committee Member.

2021: **Western Economic Association International Conference, Hawaii HI.** Jun 26-29. Presented paper on trade costs and trade margins.

2021: **Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD) Conference at NYU.** May 6-8. Presented joint work with Alexander Persaud on Prices and Poverty.

2021: † **UCLA Africa Studies Center, Los Angeles CA.** April 30. Presented paper on Financing Sustainable Energy Transition for African countries.

2020: **Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) China's Economic Engagement with the African Continent Conference, Oxford UK.** Accepted paper on Sino-African Trade.

2019: **Midwest Macro Meetings Fall 2019, East Lansing MI.** Accepted paper on linkages and sectoral volatility.

2019: † **Pepperdine University, Malibu CA.** Fall 2019 PEP Talk Seminar Series. Presented work on Linkages and Volatility

2019: **Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco CA.** Presented paper on linkages and sectoral volatility.

2019: **American Economics Association Conference, Atlanta GA.** Presented joint work with Jared Ashworth.

2018: **Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Conference, Washington DC.** Presented paper on international trade margins

2017: **Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa FL.** Presented multiple papers

2017: **Western Economic Association Conference, San Diego CA.** Presented multiple papers

2016: **Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC.** Presented Paper: Determinants of Export Survival and Failure: Evidence from Firm-Level Export Transactions.

2016: **European Trade Study Group Conference, Helsinki, Finland.** Presented Paper: Demand Volatility and Export Entry.

2016: **American Econ. Association Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference, East Lansing MI.** Presented Paper: Sectoral Volatility and Input-Output Linkages.

2016: **Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conference, Portland OR.** Presented Paper: The Impact of Exporting and FDI on Product Innovation: Evidence from Chinese Manufacturers.

2015: **American Economic Association Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference, Albuquerque NM.** Presented Paper: Demand Volatility and Export Entry.

2015: **Trans-Atlantic Doctoral Conference at the London School of Economics, London UK.** Presented Paper: Demand Volatility and Export Entry.

2012: **American Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington DC.** Presented: Trade and the Convention on Foreign Arbitral Awards.

2011: **European University Institute Global Governance Program Conference, Florence, Italy.** Presented Preliminary Paper: Participation in the New York Convention on Arbitration.

2010: **National Science Foundation/NRF East Asia Pacific Summer Institute Research Presentation, Singapore.** Presented Preliminary Paper: FDI Flows, Exporting and Product Innovation.

Teaching

Michigan State University, Sustainable Development (CSUS 824: 2022)

Michigan State University, Public Policy for the Agrifood System (AFRE 300: 2018-20, 2022)

Michigan State University, Undergraduate Research Seminar (UGS 200H: 2018-20)

Michigan State University, Agribusiness Strategic Management (FIM 439: 2018-20)

Pepperdine University, Macroeconomics (ECNM 592: 2015-17)

Pepperdine University, Economic Concepts (ECNM 592: 2015-17)

Pepperdine University, Managerial Economics (ECNM 602: 2015-17)

Other Experience and Service

2015–2017 **Associate Board Member, Non-Profit**, Shelter Partnership (Los Angeles)

2008–2009 **Board Member, Non-Profit**, North Minneapolis Meals on Wheels

2005–2008 **Advisory Services Senior Associate**, KPMG

2001–2003 **Advisory Services Senior Associate**, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Languages

Chinese: Beginner

French: Intermediate

Yoruba: Native

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