

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- ❖ PhD Agricultural Economics: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas- August 2017 - date
- ❖ MSc Agricultural Economics: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas (2017)
- ❖ MSc Investments (Distinction): Birmingham Business School, *University of Birmingham, UK*.
Dissertation: Exchange Rate and Stock Price interactions: Analysis of UK firms
- ❖ BSc Agricultural Economics (Second Class Upper): *University of Ibadan, Nigeria*

Publications

Ekong, Olabisi., Gutiérrez, Elizabeth. and Vilorio, Nelson. NAFTA: What's Next? *AgManager* (May 1, 2018) accessed at <http://www.agmanager.info/agribusiness-management/macro-and-global-economic-perspectives>

Presentations

Ekong, Olabisi., Kara, Ross., and Nti Frank. (2016) An assessment of factors affecting profitability in poultry production in Ghana. Paper presentation at Missouri Valley Economic Association Conference, St Louis, Missouri, USA. October 2016.

Ekong Olabisi, and Brian Briggeman (2019). Evaluating the feasibility of consolidations in agricultural cooperatives. Paper presentation at American Association of Agricultural Economics (AAEA) Conference, Atlanta, Georgia USA, July 2019.

Facilitator - Wildcat Dialogues, Kansas State University, USA, September 2019

Awards and Scholarships

- Treasurer – Graduate Student Council (2019 -2020)
- CoBank Research Fellowship Award 2018-2019 - \$5,000
- Treasurer – African Students Union (2018 -2019)
- Certificate of Achievement, Kansas State University Graduate Student Awards, 2017
- Fellow, Center for Risk Management, Education and Research (2016)
- Kansas State Alumni International Award 2016 - \$500
- Ruby Newham International Scholarship 2016 -\$1500

Professional and Volunteer Experience

- ❖ **Graduate Research Assistant – Dr Nelson Villoria**
Kansas State University, Summer 2018 -
Responsibilities:

- Attended online course titled – “Global Change and the Challenge of Sustainably Feeding a Growing Planet”
- Learnt a new software – SIMPLE on GEMPACK platform
- Replicated paper by Hertel et al. (2016) – “Debunking the ‘new normal’: Why world food prices are expected to resume their long run downward trend”.
- Engaged in writing literature review useful for Identifying research questions and strategies in answering these questions.

❖ **Graduate Research Assistant – Dr Elizabeth Yeager**

Kansas State University, Spring 2018

Responsibilities:

- Engaged in writing literature review and researching wheat prices for a grant proposal.

❖ **Graduate Teaching Assistant – Ed Perry**

Kansas State University, Spring 2018

Responsibilities:

- Graded homework assignments for AGECE 120
- In class supervision assistance for tests and examinations

❖ **Graduate Research Assistant – Dr Kara Ross, METSS**

Kansas State University, Spring 2015 – till date

Responsibilities:

- Data Management, model building and analysis.
- Engage in literature review search and report writing.

❖ **Graduate Teaching Assistant – Nathan Hendricks**

Kansas State University, Spring 2015

Responsibilities:

- Graded quiz and examination papers for AGECE 315
- In class supervision assistance for tests and examinations
- Uploaded documents into CANVAS as and when needed

❖ **Co-President January 2015 – August 2015**

World Friendship Organization

(An organization established to provide support for Americans and International women to transition into new homes and making new friends.

Responsibilities:

- Scheduled and anchored meetings and welcomed new members.
- Responsible for organisation directory, social media outlets and responded to inquiries.
- Liaised and interacted with other leaders and members via mail and face to face contact.

❖ **Graduate Research Assistant, to Professor Victor Murinde**

Birmingham Business School UK, August 2008- November 2008

Responsibilities:

- Data collation and analysis using financial ratio and accessed the competitiveness of financial service sectors in emerging countries.

- Designed and specified models to identify trends, patterns and behaviours in the financial service sectors.
- Made recommendations based on generated results.

❖ **Analyst**, February 2008 – January 2011

HSBC Bank Plc., United Kingdom

Responsibilities:

- Relationship Management and risk assessment on credit portfolios.
- Conducted market and economic research on accounts to assess their effectiveness in terms of product satisfaction, credit default etc
- Developed problem solving skills to identify, restructure delinquent accounts and proffer repayment solutions.

❖ **Team Leader**, Retail/ Commercial Banking, September 2003 – September 2007

Access Bank Plc., Nigeria

Responsibilities:

- Personal banking and relationship management to diverse customers.
- Analyzed financial information to assess the credit worthiness of clients.
- Monitored, coached and conducted feedback sessions for team members.

❖ **Analyst**, 2003

Capital Bancorp Limited Nigeria (Stockbroking, Issuing house and Investment firm)

Responsibilities:

- Developed various strategies for collecting and collating financial data.
- Analysed and interpreted financial reports with the use of financial ratios.
- Prepared reports and recommendations with results obtained using various valuation models.