

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
PhD in Human Development and Family Studies
Dissertation: Three essays on food insecurity and child welfare
Date of Graduation: August 2009

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Master of Science in Human Development and Family Studies
Thesis: Family Structure, Relationship Satisfaction and Child Educational Outcomes: Evidence from an African American Sample
Date of Graduation: August 2006

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Master of Science in Economics
Thesis: Determinants and Wage Effects of Computer Adoption in Eastern Europe
Date of graduation: August 2003

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
Bachelor of Science in Economics
Thesis: Human Capital Development and Economic Growth: Nigeria
Date of graduation: February 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow, February 2012-date

International Food Policy Research Institute, Abuja, Nigeria

- Conducting research on food insecurity, social networks, technology adoption, and other areas related to agricultural productivity and nutrition.

Consultant, August 2011-January 2012

International Food Policy Research Institute, Abuja, Nigeria

- Research consultant on survey examining the relationship between food insecurity, social capital and agricultural productivity in Nigeria.

Postdoctoral Researcher, August 2009-July 2011

Department of Economics, Iowa State University

- Evaluation of the relationship between wages, employee skills and employee characteristics in Botswana (World Bank funded project).
- Evaluating the returns to firms of workplace training programs in Mauritius (World Bank funded project).

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University

- Evaluating the effectiveness of training programs in community leadership and poverty reduction in forty rural communities in Iowa

HONORS

- Harold W. Davey Scholarship for Labor Economics in September of 2003
- College of Human Sciences Graduate Student Scholarship, 2006
- Graduate College Scholarship, Iowa State University, 2001- 2009
- University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) emerging diversity scholar citation, 2010

PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED PAPERS

Kuku, Oluyemisi, Gundersen, Craig, and Garasky, Steven (2011). Differences in Food Insecurity between Adults and Children in Zimbabwe. *Food Policy*, 36(2), 311-317.

Kuku, Oluyemisi, Garasky, Steve & Gundersen, Craig (2012). The relationship between childhood obesity and food insecurity: A nonparametric analysis. *Applied Economics*, 44(21), 2667-2677.

Kuku, Yemisi, Orazem, Peter & Singh, Rajesh (2007). Computer adoption and returns in transition, *Economics of Transition*, 15, 33-56.

Gundersen, Craig, **Kuku, Yemisi** and Kelly, Thomas (2007). Differences in food insecurity and hunger between girls and boys: Evidence from Zimbabwe. UNU-WIDER research paper 2007/53

WORK IN PROGRESS

Kuku, Oluyemisi & Orazem, Peter (2013). Do Training Funds Raise the Pace of Training? The Case of Mauritius. Working paper submitted to Education Economics.

Kuku, Oluyemisi & Orazem, Peter (2013). Returns to workplace skills in Botswana: the difference between time in school and work and ability on the job. Working paper.

Kuku, Oluyemisi & Liverpool-Tasie, Saweda (2013). The relationship between food insecurity and family structure in Nigeria. Working paper.

PRESENTATIONS AND SESSIONS

Kuku, Oluyemisi & Liverpool, Saweda . Disentangling the relationship between food insecurity and family structure in Nigeria. Paper presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, July 2010.

Kuku, Yemisi, Garasky, Steve & Gundersen, Craig. The Relationship between Food Insecurity and Childhood Obesity: A Non-Parametric Approach. Poster presentation at the HDFs Student Research Symposium, April 2009.

Chair, Food Expenditure Session. American Council of Consumer Interests (ACCI) and American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) Joint Annual Meeting; July 2008.

Kuku, Yemisi, Garasky, Steve & Gundersen, Craig. The Relationship between Food Insecurity and Childhood Obesity: A Non-Parametric Approach. Paper presented at the Midwest Economic Association Conference, March 2008.

Kuku, Yemisi, & Gundersen, Craig. Differences in Food Insecurity between Adults and Children in Zimbabwe based on Adult and Child Reports. Paper presented at the Midwest Economic Association Conference, March 2007.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Reviewer, *Food Policy*
 - Reviewer, *The Review of Black Political Economy*
 - Reviewer, *Natural Resource Modeling*
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SKILLS

- Fluent in English and Yoruba (Nigerian language)
 - STATA, SAS, SPSS
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2006 to August 2009

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University.

- Analyzed data related to economic stress and obesity utilizing the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)
- Provided research assistance in a study of non resident father involvement in a child's life as measured by child support and in-kind support receipt. Analyses involved probit, logistic and biprobit regressions of data utilizing the PSID

This resulted in the following publications:

Garasky, S., Stewart, S., Gundersen, C., & Lohman, B. (in press). Toward a fuller understanding of nonresident father involvement: An examination of child support, in-kind support, and visitation. *Population Research and Policy Review* .

Garasky, S., Stewart, S. D., Lohman B. J., Gundersen, C., & Eisenmann, J. (2009). Family stressors and child obesity. *Social Science Research*, 38, 755-766.

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2005 to July 2006

Institute for Social and Behavioral Research, Iowa State University

- Constructed a longitudinal data set from several rounds of the Family and Community Health Survey (FACHS) data set. Carried out cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses of the impact of family structure as well as relationship satisfaction on child educational outcomes
- Transformed DOT codes into occupational categories based on wages reported by the US department of Labor.

Graduate Research Assistant, Summer 2005

*Community Development – Data Information and Analysis Laboratory (CD-DIAL),
Sociology Department, Iowa State University*

- Assisted in the development of a report on child care in Iowa by reviewing literature, assisting with data retrieval and analysis and report writing.

This project resulted in the following report:

Larson, K., Artz, G., Hegland, S., Otto, D., and Kuku, Y. (2005). Child Care, Parents and Work: The Economic Role of Child Care in Iowa. Report.

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2004 to May 2005

Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Economics Department, Iowa State University

- Assisted in investigating a cost benefit analysis of vitamin A biofortification in South Africa.

Graduate Research Assistant, August 2002 to August, 2004

Department of Economics, Iowa State University

- Investigated whether external economic and spatial characteristics were associated with a differential in health status and risky behavior.

Research and Training Assistant, March 2000 to February, 2001

National Center for Economic Management and Administration, Ibadan, Nigeria.

- Conducted literature reviews, analyzed data, edited documents and assisted in developing materials for training government officials in statistical analysis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor HDFS 395: Children, Families and Public Policy, Fall 2008.

Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University

- Prepared course syllabus and lessons
- Taught lessons
- Prepared and graded homework and exams
- Advised and graded student research projects

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Introductory Microeconomics, Fall 2001 to summer 2002

Department of Economics, Iowa State University

- Conducted independent review sessions
- Led discussion groups
- Graded assignments and exams and maintained weekly office hours for students.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

African Econometric Society (AES)

Midwest Economic Association (MEA)

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
