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Education

- 2025 [anticipated] Ph.D., Sociology, University of Florida
Areas of Concentration: Medical Sociology; Demography
Dissertation Title: Preventive Healthcare Experiences of Black Immigrants in the United States: Exploring Inequalities in Access and Utilization.
- 2018 M.Sc., Demography [*minor: Social Statistics*], Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.
- 2012 B.Sc., Demography [*minor: Social Statistics*], Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.

Areas of Research and Teaching Interests

Global Health; Social Determinants of Health, and Healthcare Utilization; Health Disparities; Substance Use; Sexual, Reproductive, and Maternal Health; Demography; and Intimate Partner Violence.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Alawode O.A & Awoloye A.F. Prevalence, Trend, and Correlates of Child Fostering in Nigeria, 2008-2018: Findings from a National Survey. *Child & Youth Services* (2024). [Link to Paper](#)

Nicholson, H. L., Jr. & **Alawode, O. A.** (2024). Determinants of Prescription Opioid misuse among Black Americans: Evidence from the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. *Addictive Behaviors* 149 (2024), e13081. [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., Bolarinwa, O.A., Hajjar, J.M., Chukwudeh, S.O., & Yaya S. Is Intimate Partner Violence vertically transmitted among women in sub-Sahara Africa? Evidence from demographic and health surveys between 2010 and 2019. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. 22(262). [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., **Alawode, O.A.**, Jegede O.T. & Adeleye K. Exposure to Parental Violence and Self-reported violence among adolescent girls in Nigeria: Evidence from a national survey. *International Journal of Sexual Health*. 35(4) (2023). [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., **Alawode, O.A.**, Awoloye, A.F. & Ilesanmi, B.B. Internet Use, Exposure to Digital Family Planning Messages, and Sexual Agency among Partnered Women in Northern Nigeria: Implications for Digital Family Planning Intervention. *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*. 31(4); 2261681 (2023). [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O. A., & Nicholson, H. L., Jr. (2023). Health literacy and uptake of annual physical checkups among emerging adults in the United States: Findings from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. *Sociology Compass*, e13081. [Link to Paper](#)

Bolarinwa O. A., Hajjar J.M., **Alawode, O.A.**, Ajayi, K.V., Roberts A.T., & Yaya S. (2023). Multiple High-Risk Fertility Behaviours and Children Under-Five Mortality Survivors among married women of Reproductive age in Nigeria. *Archives of Public Health* 88, 175 (2023). [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., Okeke, S.R., Sah, R.K., & Bolarinwa, O.A. Prevalence and determinants of intention to use modern contraceptives among grand-multiparous women in sub-Saharan Africa. *Archives of Public Health* 80, 246 (2022). [Link to Paper](#)

Bolarinwa, O.A., Afaya, A., Ajayi, K.V, Ojo, A. & **Alawode**, O.A. Prevalence and factors associated with the use of long-acting reversible and permanent contraceptive methods among women who desire no more children in high fertility countries in sub-Saharan Africa. *BMC Public Health* **22**, 2141 (2022). [Link to Paper](#)

Awolaye, A.F., **Alawode**, O.A., Chima, V., Okunlola D. A., & Obisie, S. (2022). Rural-Urban differentials in the relationship between household wealth index and maternal anemia status in Nigeria. *Health Care for Women International*; [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., **Alawode**, O.A., Awolaye, A.F., & Oyelola, A. (2022). Exploring the Hierarchies: Multilevel Correlates of Child Mortality in Nigeria and Implications for Interventions. *Global Social Welfare* **9** (2022). [Link to Paper](#)

Nicholson, H. L., Jr., Wheeler, P.B., Smith, N.C., & **Alawode**, O.A., (2022) Examining the Relationship between Discrimination and Prescription Drug Misuse: Findings from a National Survey of Black Americans. *Substance Use & Misuse*, **57:7**, 1014-1021; [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., Ogunwemimo, H.S., Bolorunduro, M-E., & Awolaye, A.F. Age at Sexual Debut and Multiple Sexual Partnership among Adolescents in Nigeria: An Assessment of the Mediating Role of the Knowledge of Sexually Transmitted Infections. *Adolescents* (2021), **1** (4), 421-432; [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., Analysis of Non-Marital Fertility in Nigeria and Implications for Intervention and Future Research. *Social Sciences* (2021), **10**(7), 256; [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., Bolarinwa, O.A., **Alawode**, O.A, & Adetutu, O. M. (2020) Determinants of non-participation in Labour force among women of reproductive age in Nigeria. *African Population Studies* (2020), **34** (2), 5171-5186. [Link to Paper](#)

Chima V., **Alawode**, O.A, Awolaye, A.F., Hawa. O & Chima, I.L. (2020) Demographic and Psychosocial Determinants of Life Satisfaction Among Youths in Nigeria: Evidence from Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey. *International Journal of Social Science Research* (2020), **8** (2), 266-286. [Link to Paper](#)

Okunlola D. A., **Alawode**, O.A, Bolarinwa, O.A, Agbeja, O.I, & Awolaye, A.F. (2020) Socio-Demographic, Economic & Psychological Correlates of Risky Sexual Behaviour Among Sexually Active Young People in Nigeria. *Global Journal of Health Science* (2020), **12** (8), 9-26. [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., Chima, V., & Awolaye, A.F. (2019) Household Characteristics as Determinants of Ownership of Mosquito Nets in Urban Households in Nigeria. *Scientific African* (2019), **6** (2019) e00156, 16-27. [Link to Paper](#)

Chima, V., & **Alawode**, O.A., (2019) Modern Contraceptive Use among Female Adolescents in Rural Nigeria: Does Exposure to Family Planning Messages Matter? *Gates Open Research* **2019**, **3**:627. [Link to Paper](#)

Alawode, O.A., (2019) Levels and Correlates of Health Insurance Coverage in Nigeria: Evidence from 2013 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey. *African Journal of Health Economics* (2019), **6** (3), 16-27. [Link to Paper](#)

Awolaye A.F., Chima V., & **Alawode**, O.A., (2018). Women Autonomy and Maternal Healthcare Services Utilization among Young ever-married women in Nigeria. *International Journal of Nursing and Midwifery*, **10**(6), 62-73. [Link to Paper](#)

Other Publications [Non-Peer Reviewed]

Chima, V., **Alawode**, O.A., Arinze, I. & Olashore, E.A. Socio-Demographic Determinants of Accepting Behaviour Towards HIV Infected Persons in Nigeria (2018). Available at SSRN: [Link to Paper](#)

Obasesam, E.E., Opara, I.F., & **Alawode**, O.A. (2020) With TCI Support, Abia State Sees 108% Increase in Annual Client Volume. Available online at [Link to Publication](#)

Works Under Review

Alawode O.A., Relationship between Educational Assortative Mating and the Utilization of Reproductive Healthcare Services in Nigeria: Evidence from a National Survey [*Under review at Journal of Biosocial Science*].

Okeke-Obayemi D.O, **Alawode O.A.**, Okeke S.R., Mwaniki S.W., Mabhala, A., Mullens A.B, Bolarinwa O.A. Prevalence and Determinants of HIV Testing among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in 28 sub-Saharan African Countries [*Under review at BMC Public Health*].

Alawode O.A & Bolarinwa O.A. Determinants of maternity services utilization: a multi-level analysis across sub-Saharan Africa [*Under review at BMC Health Services Research*].

Azubuike C.D & **Alawode O.A** Delayed Healthcare due to Cost among Adults living with Multimorbidity in the United States [*Under review at Health Science Reports*].

Alawode O.A Exploring Intersectional Barriers to Preventive Healthcare Utilization among Young Adults in the United States. [*Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*].

In Preparation

Oluwatobi A. Alawode & Barbara Zsembik Influenza Vaccination Uptake and Associated Factors among African-Born Immigrant Adults in the United States [Draft Available].

Oluwatobi A. Alawode & Barbara Zsembik. Exploring Disparities in Preventive Healthcare Utilization among African-born Immigrant Adults in the United States.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode. Are Women in Heterogamous Relationships at Higher Risk of Intimate Partner Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa?

Oluwatobi A. Alawode. Intersectional Approach to Understanding Disparities in Breast Cancer Screening among Women in Four Low-Income Countries.

Oluwatobi A. Alawode & Barbara Zsembik. Exploring Access to Preventive Care among U.S. Born and Foreign-Born Blacks in the United States: Are explanatory factors similar?

Presentations

Exploring Disparities in Preventive Healthcare Utilization among African-born Immigrant Adults in the United States. Paper presentation at the 2024 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia from 16 – 18, October 2024.

Are Women in Heterogamous Relationships at Higher Risk of Intimate Partner Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa? Flash presentation at the 2024 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia from 16 – 18, October 2024.

Black-White Disparities in the Relationship between Perception of Neighborhood Safety and Physical Activity. Poster presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana from 3 – 6, April 2024.

Perception of Community Health Resources and the management of Chronic Health Conditions: Exploring the link and Implications. Poster presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana from 3 – 6, April 2024.

Influenza Vaccination Uptake and Associated Factors Among African-born Immigrant Adults. Poster presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana from 12 – 15, April 2023.

Identifying the Predictors of Preventive Care Utilization Among Middle-aged Residents of Rural Areas. Paper presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama from 6 – 9, April 2022.

Decadal Analysis of the Level and Correlates of Child Fostering in Nigeria: Insights from the Demographic and Health Survey, 2008 - 2018. Paper presentation at 2021 International Population Conference, Hyderabad, India from 5 – 10, December 2021. [Virtual in December 2021].

Understanding the Determinants of Intention to Use Modern Contraceptives among Grand Multiparous Women in 10 Highest Fertility Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Paper presentation at 2021 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN from 4 – 6, October 2021 [Cancelled due to COVID-19].

Sexual Infidelity Among Married Women in Sub-Saharan Africa: Examining the Role of Couple's Co-residence, Socioeconomic and Demographic Disparities. Paper presentation at 2021 Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN from 4 – 6, October 2021 [Cancelled due to COVID-19].

Levels and Correlates of Health Insurance Coverage in Nigeria: Evidence from 2013 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey. Paper presentation at 8th African Population Conference, Entebbe, Uganda from 19 – 22, November 2019.

Exploring the influence of subjective well-being on the fertility intention of currently married women in Nigeria. Paper presentation at the 2019 Population Association of Nigeria Conference, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria from 10 – 12, June 2019.

Non-Marital Fertility in Nigeria: Levels, Patterns and Associated Factors. Paper presentation at the Population Association of America (PAA) 2019 Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, USA from 9 – 12, April 2019.

Nonuse of contraceptive among never-married women in Nigeria: Who, Where and Why? Paper presented at the 5th Nigeria Family Planning Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, 3-6 December 2018.

Household Characteristics as determinants of the ownership of Mosquito nets in Urban Nigeria. Paper presented at the 15th International Conference on Urban Health, Kampala, Uganda, 26-30 November 2018.

Modern Contraceptive Use among Adolescents in Rural Nigeria: Does Exposure to Family Planning Messages Matter? Paper presented at the 14th International Family Planning Conference, Kigali, Rwanda, 13 – 16, August 2019.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor in Sociology

August 2022 – Present

- My duties included teaching undergraduate students SYG 2000 [Principles of Sociology], grading papers, and attending office hours, which I have done for Fall 2022; Fall, Summer & Spring 2023; and Fall, Summer & Spring 2024.
- Teaching Assistant for SYO 4400 [Medical Sociology] & SYD 3700 [Minorities in American Society – Spring 2021
- I am scheduled to teach SYD 4020 [Population/Demography] in the Spring semester 2025.

Past Professional Experiences

Research & Evaluation Consultant: Formative Assessment of EU-funded UNICEF Conditional Cash Transfer Program to scale up MNCH Services Utilization in Adamawa, Bauchi, and the Kebbi States in Nigeria.

May 2021 – August 2021.

Technical Lead- Research, Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning, The Challenge Initiative [TCI], Johns Hopkins Centre for Communication Programs. [*Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation / Merck for Mothers*]

September 2019 - December 2020.

Research, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, Post Pregnancy Family Planning [PPFP] Project Lagos, Nigeria. [*Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation / Merck for Mothers*]

February 2019 – August 2019.

Research & Evaluation Consultant; EU-UNICEF RMNCH Project, UNICEF Nigeria Bauchi Field Office, Bauchi State.

October 2018 – January 2019.

Research Data Analyst; BBC Media Action, Abuja, Nigeria.

July 2017- August 2018.

**Graduate Research, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA.
January 2021 – May 2022.**

As a research assistant to Harvey L. Nicholson, Ph.D., my duties involved:

- Literature searches and reviews for topics on health disparities, and determinants of opioid and prescription drug misuse.
- Management and analysis of large-scale survey data including the National Survey of Drug Use and Health [NSDUH], National Survey of American Life [NSAL], National Health Interview Survey [NHIS], and National Survey of Black Americans [NSBA], Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System [BRFSS].
- Drafting of findings for journal article publication.

Scholarships & Awards

Travel Award to attend the 2023 Population Association of America Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LS - \$800

Travel Award to attend the 2022 Southern Sociological Society Conference in Birmingham, AL - \$450.

Travel Award to attend the 2021 IUSSP/ International Population Conference, Hyderabad, India - \$500.

Benjamin L. Gorman Quantitative Research Methods Award [2021] - \$300.

ICPSR Summer Program at the University of Michigan [Workshop Grant] - \$3000

Graduate Teaching & Research Assistantship Award, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, USA [2021 – Present].

Professional Training & Workshops

Introduction to Emerging Methodologies in Social Science Research [IEMeSSR] at Wits University, South Africa
Summer 2021.

2022 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.
Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment. **Summer 2022.**

Skills

Programming Language: Python [Beginner], R [Intermediate]

Data analysis: Stata [Advanced], R [Intermediate]

Data Visualization: R [Intermediate], Stata [Advanced], Python [Beginner]

Computing: Microsoft Office Package [Advanced].

Data Collection: ODK, Survey CTO, and Qualtrics.

Language: English [Advanced], French [Beginner]

Professional Service

Journal Referee

American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Population Research; Scientific Reports; Journal of Drug Issues; Journal of Urban Health; PLOS ONE; Archives of Public Health; Sexuality Research, and Social Policy; BMC Public Health; Contraception and Reproductive Medicine; BMC Women's Health; International Journal of Women's Health; Journal of Public Health and Epidemiology; Journal of Population, Health, and Nutrition.

Other services

Session Presider for Paper Session titled **Using Sociology to Contextualize Population Health 1** at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Birmingham, Alabama.

Invited Presentation for Medical Sociology Class, University of Florida –March 2022.

Secretary; Florida Society of the Social Sciences [F3S] – 2022 - 2023

Professional Affiliations

Florida Society of the Social Sciences [F3S]

Southern Demographic Association [SDA]

Southern Sociological Society [SSS]

Union for African Population Studies [UAPS]

Population Association of America [PAA]

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population [IUSSP]

References

Available upon request