

Chinyere O. Agbai

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EDUCATION

Brown University

Ph.D., Sociology

Expected 2022

Dissertation: “Wealth Begins at Home: A Historical Analysis of the Role of the GI Bill of 1944 in Linking Race, Place, Wealth, and Health in America”

Committee: Margot Jackson (Chair), John Logan, Emily Rauscher

Research Interests: Urban Sociology; Racial Inequality; Housing; Wealth; Social Determinants of Health; Public Policy; Inequality and Stratification; Social Demography

A.M., Sociology

2018

Qualifying exams in Urban Sociology and Social Inequality

University of Pennsylvania

B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*

2015

PUBLICATIONS

In Press

Agbai, Chinyere O. 2021. “[Shifting Neighborhoods, Shifting Health: A Longitudinal Analysis of Gentrification and Health in Los Angeles County](#).” *Social Science Research* 102603. doi: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102603.

Jackson, Margot, **Chinyere Agbai**, and Emily Rauscher. 2021. “[The Effects of State-Level Medicaid Coverage on Family Wealth](#).” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 7(3):216. doi: 10.7758/RSF.2021.7.3.10.

Submitted for Review

Agbai, Chinyere O., “Linking County-Level COVID-19 Deaths, Housing Wealth, and Residential Segregation in America.” (Available upon request)

Pearlman, Paula, Branden Butler, **Chinyere O. Agbai**. “40 Acres and a Mule: Broken Promises, the Persistence of Housing Segregation and Exclusion, and How to Right (Some of) These Wrongs.”

In Preparation

Agbai, Chinyere O., “Wealth Begins at Home: The GI Bill of 1944 and the Making of the Racial Wealth Gap in Homeownership and Home Value.” (Available upon request)

- 2021 Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4) Graduate Student Paper Award Runner-up, Brown University

Bouek, Jennifer W., Benjamin Bellman, **Chinyere O. Agbai**. “The Newness of Neighborhood Poverty and Proximity to Organizational Resources.”

Rivera, Luisa M., Brittney Butler, **Chinyere O. Agbai**. “Structural racism, geospatial inequality, and placental DNA methylation: The intergenerational embodiment of racialized urban inequality”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2020-2021 COVID-19 and Anti-Racism Research Award (Co-PI with Luisa Rivera & Brittney Butler), Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$27,700)

2017-2021 Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$120,000)
- Strongest Multidisciplinary Approach Award, Gun Violence Prevention Case Competition, July 2019

2017-2018 T32 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health (\$39,376)(T32 HD007338-30)

2017 Summer Research Fellowship, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University (\$2,400)

2017 Graduate Trainee Grant, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University (\$650)

2013 Penny Fox Undergraduate Research and Service Fellowship, Fox Leadership Program, University of Pennsylvania (\$3,000)

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2021 Agbai, Chinyere O., “Wealth Begins at Home: The GI Bill of 1944 and the Making of the Racial Wealth Gap in Homeownership.” [oral presentation]. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, zoom, May.
- 2021 Agbai, Chinyere O., “Linking County-Level COVID-19 Deaths, Housing Wealth, and Residential Segregation in America.” [oral presentation]. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, zoom, May.
- 2020 Jackson, Margot I., Chinyere O. Agbai, Emily Rauscher, “State-Level Medicaid Coverage and Wealth Gaps in Child Development.” [oral presentation by Jackson]. Russell Sage Foundation Wealth Inequality and Child Development: New Evidence for Policy and Practice Conference, New York City, February
- 2019 Agbai, Chinyere O., “A Longitudinal Analysis of Gentrification and the Health of Longtime Residents in Los Angeles.” [oral presentation]. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, August
- 2018 Agbai, Chinyere O., “Our Neighbors, Our Health: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Effect of Gentrification on the Health of Incumbent Residents.” [oral presentation]. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, April

Invited Presentations

- 2021 Conversations on Race and Capitalism, Brown University Sociology and Economics Undergraduate Conference, March
- 2019 Housing and Health: Promoting Interdisciplinary and Intersectoral Collaboration, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, August

TEACHING

- 2021 Course Facilitator, Pandemic Problem-Solving, School of Professional Studies, Brown University, spring.
(Instructors of record: Dr. Ashish Jha and Dr. Megan Ranney)

- 2020 Co-Instructor, Racism in the Social Sciences Teach-in, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, June.
- 2019 Co-Instructor, Research Methods & Professional Development, Leadership Alliance, Brown University, summer.

Invited Lectures

- 2020 Sociology 0300F Unequal from Birth: Child Health from a Social Perspective, Brown University. Spring.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2021-2023 Graduate Student Representative, Inequality Poverty and Mobility Section, American Sociological Association
- 2019-2020 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 2019 Session Chair, Racial and Ethnic Identity, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, April
- 2018-2019 Member, Space and Social Committee, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 2017-2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Center for Students of Color, Brown University
- 2017-2018 Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Sociology, Brown University

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (Section Member: Community and Urban Sociology; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Racial and Ethnic Minorities), Population Association of America, Association of Black Sociologists, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Occasional Reviewer

Social Forces, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, City & Community, Socio-Economic Review

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Advanced proficiency: Stata
- Familiarity: R, ArcGis, QGIS, Adobe Photoshop