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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Ohio State University

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology	2023 –
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology	2022 – 23

EDUCATION

Brown University

Ph.D., Sociology	2022
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Dissertation: “Wealth Begins at Home: A Historical Analysis of the Role of the 1944 GI Bill in Linking, Race, Place, Wealth, and Health in America”
Committee: Margot Jackson (Chair), John Logan, Emily Rauscher

A.M., Sociology	2018
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University of Pennsylvania, B.A., Political Science, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2015
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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates equal authorship

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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.

Under Review

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." ([Preprint available here](#))

- 2022 Dorothy S. Thomas Student Paper Award, Population Association of America
- 2021 Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4) Graduate Student Paper Award Runner-up, Brown University

Agbai, Chinyere O., "The Structure of Pandemic Vulnerability: Housing Wealth, Residential Segregation, and COVID-19 Mortality."

In preparation

Agbai, Chinyere O. "Location, Location, Location: The Housing Benefits of the 1944 GI Bill and the Racialized Stratification Of Homeownership Across Place."

Bouek, Jennifer W., **Chinyere O. Agbai**, Thomas Marlow. "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."

Other Writings

Pearlman, Paula, Branden Butler, and **Chinyere O. Agbai**.* 2021. "40 Acres and a Mule: Broken Promises, Wealth Inequality, Persistence of Housing Segregation and Exclusion, and How to Right (Some of) These Wrongs." *California Real Property Journal* 39(4).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2022-2027 Provost's Early Career Scholar, The Ohio State University (\$250,000)

- 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

- 2022 “The Structure of Pandemic Vulnerability: Housing Wealth, Residential Segregation, and COVID-19 Mortality.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August
- 2021 “Wealth Begins at Home: The GI Bill of 1944 and the Making of the Racial Wealth Gap in Homeownership.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Zoom, August
- 2021 “Linking County-Level COVID-19 Deaths, Housing Wealth, and Residential Segregation in America.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Zoom, May
- 2019 “A Longitudinal Analysis of Gentrification and the Health of Longtime Residents in Los Angeles.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, August
- 2018 “Our Neighbors, Our Health: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Effect of Gentrification on the Health of Incumbent Residents.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, April

Selected Invited Presentations

- 2021 “Wealth as Fundamental Cause? Housing Wealth, Residential Segregation, & COVID-19 Mortality.” Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 2021 “Wealth Begins at Home: The GI Bill of 1944 and the Making of the Racial Wealth Gap in Homeownership and Home Value.”
- Department of Sociology, Stanford University
 - Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
 - Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine
 - Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
 - Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison
 - Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis
 - Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky
- 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, Housing Policy Debate, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Socio-Economic Review

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Advanced proficiency: Stata
Familiarity: R, ArcGis, QGIS