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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
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
University of Pennsylvania, B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude* 2015

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; authors listed alphabetically

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 Housing Benefits of the 1944 GI Bill and the Reproduction of the Black-White Wealth Gap in Homeownership and Home Value, 1940-1960.” ([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.”

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

In preparation

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

Agbai, Chinyere O.,* Joe LaBriola, “The Mortgage Interest Deduction and the White-Black Wealth Gap, 1984-2021.”

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

Agbai, Chinyere O.,* Branden Butler, Paula Pearlman. 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)
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

Select Invited Presentations

- 2022-23 “Location, Location, Location: The Housing Benefits of the 1944 GI Bill and the Racialized Stratification of Homeownership across Place.”
- Donald J. Bogue Demography Workshop, The University of Chicago (2023)
 - Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (2022)
- 2022-21 “Wealth Begins at Home: The GI Bill of 1944 and the Making of the Racial Wealth Gap in Homeownership and Home Value.”
- Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics, University of Michigan (2022)
 - Department of Sociology, Stanford University (2021)
 - Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2021)
 - Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine (2021)
 - Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (2021)
 - Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison (2021)
 - Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis (2021)
 - Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Kentucky (2021)
- 2021 “Wealth as Fundamental Cause? Housing Wealth, Residential Segregation, & COVID-19 Mortality.” Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 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.

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University

- 2019-2020 Student member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Brown University
- 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

Profession

- 2023 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April
 - Discussant, Global Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity
 - Session Chair, Ethno-Racial Inequality
- 2021-2023 Graduate Student Representative, Inequality Poverty and Mobility Section, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Session Chair, Racial and Ethnic Identity, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, April

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (Section Member: Community and Urban Sociology; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Racial and Ethnic Minorities), Population Association of America,

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Social Forces, Demography, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, City & Community, Housing Policy Debate, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Socio-Economic Review, The Sociological Quarterly

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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