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## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Education Policy, Social Inequality, Health Policy, and International Development.

## EDUCATION

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### PhD in Public Administration and Policy

Aug. 2023 – Present

University at Albany (SUNY), New York

### Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Aug. 2021 – Apr. 2023

Bowling Green State University (BGSU), Bowling Green, Ohio  
(CGPA: 4.0/4.0. Pi Alpha Alpha)

### Master of Public Policy (MPP)

Jan. 2021 – July 2021

American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt  
(GPA: 3.7/4.0 – Completed one semester)

### Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Hons) Public Administration

Mar. 2013 – June 2017

Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

*First Class Honors (Cumulative GPA: 4.68/5.00)*

- Effects of Corruption on the Performance of Civil Servants in the Osun State Civil Service (*Thesis*)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2025 – Present

Department of Public Administration & Policy, University at Albany.

- Assisting in teaching Principles of Public Economics (RPAD 503).

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2024 – May 2025

Department of Public Administration & Policy, University at Albany.

- Taught Statistics for Public Managers and Policy Analysts (RPAD 505).

### Research Assistant

June 2024 – Aug. 2024

University of Albany Research Foundation

- Conducted research on the effects of school building conditions on academic performance.

### Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2023 – May 2024

Department of Public Administration & Policy, University at Albany.

- Conducted research on health and social inequality studies.

### Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2021 – May 2023

Office of Academic Assessment (OAA), BGSU, Bowling Green, Ohio.

- Cleaned, analyzed, and visualized the 2021 and 2022 Graduation Survey data for over 8,000 students.
- Supervised and coordinated focused group research of eight Student Learning Analysts.
- Analyzed the 2021 and 2022 Bowling Green Perspective (BGP) Data for over thirty (30) courses.

### Public Administration Summer Intern

July 2022 – Sept. 2022

Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), United Nations.

- Drafted the 2022 3rd quarter policy brief for DESA.
- Reviewed and contributed to the creation of two online training manuals.

## Graduate Teaching Assistant

Dec. 2017 – Oct. 2018

Department of Public Administration, Kano State Polytechnic, Nigeria.

- Assisted in collecting quantitative and qualitative data for academic research.
- Served as a committee member for the theses of three undergraduate students.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Shiyabade, B., Adepoju, B., & Ambali, S. (2020). Empirical Evidence of Local Government Finance on Regional Building in South-Western Nigeria. *Journal of Public Policy and Administration Research*, ISSN (paper) 2224-5731, ISSN (online) 2225-0972.
- Shiyabade, B., Ogunbela, G., Makinde, W., Ambali, S., Azeez, T., and Adefila, T. (2020). Policy Implementation and Development of Primary Education in Osun State. *Contemporary Issues in Nigerian Public Administration*, ISBN 978-978-57244-3-1.
- Diekola, J., Shiyabade, B., Adeyeni, B., Wahab, B., and Ambali, S. (2019). Interrogating Governance and Constitutional Issues of Local Government System in Nigeria. *African Journal of Stability and Development*, Vol. 12, ISSN (paper) 214-1156-5.

## Working Papers

- Ambali, Sodiq A., Miyeun Jung, and Lucy C. Sorensen. (2025). “Unequal Foundations: Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in School Building Conditions in New York State.”
- Fox, A., Kim, S., and Ambali, S. (2025). “Where Next for United States Health Reform? A Survey of Expert Opinion.”
- Ambali, Sodiq A. and Ashley Fox. (2025). “Revisiting the Relationship between Economic Development and Health Improvements: A Basic Needs Approach to Poverty Reduction and Associations with Improvements in Life Expectancy over Time.”
- Ambali, Sodiq A., Chiwendu Akalonu, and Rasah Ramat. (2025). “The Use of Indigenous Languages as a Medium of Instruction in Primary Schools in Nigeria.”

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Ambali, Sodiq A., Miyeun Jung, and Lucy C. Sorensen. (2025). “Unequal Foundations: Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in School Building Conditions in New York State.” Association of Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
- Ambali, Sodiq A. and Ashley Fox. (2025). “Revisiting the Relationship between Economic Development and Health Improvements: A Basic Needs Approach to Poverty Reduction and Associations with Improvements in Life Expectancy over Time.” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois.
- Ambali, Sodiq A., Chiwendu Akalonu, and Rasah Ramat. (2025). “The Use of Indigenous Languages as a Medium of Instruction in Primary Schools in Nigeria.” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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| • Stand Together Fellowship (Koch Internship Program)                       | <b>June 2025</b>  |
| • Pi Alpha Alpha  | <b>May 2023</b>   |
| • Rumble Fellowship, Wayne State University (declined)                      | <b>Apr. 2023</b>  |
| • African Graduate Fellowship, American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt    | <b>Jan. 2021</b>  |
| • Department’s Best Graduating Student, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria | <b>Dec. 2018</b>  |
| • Panelist, <i>Silencing the Guns in Africa</i> (program of AU – OYE)       | <b>Sept. 2020</b> |

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Training Intern

June 2025 – Aug. 2025

Atlas Network (Koch Internship Program)

- Led and managed the implementation of the African Learning Hub.
- Provided support for online course development and maintenance.

### Human Resource (HR) Reporting and Analytics Officer

Jan. 2021 – July 2021

Guaranty Trust Bank (GTBank) PLC, Nigeria

- Managed data for over 5,000 employees using SAP SuccessFactors.

### Relationship Officer

May 2019 – Jan. 2021

Guaranty Trust Bank (GTBank) PLC, Nigeria

- Managed over 100 clients' investment portfolios, resulting in a profit of more than 20%.

### Consulting and Forensic Intern

Oct. 2018 – Dec. 2018

Olukayo Aina & Co (OAACO), Nigeria

- Increased profit by over three million Naira by identifying irregularities in the financial statements.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| • Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)           | Nov. 2024 – Present  |
| • Population Association of America (PAA)                       | Nov. 2024 - Present  |
| • Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) | Jan. 2023 – Present  |
| • American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)             | Sept. 2021 – Present |
| • Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM)            | Feb. 2019 – Present  |
| • Nigerian Institute of Management (NIM)                        | Oct. 2018 – Present  |

## LEADERSHIP / VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

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| • <b>Member</b><br>Dean Leadership Council, Rockefeller College, University at Albany  | Dec. 2023 – May 2025   |
| • <b>Member</b><br>Graduate Student Senate (GSS), Bowling Green State University Students' Senate  | Sept. 2022 – Apr. 2023 |
| • <b>Member</b> , Young Africa Leaders Initiative Network (YALI)<br>Presented a lecture to over 80 High school students on the importance of education.                                    | Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2023  |
| • <b>President</b><br>Public Administration Students, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Nigeria<br>Presided over the affairs of over 450 university students.                              | Sept. 2016 – June 2017 |
| • <b>Tutorial Lead</b><br>Department of Public Administration, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Nigeria<br>Coordinated and facilitated tutorials in Public Policy and Governance courses. | Jan. 2015 – May 2016   |

## SKILLS

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| <b>Computer:</b>       | MS Word, MS Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Adobe Photoshop, Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Mac.                   |
| <b>Data Analytics:</b> | R, STATA, SPSS, Python (beginner), Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey, Tableau, Google Forms, Zotero, and Power BI. |
| <b>Applications:</b>   | Canvas, Airtable, Monday, and SAP SuccessFactors.  |
| <b>Languages:</b>      | Yoruba (Native) - English (Advanced) - French (Beginner).  |
| <b>Nonprofit:</b>      | Grant Writing, Fundraising, Volunteer Management, Video Editing, and Project Management.                 |