

# Dozie Okoye

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## Contact

### Information

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## Employment

### Dalhousie University

2018–Present Associate Professor of Economics

2013–2018 Assistant Professor of Economics

### Center for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA), Abuja

2019-2020 Visiting Research Associate

June-August 2019 Visiting Research Associate

### The University of Western Ontario

2011–2013 Economics Instructor

2008–2013 Teaching Assistant

## Education

Ph.D. Economics University of Western Ontario 2013

B.A. Economics (With Distinction) University of Western Ontario 2008

## Research Interests

Economic Growth and Development, History and Economic Development, Macroeconomics, Human Capital and Technology Adoption

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Appropriate Technology and Income Differences, *International Economic Review*, 2016, 57(3): 955-996
2. Can Brain Drain Be Good for Human Capital Growth? Evidence from Cross-Country Skill Premiums and Education Costs, *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 2016, 49(March): 74-99
3. Economic Growth, Health Care Reform, and Child Nutrition in Ghana (with Jemima Fimpong, Johns Hopkins and Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa), *Journal of African Development*, 2016, 18(2): 41-60
4. Six Decades after Independence: The Enduring Influence of Missionary Activities on Regional Wealth Inequalities in Ghana (with Godfred Boateng, Harvard University; Jonathan Amoyaw, and Isaac Luginaah, University of Western Ontario), *Journal of Economic Geography*, 2019, Forthcoming

5. On the Dispensability of New Transportation Technologies: Evidence From The Heterogeneous Impact of Railroads in Nigeria (with Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa and Tite Yokossi, MIT and Analysis Group), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2019, Forthcoming
6. Social Changes in Impressionable Ages and the Formation of Political Attitudes (with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel and Mutlu Yuksel, Dalhousie University), *Economic Inquiry*, Forthcoming

### **Working Papers**

7. Things Fall Apart: Missions, Institutions, and Interpersonal Trust, Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Development Economics*
8. Sea Change: The Competing Long-Run Impacts of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Missionary Activity in Africa (with Roland Pongou) [Submitted]
9. State Capacity and Extremism: Evidence from a Millennium of Islam in West Africa (with Ben Crisman and Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University)
10. Education Policy and Rate of Return Estimates
11. Historical Missionary Activity, Schooling, and the Reversal of Fortunes: Evidence from Nigeria (with Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa)

### **Works in Progress**

12. Involuntary Entrepreneurs, Financial Constraints, and Cross-Country Productivity Differences
13. Land or People? Elite Incentives, Precolonial Centralization, and Development in Africa
14. Climate Change and Farmer-Herder Conflicts in West Africa
15. The Impacts of Recent Transportation Infrastructure Investments on Rural Development in Turkey (with Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel, Dalhousie University and Belgi Turan, Atilim University)
16. Economic Growth and the Demographic Transition: Causal Evidence from Heterogeneous Impacts of Railways (with Roland Pongou, University of Ottawa)
17. Political Economy of Education Demand and Education Systems Change (with Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton and ASE, Research Director; David Johnson, Oxford; Chukwuka Onyekwena, CSEA Nigeria; Belinda Archibong, Barnard College; Harouan Kazianga, Oklahoma State)

<b>Other Publications</b>	Negative Effect of Corruption on Growth via Human Capital Allocation [ <i>Western Undergraduate Economics Review</i> , 2007] Okigbo P, Okoye D, et al. (2016), Kedu Ife Ndi Anambra Cholu? (What do the people of Anambra State Want?), <i>Dozie Anambra Group</i>
<b>Invited and Conference Presentations</b>	<p>2018 AEA Session on African Leaders, Longevity, Policies, and Impacts, Philadelphia, PA; CEA Meetings, McGill University; Data Driven Development in Africa, Indiana; Canadian Health Economics Study Group, McGill University</p> <p>2017 Panellist on World Development Reports Launch Event at Dalhousie; St. Marys University Economics Seminar; Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference, Oxford; Canadian Health Economics Study Group Meetings; 2nd Annual Conference on Data-Driven Development in Africa</p> <p>2016 St. Francis Xavier University Economics Seminar; Western Economics 50th Anniversary Conference; Atlantic Canada Economics Association; Summer Institute for Economic Research, Cotonou, Benin; Special Canadian Development Economics Study Group Day, Ottawa</p> <p>2015 The 2nd Annual World Bank Conference on Africa; Canadian Network for Economic History at the CEA; American Sociological Association Annual Meetings; Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario</p> <p>2014 Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario; Dalhousie University; Canadian Sociological Association Meetings; Canadian Development Economics Study Group at the CEA</p> <p>2012 Canadian Economics Association (CEA) 46th Annual Meeting; PhD Workshop at University of Guelph</p>
<b>Academic Honours, Grants, and Contracts</b>	<p><b>Dalhousie University</b></p> <p>2019-2022 Research on Improving Systems of Education Nigeria Country Research Team, £3 million. P.I.: Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University and ASE); Co-P.I.'s: David Johnson (Oxford), Harounan Kazianga (Oklahoma State), Belinda Archibong (Barnard); Chukwuka Onyekwena (CSEA Nigeria)</p> <p>2019-2020 SSHRC Connection Grant for 4th Annual Data Driven Development in Africa Workshop at Dalhousie University, \$18500</p> <p>2018-2020 SSHRC Insight Development Grant for Climate Change, Weather Variability, and Farmer-Herder Conflicts, \$30868</p> <p>2016-2018 Research Development Fund Grant for Climate Change and Farmer-Herder Conflicts, \$3500</p> <p>2014 Albert Berry Prize for Best CEA Conference Paper in Development Economics by a Junior Scholar for <i>Things Fall Apart: Missions, Institutions, and Trust</i></p> <p>2013-2015 Dalhousie Faculty of Science Start-up Grant</p>

**The University of Western Ontario**

2013	Harold Crabtree Foundation Graduate Scholarships
2012	Grant Reuber Graduate Scholarships in Economics
2011/2012	Ontario Graduate Scholarships
2010	The Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Scholarship
2008	S.F. Glass Gold Medals Award
2007	The Godsoe Family Scholarships
2006/2007	The Dr. W. Glenn Campbell and Dr. Mark K. Inman Scholarships
2006	The Benjamin Higgins Prize in Development Economics
2004–2008	Faculty Dean’s Honor List

**Knowledge Translation**

2016	Research Adviser for Dozie Anambra Good Governance Advocacy Group in Nigeria
2015	Research Adviser for SB Morgen Intelligence Study on Farmer-Herder Conflicts in Nigeria

**Teaching Interests**

Graduate:	Macroeconomics, Economic Growth and Development, Economic History of Africa
Undergraduate:	Macroeconomics, International Economics, Economic Growth and Development, Economic Growth in Africa

**Courses Taught Dalhousie University**

2013–Present	Macroeconomic Theory (for Masters in Development Economics)
	Public Finance
2015 Present	Economic Growth in a Historical Perspective
	Intermediate Macroeconomics
2015	Faculty Participant, PhD Topics Course in Applied Microeconomics
2013-2015	Introductory Macroeconomics for International Development

**Summer Institute for Economic Research, African School of Economics (ASE), Cotonou, Benin**

2015	Workshop on Research Design and Causal Inference
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**University of Western Ontario**

Summer 2012	International Finance
Summer 2011	Intermediate Macroeconomics Theory and Policy II

**Student Supervision****PhD Students: Committee Member**

2018-2019	Ayodeji Ogunlesi (Visiting Student)
2013-2017	Md. Arefin (Completed 2017)
2013-2018	Obed Owusu (Completed 2018)

### **Masters Students: Thesis Supervision and Essay Reader**

2013–Present Rui Wang (2013); Yang Yang, Yanmin Yu, Xiang Gao (2014); Martin Umeh, Suwei Sun, Jiyu Jang, Modupe Adeboye (2015), Xu Wang (2017), Mallory Ross (2019)  
ASE Immaculee Affognon, Chinasa Ikelu, Moussa Swadogo, Gaetan Nandong (2016)

### **Undergraduate Thesis Supervision**

2013–Present Leonie Van Haren, Yu Yun Li (2014); Treasure Daniels, Brandon Foote, Pratique Kain (2015)

### **Service and Professional Activities**

#### **Dalhousie University**

2019 Member, Unit Review Committee for Department of International Development Studies  
2019 Chair, PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee (Macro Theory)  
2017–Present Economics Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee  
2016–Present Executive, Canadian Development Economics Study Group  
2016–Present Member of the Faculty of Science Equity Committee  
2016–Present Faculty Mentor for Dalhousies Black Student Advising Centre  
2017 Member, PhD Field Exam Committee (Labour Economics)  
2016–2017 Coordinator for the Department of Economics Diversity Fund  
2015–Present Research Training, African School of Economics  
2014–Present Member, PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee (Macro Theory)  
2014–Present Member, PhD Field Exam Committee (Macroeconomics and Development)  
2013–Present Faculty Member and Presenter, Macroeconomics and Development Study Group (MED)  
2013–2017 Departmental Physical Resources Committee  
2013–2017 Department of Economics United Way Convenor

#### **The University of Western Ontario**

2008 Editor: Western Undergraduate Economic Review  
2009 Department Steward: The Graduate Teaching Assistants Union  
2010 Department of Economics Committee on Academic Policy

#### **Refereeing**

Economic Development and Cultural Change, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Macroeconomics, Canadian Foreign Policy Journal, Journal of African Development, Economic Letters, Economic Analysis and Policy, Applied Economic Letters, Empirical Economics, Review of Black Political Economy, Oxford University Press

**Event Organization**

- 2018 4th Annual Conference on Data Driven Development in Africa (2019), Dalhousie University
- 2018 2018 Econometric Society Meetings (Africa Region), Cotonou, Benin
- 2017 Organizing Committee, Canadian Development Economics Study Group Meetings at the CEA, Antigonish, NS
- 2017 3rd Annual Conference on Data Driven Development in Africa (2018), Department of International Studies, Indiana University

**Professional Memberships** American Economic Association, Canadian Economics Association, Royal Economic Society

**Software Expertise** MATLAB, Stata, QGIS, SAS, SPSS

**Personal** **Citizenship:** Canadian, Nigerian  
**Languages:** English, Nigerian Pidgin English, Igbo, French (Intermediate)