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***Education***

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- Expected Spring 2023      Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy  
Department of Political Science, Auburn University  
Dissertation: *Impact of Public and Nonprofit Sector Collaboration on Public Institutional Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- 2017      M.A. in Economics  
Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University
- 2013      B.S in Economics  
Department of Economics, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria

***Research Interests***

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The third sector and international development, collaborative governance, public policy (health, education, gender), global finance, and economic development

***Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications***

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Krawczyk, Kelly, **Brian Ezeonu**, and Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima. 2022. "An Exploratory Analysis of Cross-National Variations in Pro-Social Behaviors." *Voluntas: The International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. DOI: 10.1007/s11266-022-00525-z

**Ezeonu, Brian**. 2019. "US Trade Deficit, Unemployment Rate and Debt: An empirical analysis." *International Journal of Economics, Business and Management*. 3(3): 55-79.

**Ezeonu, Brian**. 2015. "Public Debt and Economic Growth: the Case of Nigeria." *Interdisciplinary Academic Essays*. 5(1):1-22.

***Professional Publications***

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**Ezeonu, Brian** and Kelly Krawczyk. 2022. "Lending Corruption and Bank Loan Contracting: Implications for Gender Inequity and Inclusive Growth in Nigeria." *ACE SOAS Consortium Working Paper 41*. <https://ace.soas.ac.uk/publication/lending-corruption-and-bank-loan-contracting-implications-for-gender-inequity-and-inclusive-growth-in-nigeria/>

**Ezeonu, Brian** and Kelly Krawczyk. 2022. “Lending Corruption and Bank Loan Contracting: Implications for Gender Inequity and Inclusive Growth in Nigeria.” *ACE SOAS Consortium Briefing Paper 17*. <https://ace.soas.ac.uk/publication/lending-corruption-and-bank-loan-contracting-implications-for-gender-inequity-and-inclusive-growth-in-west-nigeria/>

### ***Funded Research***

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2020 “Lending Corruption and Bank Loan Contracting: Implications for Gender Inequity and Inclusive Growth in West Africa. Co-Principal Investigator (with Kelly Krawczyk and Hayford Nsiah). Anti-Corruption Evidence (ACE) Research Consortium and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at University of London. \$120,000.

2019 “The Impact of Extractive Industries on Local Income and Job Creation in Indonesia, Nigeria, Colombia and South Africa.” Project Manager, Nigeria. Ford Foundation, Nigeria. \$10,000.

### ***Fellowships & Awards***

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2022-2023 *Kirchner Food Fellowship Americas Program. Ph.D. Program Fellow.* Actively evaluating and making impact investment decisions for social enterprises aimed at fighting food insecurity in Central America.

2022 *ARNOVA Conference Scholarship and Travel Grant. \$500.* Awarded to attend the 2022 ARNOVA Conference.

2022 *ISTR Ph.D. Seminar Participant.*

2022 *Auburn University Morris Fund for Excellence Travel Grant. \$750.* Awarded to attend the 2022 ISTR Conference.

### ***Work Under Review and In Progress***

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**Ezeonu, Brian** and Chambers Umezulike. “Assessing the Impact of NGOs on Improving Transparency and Accountability: A Case Study of Nigeria.” *Revise & Submit. Nonprofit Policy Forum.*

Weber, Peter, Kelly Krawczyk, Felicia Tuggle and **Brian Ezeonu**. 2022. “Developing Context-Specific Capacity Building Training for Civil Society Organizations: Insights from Action research.” Under Review. *Nonprofit Policy Forum.*

**Ezeonu, Brian**. “Public and Nonprofit Sector Collaboration: Investigating Institutional Isomorphism and Effect on Organizational Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Data collection in progress.

**Ezeonu, Brian**, and Kennedy Musyoka. “Conceptualizing Social Enterprises in the Sub-Saharan Africa Context.” Manuscript in progress.

### Conference Presentations

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November 2022. Krawczyk, Kelly, Peter Weber, Felicia Tuggle, **Brian Ezeonu**, Sindhu Weber, Brittany Branyon, and Elena Roversi. "Developing Context-Specific Nonprofit Management Education for Civil Society Organizations in Developing Countries: Insights From Liberia." Presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research (ARNOVA). Raleigh, North Carolina.

July 2022. Weber, Peter, Kelly Krawczyk, Felicia Tuggle and **Brian Ezeonu**. "Developing Context-Specific Capacity Building Training for Civil Society Organizations: Insights from Action Research." Presented at the 15th International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR). Montreal, Canada.

January 2022, **Ezeonu, Brian** and Chambers Umezulike. 2022. "Assessing the Impact of NGOs on Improving Transparency and Accountability: A Case Study of Nigeria." Presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Conference. San Antonio, Texas.

November 2020. Krawczyk, Kelly, **Brian Ezeonu**, and Dabesaki Mac-Ikemenjima. "Cross-National Variations in Giving and Pro-Social Behavior." Presented at the 48<sup>th</sup> ARNOVA Annual Conference. (Virtual conference)

### Teaching Experience

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Spring 2023	Instructor of Record, Auburn University POLI 5370 and POLI 6370, Nonprofit Management (Undergraduate and MPA courses) CDS 2700, Nonprofit Organizations (Undergraduate course)
Spring 2022 and Fall 2022	Instructor of Record, Auburn University POLI 3000, Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (Undergraduate course)
Fall 2022	Guest Lecturer, Auburn University POLI 5380 and POLI 6380, INGOs and International Organizations

### Professional Experience

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2021 - Present	<i>Researcher, Global Development Solutions Lab</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wrote 6 research grants with the other core faculty members at the Global Development Solutions Lab</li><li>• Developed a training manual and facilitated a qualitative research methods short course for 40+ students and faculty at African Methodist Episcopal University in Monrovia, Liberia</li><li>• Designed and implemented all phases of a nonprofit management education field research project in Monrovia,</li></ul>
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Liberia, including: research design, data collection (interviews and focus groups), data coding and analysis (NVivo), compilation of results and journal manuscript preparation

2021

*Development Consultant, Cloneshouse Nigeria*

- Developed poverty models (using R programming software) for descriptive and predictive analytics of poverty and welfare levels in urban and rural areas of the 36 states and Federal Capital Territory in Nigeria
- Provided technical guidance to the UI/UX data analysis team and data scientist on the processing of the poverty measurement models for visualization

2019 – 2021

*Graduate Research Assistant, Auburn University*

- Carried out data collection and coding for supervising professors
- Assisted in conducting literature reviews for supervising professors
- Completed econometric modeling for research studies

2018 – 2019

*Program Officer, Connected Development*

- Trained over 400 civil servants across 6 states in Nigeria on monitoring and evaluation and data management
- Facilitated 15 town hall meeting in 15 rural communities across 4 northern states in Nigeria
- Wrote 5 research proposals and concepts notes with 2 successful research grants and 1 USAID funded project won
- Facilitated and coordinated townhall meeting for the OXFAM/CODE C&F project which was the first forum in Nigeria to bring community members, government regulatory agencies and oil companies to the table to discuss environmental issues in the Niger-Delta region
- Successfully managed the production of the #Uzabe 2019 report for the 2019 Nigerian Election monitoring exercise
- Managed and coordinated #followthemoney activities of 16 state chapters

***Leadership Positions***

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2022-2023 Lead Graduate Teaching Assistant, Auburn University, Department of Political Science

2021-2023 Senator, Graduate Student Council, Auburn University

2022-2023 Sustainable Development Goal Coordinator, Auburn University Chapter, UN SDSN- Youth

### ***Professional Memberships***

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- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR)
- Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Society

### ***Methodological Training***

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- Time series
- Maximum likelihood estimation
- Bayesian analysis
- Cross-sectional time series
- Experimental methods
- Text analysis

### ***Computing***

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- Preferred: R, Stata and LATEX
- Familiar: SPSS, Excel, SAS, Python

### ***References***

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Associate Professor and PhD Program Director  
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