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# ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Ohio State University

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology 2023 –

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Population Research 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.** 2023. “[The Structure of Pandemic Vulnerability: Housing Wealth,](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11113-023-09826-7?utm_source=rct_congratemailt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=oa_20231009&utm_content=10.1007/s11113-023-09826-7) [Residential Segregation, and COVID-19 Mortality](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11113-023-09826-7?utm_source=rct_congratemailt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=oa_20231009&utm_content=10.1007/s11113-023-09826-7).” *Population Research and Policy Review* 42(5):83. doi: 10.1007/s11113-023-09826-7.

Nguyen, Kevin H., Rachel Buckle-Rashid, Rebecca Thorsness, **Chinyere O. Agbai**, Deidra C. Crews, Amal N. Trivedi. 2023. "[Structural Racism, Historical Redlining, and Incidence](https://journals.lww.com/jasn/Abstract/9900/Structural_Racism%2C_Historical_Redlining%2C_and.144.aspx) [of Kidney Failure in US Cities, 2012-2019.](https://journals.lww.com/jasn/Abstract/9900/Structural_Racism%2C_Historical_Redlining%2C_and.144.aspx)” *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.* doi: 10.1681/ASN.0000000000000165.

**Agbai, Chinyere O.** 2021. “[Shifting Neighborhoods, Shifting Health: A Longitudinal Analysis](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0049089X21000806) [of Gentrification and Health in Los Angeles County](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0049089X21000806).” *Social Science Research* 102603. doi: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102603.

Jackson, Margot, **Chinyere O. Agbai**, and Emily Rauscher. 2021. “[The Effects of State-Level](https://www.rsfjournal.org/content/7/3/216) [Medicaid Coverage on Family Wealth](https://www.rsfjournal.org/content/7/3/216).” *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](https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/t5xby/)) (revised & resubmitted to the *American Journal of Sociology*)

* 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
* Cited in [Attorneys General Letter of Support](https://www.mass.gov/doc/gi-bill-ag-letter-7262023/download) for Massachusetts House of Representatives Bill 1255 – Sgt. Isaac Woodard, Jr. and Sgt. Joseph H. Maddox GI Bill Restoration Act of 2023

**Agbai, Chinyere O**.,\* Jennifer W. Bouek, Thomas Marlow. “Trajectories of Deprivation: Linking Neighborhood Change with Access to Social Service Organizations.” (Revise & resubmit at *Social Problems*)

In preparation

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

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

**Agbai, Chinyere O.**, David A. Bleckley, Katie R. Genadek, J. Trent Alexander, “Racial Inequality in the GI Bill Home Loan Guaranty Program: Findings from Newly- digitized Administrative Records.”

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

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| 2023-2025 | “The Mortgage Interest Deduction and the White-Black Wealth Gap, 1984-2021,” (Co-PI with Joe LaBriola), Russell Sage Foundation. $49,967 |
| 2022-2027 | Provost’s Early Career Scholar Professorship, The Ohio State University. $250,000 |
| 2022 | Dorothy S. Thomas Student Paper Award, Population Association of America |
| 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 (T32 HD007338-30). $39,376 |
| 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 |

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| 2013 | Penny Fox Undergraduate Research and Service Fellowship, Fox Leadership Program, University of Pennsylvania. $3,000 |

PRESENTATIONS

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| 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

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| 2023 | Donald J. Bogue Demography Workshop, The University of Chicago |
| 2022 | Population Studies Center, University of Michigan  Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics, University of Michigan |
| 2021 | Department of Sociology, Stanford University Department of Sociology, The Ohio State 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 Sociology and Economics Undergraduate Conference, Brown University |
| 2019 | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Zoom |

# TEACHING

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| 2024 | Instructor, SOCIOL 2463 Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Gender, The Ohio State University, spring. |
| 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 | |

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| 2023 | Sociology 7780 Racial and Ethnic Differences, The Ohio State University. Autumn. Instructor: Reanne Frank |
| 2020 | Sociology 0300F Unequal from Birth: Child Health from a Social Perspective, Brown  University. Spring. Instructor: Margot Jackson |

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (\*Scheduled)

University

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| The Ohio State University | |
| 2023 | Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology |
| Brown University | |
| 2019-2020 | Student member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology |
| 2018-2019 | Member, Space and Social Committee, Department of Sociology |
| 2017-2018 | Graduate Student Mentor, Center for Students of Color |
| 2017-2018 | Student member, Diversity Committee, Department of Sociology |

Profession

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| 2024 | Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, April\*   * Program Committee, Race and Ethnicity * Session Chair, Racial Classification and Boundary-Making |
| 2023 | American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August  - Presider, Conceptualizing and Measuring Housing Dynamics |
|  | Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April   * Discussant, Global Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity * Session Chair, Ethno-Racial Inequality * Member, Dorothy S. Thomas Student Paper Award Committee |
| 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

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