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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology University of Nebraska–Lincoln <i>Advisor:</i> Prof. Lisa Kort-Butler	2025–present
Graduate Certificate, Mixed Methods Research, University of Nebraska–Lincoln	2025–present
Master of Arts, Sociology University of Nebraska–Lincoln Thesis: <i>Household wealth and mental health in older adults across racial/ethnic groups: The moderator role of social support</i>	2023–2025
Bachelor of Science, Sociology University of Ilorin, Nigeria Research: <i>Knowledge and Awareness of Dementia among Undergraduate Students: A Cross-sectional Study</i>	2015–2019

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record / Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Nebraska–Lincoln (2023–present)

- Designed and taught undergraduate courses in health, medicine, and society (*SOCI 252: Health, Medicine and Society*, Summer & Fall 2025).
- Led recitation sections and provided instructional support for *SOCI 101: Introduction to Sociology* (2023–2024).

Mentor, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition, Mentorship Program (2024–present)

- Provided mentorship to high school and undergraduate students in research and innovation projects.
- Recognized as *Mentor of the Month* in 2025 for excellence in student guidance and community engagement.

Research Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin, Nigeria (2019–2023)

- Conducted research on social determinants of health, aging, and mental health in Nigerian communities.
- Co-authored publications addressing public health challenges in aging populations.

Instructor of Record, Department of Health Technology, Bartholomew College of Health Technology, Nigeria (2021–2022)

- Delivered instruction in health sciences and research methods, strengthening the skills of future health professionals.
- Supervised student-led projects on community health, infectious diseases, and public health awareness campaigns.

Research Associate (National Youth Service Corps[NYSC]), Osun State University, Nigeria (2019–2021)

- Supported departmental research on social policy, education, and public health.
- Contributed to academic reports and student mentorship, reinforcing institutional research capacity.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

Folorunsho S. (2026). Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in Hospice Utilization Among Older Adults in the United States. *The American journal of hospice & palliative care*, 10499091261417318.

Folorunsho, S., Abraham, O., & Esiaka, D. K. (2026). Social engagement moderates the relationship between cognitive functioning, depressive symptoms, and restless sleep in older black adults. *Alzheimer's & dementia : the journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, 22(1), e71078.

Folorunsho, S. (2025). Masculinity and Mental Health in Later Life in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Review of Recent Literature. *Sociology Compass*, 19(12), e70148.

Folorunsho, S., Lawal, O. P., Ani, N. C., & Somuah, M. A. (2025). Functional impairment without depression diagnosis as an indicator of psychological distress in older adults. *Cambridge Prisms: Global Mental Health*, 12, e138, 1–9.

Folorunsho, S., Ajayi, V., & Sanmori, M. (2025). Household income and obesity among older adults: the moderating role of race in a longitudinal analysis. *BMC public health*, 25(1), 3306.

Folorunsho, S., Abdullateef, R., Suleiman, M., & Sanmori, M. (2025). Social determinants of multimorbidity in older adults in sub-saharan Africa: A systematic review. *Palliative & supportive care*, 23, e150.

Folorunsho, S., & Suleman, B. (2025). Aging with HIV in Nigeria: A narrative review of multimorbidity and healthcare access challenges. *Health Science Reports*, 8(8), e71184.

Folorunsho, S., Suleman, B., Esiaka, D., Olayinka, T., & Ajayi, V. (2025). Masculinity and memory loss: a qualitative study of the social stigma of dementia among Nigerian men. *Aging & mental health*, 1–10. Advance online publication.

Folorunsho, S. (2025). Aging, poverty, and healthcare access and affordability in Nigeria: Implications for policy. *Public Health Challenges*, 4(3), 1–7.

Folorunsho, S., Ajayi, V., Sanmori, M., Suleiman, M., Abdullateef, R., & Abdulganiyu, A. (2025). Access to and Utilization of Dental Care Services by Older Adults in Nigeria: Barriers and Facilitators. *Special care in dentistry : official publication of the American Association of Hospital*, 45(3), e70040.

Folorunsho, S., Sanmori, M., & Suleiman, M. (2025). The role of formal social networks in mitigating age-related mental stress among older Nigerians living in poverty: Insights from social capital theory. *Global mental health (Cambridge, England)*, 12, e56.

Folorunsho, S., & Okyere, M. (2025). The impact of neglect, physical, and financial abuse on mental health among older adults: a systematic review. *Aging & mental health*, 29(4), 567–577.

Folorunsho S. (2025). The Role of Social Determinants of Health in Shaping Racial and Disability Disparities Among Older Adults in the United States. *Journal of aging & social policy*, 1–17. Advance online publication.

Aremu, L., **Folorunsho, S.**, & Abdulrauf, T. O. (2025). *Social determinants of health and aging in Africa: Structural inequality, vulnerability, and the future of care*. African Journal of Social Issues, 8(1). <https://doi.org/10.4314/ajosi.v8i1.33>

Folorunsho, S., Abdulrazaq, O., & Ajayi, V. (2024). Juvenile Delinquency as a Contemporary Issue in Nigeria: Understanding the Impacts of Parenting Styles, Single Parenting, and Marital Discord.

Raji, A., **Folorunsho, S. A.**, & Muhammed, Y. (2018). Aging: A Sin in Nigerian Society? *Journal of Health and Social Issues (JOHESI)*, 7(2), 48-54. Published by Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ekiti State University.

Folorunsho, S. (2024). *Sociological analysis of stress management among farmers and rural development in selected communities in Kwara State* (Version 1) [Preprint]. Research Square. <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-3833658/v1>

SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES/PARTICIPATION

Conferences and Pre-conference Workshops Organized/Co-organized/Planning Committee

1. **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, August). *Household wealth and mental health in older adults across racial groups: Moderating role of social support*. Paper presented at the 120th American Sociological Association [Annual Meeting](#), Chicago, IL.
2. **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, August). *Access to and utilization of dental care services by older adults in Nigeria: Barriers and facilitators*. Paper presented at the 75th [Annual Meeting](#) of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
3. **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, January). *Household income and the prevalence of loneliness in older adults: Does race serve as a moderator?* Paper presented at the American Sociological Association [Virtual Mini-Conference](#).
4. Munirat, M., & **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, April). *Association between healthcare utilization and functional ability of older adults: Examining the role of race, education, and sex*. Paper presented at the Southern Gerontological Society's 46th Annual Meeting and Conference.
5. **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, March). *Household income, gender, and obesity among older adults: Assessing the moderating role of race/ethnicity*. Paper presented at the 2025 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting and Conference.
6. **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, March). *The prevalence and likelihood of self-reported prediabetes by gender and sexual orientation: Evidence from the 2022 BRFSS*. Paper presented at the 2025 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting and Conference.

Posters Presentation and Published Abstracts

1. **Folorunsho, S.**, Sanmori, M., Suleiman, M., & Raji, A. (2025, February) Social Determinants of Multimorbidity in Older Adults in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review. MHDI Health Equity Conference, Lincoln NE.
2. Suleiman, B., & **Folorunsho, S.** (2025, February) The Role of Family Support in alleviating Acculturative Stress among African Immigrants. MHDI Health Equity Conference, Lincoln NE.
3. Yolanda, J., Maria, F., **Folorunsho, S.**, Obinna, C., Candidus, N., Darlingtina, E. (2025, November). Effect of Non-Cognitive Traits on Subjective Cognitive Decline among Black American adults. Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Folorunsho, S. Esiaka D. (2025). Social Engagement Moderates the Relationship between Cognitive Functioning, Depressive Symptoms and Restless Sleep in Older Black Adults. *Accepted in Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*.

Folorunsho, S., Tejideen, T. O., Sanmori, M., Abdulganiyu, A., & Abdullateef, I. (2025). Perceived mortality risk and health behavior decline in retirement-aged adults: A longitudinal investigation. *Manuscript submitted for publication, Discover Public Health (Springer)*.

Folorunsho, S., & Emiola, K. (2025). Racial and socioeconomic disparities in hospice utilization among older adults in the United States. *Manuscript submitted for publication, Discover Public Health (Springer)*.

Folorunsho, S. (2025). Ecologies of Exposure and Resistance (EER): A Novel Framework for Understanding Health Inequalities in Marginalized Communities. *Manuscript submitted for publication, Theory & Psychology*

Folorunsho, S. (2025). Aging Without Family: Social Support, Mental Health, and the Crisis of Care in Later Life" to The British Journal of Sociology. *Manuscript submitted for publication, The British Journal of Sociology*

Abdulganiyu A.O & **Folorunsho, S.** (2025) Re-awakening Public Attention to the Silent Pandemic of Cancer among Older Adults in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. *Manuscript submitted for publication in Aging and Cancer*.

Folorunsho, S. The Relationship Between Household Income and Obesity Among Older Adults: Investigating the Moderating Role of Race.

Esiaka, D., & **Folorunsho, S.** Social cohesion and sleep quality in the relationship between Neighborhood Physical Disorder and Cognitive Functioning.

AWARDS

1. Nicholas Babchuk Graduate Student Research Award 2025
2. Dan Hoyt Graduate Student Publication Award 2025
3. March's Mentor of the month ([Illinois Science and Technology Coalition](#)) 2025

4. David C. & Morilyn S. More Quantitative Research Award	2024
5. Scott C. Whiteford Graduate Student Award	2024
6. J. J. & Eleanor S. Ogle Summer Fellowship	2024
7. Mandela Washington Fellowship (Recognition as Application Reader)	2022
8. Best Graduating Student, Department of Sociology, University of Ilorin	2019
9. Registrar award for the best graduating student in the department of sociology 2019	

FELLOWSHIPS

J.J. & Eleanor S. Ogle Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2024
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Active member of

Alpha Kappa Delta (Beta of Nebraska)	2024 – present
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)	2024 – present
Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)	2023 – present
American Sociological Association (ASA)	2023 – present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic Journals / Conference Reviewer

Peer-Review for Academic Journals

- *Annals of Medicine (Elevate)* Taylor & Francis
- *Global Health Action* (Taylor & Francis)
- *SSM – Mental Health* (ScienceDirect)
- *Journal of Population Ageing* (The Oxford Institute of Population Ageing)
- *Aging & Mental Health* (Taylor & Francis)
- *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* (Emerald Publishing)
- *African Journal of Reproductive Health (AJRH)*
- *BMC Geriatrics* (Springer Nature)
- *BMC Public Health* (Springer Nature)
- Reviewer for multiple Springer journals (BMC series, *Discover* journals)
- Reviewer for Wiley journals
- Additional peer-review contributions listed in Web of Science Reviewer Profile

Professional Review & Scientific Evaluation Roles

- Reviewing Editor, Springer Nature Reviewer Community
- SciPinion (scientific peer-review services)
- GBD Collaborator Network (IHME)
- 2021 Mandela Washington Fellowship Reader – reviewed 40 applications

Professional Service

<i>Member, Professional Development Committee for 2025 MSS Annual Meeting (Chicago)</i>	2025
<i>Member, Scholarship Development Committee for 2025 MSS Annual Meeting (Chicago)</i>	2025
<i>Student Volunteer, Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Conference, Des</i>	

COMMUNITY SERVICE

▪ American Red Cross, Member Code (#18075962)	2024 –present
▪ Peoples City Mission (Lincoln, Nebraska)	2023–present

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

▪ ICPSR Multilevel and Longitudinal Models using Stata by ICPSR	2024
▪ Introduction to Data and Data Science by 365 Data Science	2024
▪ Career Essentials in Data Analysis by Microsoft and LinkedIn	2024
▪ Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) by Citi Program	2024
▪ Google Digital Skills for Africa, Google	2019

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS

▪ Scholarship to attend ICPSR Multilevel and Longitudinal Models using Stata by ICPSR	2024
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WORKSHOP ATTENDED

▪ Inclusive Teaching Discussion organized by UNL Graduate Studies	2024
▪ Op-Ed Writing Workshop – Lincoln	2024
▪ Lesson Planning Workshop, Organized by UNL Graduate Studies	2024
▪ Neurodiversity in the Classroom, Organized by UNL Graduate Studies	2024

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Femi A. (2025, April 23). *New research exposes hidden oral health crisis in Nigeria's aging population*. *Tribune Online Nigeria*. Tribune <https://tribuneonlineng.com/new-research-exposes-hidden-oral-health-crisis-in-nigerias-aging-population>

Azeez K. (2023, November 15). *Nigerian researchers launch local dementia care programme in Kwara*. *The Guardian*. <https://guardian.ng/features/health/nigerian-researchers-launch-local-dementia-care-programme-in-kwara/>

RESEARCH SOFTWARE COMPETENCE

- Proficient in Statistical Packages for Social Science (SPSS): survey data analysis, hypothesis testing, regression modeling, and non-parametric statistics.
- STATA: Syntax-based automation, data cleaning, and reproducible research workflows
- SQL: Data visualization, and reproducible research (Certification from 365 Data Science)

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