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Education

Ph.D., Health Economics, Stanford University Expected 2027
Dissertation: "Essays on Incentives, Institutions, and Access to Essential Health Goods."

M.A., Economics, Stanford University June 2024
Thesis: "Essays in Health and Development Economics."

M.S., Health Policy and Economics, Cornell University August 2019
Thesis: "Path Dependence: How Do Differences in the Historical Evolution of Healthcare Institutions Influence Equitable Access to Healthcare in the United States and United Kingdom?"
Advisors: Nathaniel Hupert and Jing Li

M.P.H., Public Health (Global Health Leadership), New York University May 2015
Capstone: "An Equity Analysis of Maternal Health Services in Arghakhanchi and Kapilvastu, Nepal."
Advisors: Nancy Van Devanter and Donna Shelley

M.Sc., Global Health and Development, University College London November 2011
Dissertation: "The Influence of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) in Shaping Nigeria's HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs: A Biopolitical Analysis."
Advisor: Alan Ingram

Residency, General Pediatrics, People's Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University) (Moscow) October 2008

M.D., Medicine, People's Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University) (Moscow) June 2005
Seven-year combined pre-medical and medical program; languages of instruction: Russian and Latin.

United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), Step 1 October 2016
Passed; score: 220.

Dissertation Committee

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Fields

Health Economics; Development Economics; Public Economics; Experimental Economics; Market Design

Job Market Paper

"Do Economic Incentives Increase Attendance at Blood Drives: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone"

Abstract

We conducted a field experiment in Sierra Leone, West Africa, to examine the effects of incentives on attendance at community-level blood drives. The study evaluates interventions ranging from cash-like incentives to intrinsic incentives (a nudge emphasizing the importance of blood donation) and a neutral informational message about donation intervals.

Initially, communities were randomly assigned to one of four treatment arms: intrinsic motivation, a sit-down full meal, an 8-gigabyte mobile-phone data bundle, or a 20-gigabyte mobile-phone data bundle. Because the World Health Organization strongly discourages cash remuneration, we selected mobile-phone data bundles as a cash-like incentive. However, after observing that data bundles were being traded for cash at amounts below their face value, we created new treatment arms in previously untreated communities: a Le 30 (US$1.30) transportation payment, a Le 60 (US$2.60) transportation payment, or an intrinsic-motivation message.

Relative to the two control arms, the meal incentive generated a modest increase in blood-donation attendance, mobile-data incentives produced larger increases, and transportation reimbursements (effectively, cash) produced still larger responses. Informational nudges, either positive ("this blood donation works") or normative (emphasizing that community blood donations save lives, especially those of mothers and infants), did not affect attendance.

In short, the field experiment suggests that direct financial compensation may be necessary to increase blood donations to adequate levels in low-income countries such as Sierra Leone.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent, and Danielle Taana Smith. 2022. "The Political Economy of Child Domestic Servitude in Liberia." *Medicine, Conflict and Survival*, 38(4): 307–331.

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent, and Danielle Taana Smith. 2022. "Teacher Training as a Key Component in Educational Investment and Human Development in Post-conflict Liberia." *Africa Today*, 68(3): 45–63.

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent, and Danielle Taana Smith. 2015. "Global Governmentality: Biosecurity in the Era of Infectious Diseases." *Global Public Health*, 10(10): 1139–1156.

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent, and Danielle Taana Smith. 2013. "Transitional Justice: Prioritizing Truth Commissions or International Tribunals to Ensure Healing and Reconciliation." *Journal of International and Global Studies*, 5(1): 1–15.

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent. 2013. "The Convergence of American and Nigerian Religious Conservatism in a Biopolitical Shaping of Nigeria's HIV/AIDS Prevention Programmes." *Global Public Health*, 8(3): 312–325.

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent, and Danielle Taana Smith. 2012. "State Sponsored Famine: Conceptualizing Politically Induced Famine as a Crime Against Humanity." *Journal of International and Global Studies*, 4(1): 17–31.

Other Publications and Public Writing

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent, and Ruoying (Carol) Tao. 2024. "To Meet Demand, Blood Donation Should Not Rely Solely on Volunteers: A Misalignment Between Supply and Demand Especially Hurts People in Low-Income Nations." *Harvard Public Health Magazine*. Link.

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent. 2022. "Relationships Between Sleep Patterns and Aging Processes: Improving the Sleep Paradigm for the New Centenarians." *Snyder Lab Studies, Stanford.*

Jappah, Jlateh Vincent. 2013. "The Primacy of the Westphalian System in a Web of Global Health Governance." Online publication.

Research in Progress

"I Cannot Be Starving and You Say, 'Please Come and Donate Blood': A Qualitative Study of Blood Supply Constraints in Sierra Leone."

"What Is the Impact of Medical School Openings on Physician Stock in Africa?"

"The ACA Mandates and Penalties: Did the ACA Employer-Shared Responsibility Provision Expand Employer-Based Health Insurance for Small Businesses?"

"Cross-Fertilizing and Enduring Institutional Clannishness: U.S. and U.K. Healthcare Sectors in the Era of COVID-19." Monograph in progress.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

Professor Alvin Roth Research Grant, Stanford University	2024–Present
Emerging Scholars Fellowship, Stanford Impact Labs, Stanford University	2026
Community Impact Award, Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University	2026
Frederic Bastiat Fellowship, Mercatus Center and Institute for Humane Studies	2025–2026
Center for African Studies Graduate Research Fellowship, Stanford University	2025–2026
McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society Fellowship, Stanford University	2024–2025
McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society Graduate Grant, Stanford University	2025
Stanford Medical School Tuition Fellowship, Stanford University	2024–2025
George P. Shultz Dissertation Fund Award, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford University	2024
King Center on Global Development Graduate Student Research Advanced Award, Stanford University	2024
King Center on Global Development Graduate Student Research Travel Award, Stanford University	2024
NRSA/AHRQ-T32 Fellowship, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	2021–2024
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Semi-Finalist	2022
Stanford Health Policy World Cup Bracket Challenge Winner, Stanford University	2022
ADVANCE Summer Institute Fellowship, Stanford University	2021
Center for Public Health Initiatives Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	2018–2019
Cornell University Graduate School Scholarship Award (Merit-Based), Cornell University	2018–2019
Global Health Leadership Scholarship Award (Merit-Based), New York University	2013–2015
Einstein Fellowship Finalist, Einstein Forum and Daimler and Benz Foundation	2011
Russian Federation Full Scholarship Award (tuition, housing, health care, and stipends)	1998–2008
Student Stipends, Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy	2001, 2002, 2004, 2005
Refugee Scholarship Assistance Award, Assistance for All, Accra, Ghana	1998

Selected Invited Conferences and Seminars

The Institute for Humane Studies, Fairfax, VA	2026
The Institute for Humane Studies, Fairfax, VA	2025
The 29th Annual AHRQ National Research Service Award Trainees Research Conference, Zoom	2023

11th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Austin, TX 2023

The 28th Annual AHRQ National Research Service Award Trainees Research Conference, Zoom 2022

Webinar Talk Series, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 2022

"The Rule of Law and Democratic Governance in Africa," College of Arts and Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 2019

Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience

Research Assistant for Professor Alvin E. Roth, Department of Economics, Stanford University 2026–Present

Research Assistant, Hoover Institution, Stanford University 2022–2025

Adjunct Fellow, Center for Public Health Initiatives, University of Pennsylvania 2018–2019

Guest Lecturer for Professor Victor Rodwin, NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service 2017–2018

Visiting Assistant Professor and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology 2014–2017

Courses Taught

New York University
Issues in Global Health Policy and Management; Global Health Policy and Management

Rochester Institute of Technology
Gender and Health; Disaster, Public Health Crisis and Global Responses; Globalization and Health Security; Global Exiles of War and Terror

People's Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University)
Hygiene, Public Health and Public Health Services

Other Professional Experience

Program Leader, Stanford Summer Research Program–Amgen Biosciences 2023–2024

Consultant, Maternal and Child Health, HealthRight International, New York City and Nepal 2014–2015

Russian–English Interpreter, Raland Technologies, LLC, Fairport, New York 2011–2013
(Interpreter for Rochester-area hospitals and courts)

Appeals Officer / Clinical Adjudicator, Medicare Part C, Maximus Federal Services, Victor, New York 2010

Donor and Product Suitability Specialist, American Red Cross Blood Services, West Henrietta, New York 2008–2010

Resident Physician, Children's Infectious Diseases Clinical Hospital No. 6, Moscow, Russia 2007–2008

Resident Physician, Morozov Children's City Clinical Hospital, Moscow, Russia 2005–2006

University Service

- Peer Mentor, Stanford RAISE Fellowship Program: mentorship and career advising for fellows, 2025–Present.
- Community Associate, Stanford Graduate Life Office: graduate-student community well-being and en-

gagement, 2023–2024.

- Mentor, Stanford ADVANCE Undergraduate Institute: graduate-admissions advising for underrepresented students, 2022–2024.
- Member, Application Review Committee, Stanford Summer Research Program–Amgen Biosciences, 2022–2024.
- Symposium Judge, Stanford Summer Research Program–Amgen Scholars Final Projects, 2021.
- Student Peer Tutor, Medical Student Study Groups, RUDN University, 2000–2005.

Volunteer and Community Service

- Webinar Speaker, Teens for Healthcare: U.S. health-care system and careers in medicine, 2022.
- Lecturer, International Youth Neuroscience Association, Summer Courses Vision I and II, 2022.
- Community Outreach Team Member, New York City Medical Reserve Corps: COVID-19 emergency response, 2020.
- Health Awareness Promoter, New York City Public Schools / Pathways to Graduation: health education, 2018.
- Non-Traditional Clinical Researcher, NYU School of Medicine, Langone Medical Center: translational research, 2014.
- Executive Board Member and Service Provider, Rochester Committee on Refugee Resettlement: family support, 2008–2010.
- Medical Care Coordinator, Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy: health-care coordination for refugees and migrants, 2001–2002.
- Executive Council Member, Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy: young-adult and student ministry, 2000–2003.
- Staff Volunteer, Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy Soup Kitchens: meal service for older adults, 1999–2001.
- Organizing and Social Secretary Volunteer, Refugees Welfare Council, UNHCR Krisan Sanzule Refugee Camp, 1997–1998.

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Health Economists.

Skills

Statistical and Research Software: Stata, R, SAS, SPSS, TreeAge Pro, NVivo, LaTeX.
Languages: English; Russian.
Research Methods: Randomized controlled trials; experimental and behavioral research; qualitative research; health-policy analysis; global-health research.