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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Public Affairs | O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University Bloomington | Expected May 2027

Fields: Public Finance; Health Policy Analysis

Committee: Denvil Duncan (Chair), Justin Ross, Kosali Simon, Seth Freedman, and Whitney Afonso

Master of Public Administration | Brigham Young University | May 2022

Bachelor of Science in Economics | Imo State University Owerri | June 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medicaid and Long-term Care; Fiscal Federalism; State and Local Government Finance

WORKING PAPERS

Ikeya, Lady L. 2026. "Federal Incentives, State Strategy: The Spending Effects of Medicaid Provider Taxes." Job Market Paper.

Ikeya, Lady L., and Sewon Kim. 2026. "The Effect of Airbnb on Local Governments' Budgets." R&R, *Regional Studies*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Ikeya, Lady L., and Megdalynn Fisher. "Evolving State Medicaid Finance in the Twenty-First Century: Federalism, Expansion, Delivery Reform, and Policy Innovation." Abstract accepted for the *Public Budgeting & Finance* special symposium.

Ikeya, Lady L. "Labor Cost Trends in Nursing Homes: Drivers and Policy Implications."

Ikeya, Lady L. "Balancing the Bottom Line: Labor Costs and Input Choices in Nursing Homes."

Ikeya, Lady L. "Public Revenue Pass-Through in Contracted Long-Term Care."

Heim, Bradley, Maggie Liu, Andrey Yushkov, **Lady L. Ikeya**, and Marc Plooster. "The Impact of a Federal Deduction Cap on State and Local Governments' Fiscal Behavior."

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Indiana University Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship | 2026–2027 | \$25,000

Center for the study of Federalism Research Grant | 2026–2027 | \$7,000

Alan Brass Ph.D. Fellowship | 2026–2027 | \$3,000

Irsay Fellowship | 2025–2026 | \$11,000

ASHEcon Diversity Scholar | 2025

National Tax Association Equity and Inclusion Travel Fellowship | 2024

CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

"*Federal Incentives, State Strategy: The Spending Effects of Medicaid Provider Taxes.*" Public Finance Spring Conference, Athens, Georgia, May 2026.

"*Trends and Drivers of Nursing Home Labor Costs: Fiscal Implications of Staffing Mandates and Wage Policies.*" Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2025.

"*Balancing the Bottom Line: Labor Costs and Input Choices in Nursing Homes.*" American Society of Health Economists Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, June 2025.

"Federal SALT Deduction Cap and the Impact on County Budgeting Outcomes." Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2024.

"Federal SALT Deduction Cap and the Impact on County Budgeting Outcomes." National Tax Association Conference, Detroit, Michigan, November 2024.

RESEARCH AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant | Indiana University — Kosali Simon, Bradley Heim, and Denvil Duncan | Fall 2022–Present

- Contributed to developing and writing a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant proposal.
- Developed reproducible data-cleaning, documentation, and empirical-analysis workflows in Stata and R.

Research Assistant | Brigham Young University — David Matkin and Eva Witesman | Fall 2020–Spring 2022

- Collaborated in developing the Universal Development Evaluation Program.
 - Conducted a program evaluation of the GoodMeasure initiative.
- Developed instructional materials for a graduate public-finance course.

Primary Data Research Contractor | FamilySearch International | 2018–2020

- Collected primary ancestry and genealogical data through structured interviews, questionnaires, and surveys.
- Cleaned, validated, and organized collected data to ensure accuracy, consistency, and completeness.

Development Finance Staff | Central Bank of Nigeria | 2008–2010

- Evaluated development-financing applications from micro, small, and medium enterprises.
 - Conducted market analysis to inform the allocation of public development funds to qualifying enterprises.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record | Indiana University — Introduction to Public Budgeting and Finance | Spring 2026

Lab Instructor | Indiana University — Introduction to Public Budgeting and Finance | Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

O'Neill Research Seminar Coordinator | Indiana University | August 2024–Present

- Coordinate research presentations and feedback sessions involving faculty and doctoral students.

Administrative Director | Association of O'Neill Ph.D. Students | August 2024–May 2025

Ad Hoc Reviewer | Public Budgeting & Finance | 2024

RESEARCH METHODS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Methods: Difference-in-differences; instrumental variables; border discontinuity designs; synthetic control

Software: Stata; R; LaTeX

Research Automation & AI: Model Context Protocol (MCP), n8n agentic workflows

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Tax Association; Western Social Science Association; American Society of Health Economists; Association for Budgeting and Financial Management; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management