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Research interests

Health economics methodology design; health financing; health inequality; equity in health and health care; social determinants of health; and the economics of ageing

Positions and employment

2017-Date Associate Professor & Director, Health Economics Unit, University of Cape Town, South Africa
2017-Date Research Fellow, Partnership for Economic Policy, Nairobi, Kenya and Laval University, Canada
2017-Date Deputy Director for Capacity Development, African Health Economics and Policy Association
2017 Mandela Mellon Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute, Harvard University, USA
2014-2016 Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Town, South Africa
2008-2013 Researcher/Lecturer, University of Cape Town, South Africa
2007-2008 Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Nigeria
2006-2007 Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Nigeria

Education

University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa

2012 PhD (Economics)
2007 Master of Public Health, MPH (Health Economics)

University of Nigeria (UNN), Nigeria

2003 Bachelor of Science, (B.Sc.) honours in Economics [Degree awarded in the **First-Class** division]

Awards and honours (selected)

2018: Selected member, World Economic Forum's Global Futures Council.
2017: National TW Kambule-NSTF Award to an emerging researcher for an outstanding contribution
2016: College of Fellows Young Researcher Award for outstanding scholarly work by a young academic
2014: Top Soft-Funded Academic and Research Staff Award: Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT.
2014: Elected member of the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS)
2014: Claude Leon Merit Award for Young Lecturers for ability to make a significant independent contribution
2013: Young Investigators' Best Publication 2012 Award, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT
2013: UCT Merit Award: exceptional contributions to teaching, service leadership, and social responsiveness
2012: Young Investigators Best Publication 2011 Awards, Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT
2011: Commonwealth PhD Scholarship (Split-Site) – University of London, London
2009: Essay Competition prize. Awarded by the African Health Economics and Policy Association
2005: Best graduating student of the Faculty of Social Sciences, UNN
2005: Best graduating student of the Department of Economics, UNN
2005: Zenith International Bank academic award for best graduating Economics student, UNN
2005: Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Prize for best graduating Student in Economics, UNN
2005: Dr. Pius Okigbo Academic Prize for best final year student in Economics, UNN
2005: Swedish International Development Agency Scholarship to study Health Economics, UCT
2004: Igala Education Foundation Scholarship, Kogi State, Nigeria
2004: Kogi State government of Nigeria award to recent graduates with First Class Honours.

Peer-reviewed Publications (selection out of over 70 publications)

1. **Ataguba, J.E.** (2021). Assessing financial protection in health: does the choice of poverty line matter? *Health Economics*, 30: 186-193.
2. **Ataguba, J. E.** (2020). COVID-19 pandemic, a war to be won: understanding its economic implications for Africa. *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*, 18: 325–328.
3. Kruk, M.E., **Ataguba, J.E.**, and Akweongo, P. (2020). The universal health coverage ambition faces a critical test. *The Lancet*. 396: 1130-1131
4. Ataguba, O.A. and **Ataguba, J.E.** (2020). Social determinants of health: the role of effective communication in the COVID-19 pandemic in developing countries. *Global Health Action*. 13:1, 1788263
5. **Ataguba, J.E.**, Ichoku, H.E., Nwosu, C. and Akazili, J. (2020). An alternative approach to decomposing the redistributive effect of health financing between and within groups using the Gini index: the case of out-of-pocket payments in Nigeria. *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*. 18: 747–757
6. **Ataguba, J.E.** (2019). Socio-economic inequality in health service utilisation: does accounting for seasonality in health-seeking behaviour matter? *Health Economics*. 28: 1370-1376
7. **Ataguba, J.E.**, Asante, A.D., Limwattananon, S. and Wiseman, V. (2018). How to do (or not to do) ... a health financing incidence analysis. *Health Policy and Planning*, 33(3):436–444.
8. **Ataguba, J. E.** & McIntyre, D. (2018). The incidence of health financing in South Africa: findings from a recent dataset. *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, 13, 68-91.
9. McIntyre, D., Obse, A.G., Barasa, E.W. and **Ataguba, J.E.** (2018). Challenges in financing universal health coverage in sub-Saharan Africa. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*. 1-80.
10. Mulenga, A. & **Ataguba, J.E.**, (2017). Assessing income redistributive effect of health financing in Zambia. *Social Science & Medicine*. 189: 1-10.
11. **Ataguba, J.E.** (2016), Assessing equitable health financing for universal health coverage: a case study of South Africa. *Applied Economics*, 48, 3293–3306,
12. **Ataguba, J.E.**, Ojo, K.O. and Ichoku, H.E. (2016), Explaining socio-economic inequalities in immunization coverage in Nigeria. *Health Policy and Planning*, 31(9), 1212-1224.
13. **Ataguba, J.E.** and Ingabire, M-G. (2016), Universal health coverage: assessing service coverage and financial protection for all. *American Journal of Public Health*, 106, 10, 1780 – 1781.
14. **Ataguba, J.E.**, Day, C. and McIntyre, D. (2014), Monitoring and evaluating progress towards Universal Health Coverage in South Africa. *PLoS Medicine*, 11(9): e1001686,
15. **Ataguba, J. E.** & McIntyre, D. (2013). Who benefits from health services in South Africa? *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, 8, 21-46.
16. **Ataguba, J. E.**, Ichoku, H. E. & Fonta, W. M. (2013). Multidimensional poverty assessment: applying the capability approach. *International Journal of Social Economics*, 40, 331-354.
17. **Ataguba, J. E.** (2012). Reassessing catastrophic health care payments with a Nigerian case study. *Health Economics, Policy and Law*, 7, 309-326.
18. **Ataguba, J. E.** & Goudge, J. (2012). The impact of health insurance on health-care utilisation and out-of-pocket payments in South Africa. *Geneva Papers on Risk and Insurance-Issues and Practice*, 37, 633-654.
19. **Ataguba, J. E.** & McIntyre, D. (2012). Paying for and receiving benefits from health services in South Africa: is the health system equitable? *Health Policy and Planning*, 27, i35-i45.
20. **Ataguba, J. E.** (2012). Alcohol policy and taxation in South Africa: an examination of the economic burden of alcohol tax. *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*, 10, 65-76.

Selected recent international conferences (* indicates invited contributions)

1. ***Ataguba, J.E.** (2020). Covid-19 and sustainable economic recovery: social issues. A workshop organised by the G20 on the implications of COVID-19 on sustainable economic recovery. 13 June 2020. Saudi Arabia (online via Webex).

2. ***Ataguba, J.E.** (2019). Research to policy for maternal and newborn survival and stillbirths: what actions are needed? An invited presentation at the Maternal Neonatal Health Convening by the African Academy of Sciences meeting. 25-26 June 2019. Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.
3. **Ataguba, J.E.** (2019). Socioeconomic inequality in health service utilisation: does accounting for seasonality in health-seeking behaviour matter? A paper presented at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference. 17-19 March 2019. St Catherine's College, Oxford, UK.
4. ***Ataguba, J.E.** (2019). Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights: an integral national development issue. A *plenary presentation* at the 5th conference of the African Health Economics and Policy Association (AfHEA), 11-15 March 2019. Kempinski Hotel, Accra, Ghana.
5. ***Ataguba, J.E.** and Moosa, S. (2018). Strategic purchasing for health in South Africa. Making provider payment mechanisms more strategic: Removing the roadblocks to implementation. A workshop organised by SPARC, JLN and RESYST. 27-29 November 2018 at the Southern Sun, Nairobi, Kenya
6. ***Ataguba, J.E.** (2018). "Open data in Health Science: towards achieving the SDGs." An invited presentation at the BioVision 2018 conference in Alexandria, Egypt, 20-22 April 2018.
7. **Ataguba, J.E.** (2017). Reassessing global antenatal care coverage for improving maternal health. A presentation at the 23rd Canadian Conference on Global Health. 29 - 31 October 2017, Ottawa, Canada.
8. **Ataguba, J.E.** (2017). The distribution of public primary health care benefits in South Africa: implications for universal health coverage. A presentation at the 2017 International Health Economics Association World Congress. 8-11 July 2017, Boston, USA.

Summary

Book chapters: 5 book chapters

Conference presentations: >60 presentations

Editorial board member: 2 international journals

Academic journal referee: Over 20 international journals

Membership of professional organisations

Member, International Health Economics Association (iHEA)

Member, African Health Economics and Policy Association (AfHEA)

Member, African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modelling Consortium

Member, Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) Network