

Pallavi Nuka

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RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director

2018 – Present

Princeton University | Julis-Rabinowitz Center for Public Policy & Finance

Princeton, NJ

- Execute the center's policy and strategy in collaboration with the faculty director and executive committee.
- Responsible for overall center operations and administration including multi-year planning, financial management, and personnel.
- Manage a portfolio of academic and research programs including an annual "short course," undergraduate courses, a lecture series, a student associates group, Ph.D. workshops, and a major annual conference. Manage recruitment of postdocs, research assistants, and academic visitors, and recruit and supervise center staff and student interns, as well as external contractors.
- Develop and submit grant proposals working with faculty and postdocs; oversee awards and spending.
- Manage funding programs to support faculty research, undergraduate summer internships, and graduate student scholarly travel.
- Developed communications strategy; oversee website management & redesign, social media, digital and print materials working with staff, various university partners, and contractors.
- Collaborate with other University programs and centers on joint events and alumni programming.
- Lead outreach efforts including annual external advisory council meetings and coordination with the development and alumni affairs offices.

Associate Director

2014 – 2018

Princeton University | Innovations for Successful Societies

Princeton, NJ

- Managed operations and workflow including recruitment, training, and financial management for a team of 12 research specialists, editors, interns and admin staff.
- Oversaw production of 20-25 case studies/year; researched and selected sites; and wrote case studies.
- Conducted quantitative research and program/project evaluations relevant to case study work.
- Established and maintained external collaborations (i.e. World Bank, UNDP, AFD) and internal partnerships with other University centers and programs.
- Developed grant proposals and managed the funding process, working with university offices.
- Planned and organized on- and off-campus conferences/workshops.

Research Coordinator

2013 – 2014

Princeton University | Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy

Princeton, NJ

- Developed research projects and proposals in collaboration with the Director and researchers at the Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy (IERPE) in Benin.
- Scoped relevant funding opportunities with J-PAL, USAID, and Open Society Foundations in West Africa.
- Coordinated joint research projects, including IRB applications and reporting to funders.
- Edited research papers, reports, presentations and articles for publication.
- Managed recruitment of Princeton undergraduates for internships at IERPE in Benin and assisted in recruitment of IERPE research associates and faculty.

Evaluation Specialist

2008 – 2014

World Bank | Global Environment Facility, Evaluation Office

Washington, D.C.

- Evaluated the annual performance of a portfolio of 40–60 projects, representing over 100 million dollars of investment. Contributing author on GEF's Annual Performance Reports.
- Assessed the design, performance, and sustainability of projects implemented in developing countries with a focus on climate change adaptation, land use, and conservation of biodiversity.
- Conducted country and regional analysis of funded projects.

EDUCATION

Master in Public Affairs, Princeton University <i>International Development; Certificate in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy</i>	2002 – 2004
B.Sc. (Honors), Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>Concentration in Geosciences, Environmental Engineering</i>	1994 – 1998

TEACHING

Visiting Lecturer in Public and International Affairs <i>Princeton University</i> • Instructor for courses in program evaluation, international development, statistical analysis & econometrics.	2009 – 2014
Professor of Statistics (Adjunct) <i>The College of New Jersey</i>	2011 – 2012

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Strategy & Business Development Associate <i>Betfair</i>	2004 – 2005 <i>London, UK</i>
Urban Environmental Management Specialist <i>U.S. Peace Corps</i>	1999 – 2001 <i>Bangolo, Cote d'Ivoire</i>
Analyst/Management Consultant <i>Cambridge Strategic Management Group</i>	1998 – 1999 <i>Cambridge, MA</i>

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Research: Qualitative and quantitative methods, impact evaluation, sampling, survey design, and data analysis (STATA, R, SQL).

Languages: English, French, basic Dutch.

Service: Princeton Alumni Schools Committee; MIT Educational Counselor; Herrontown Woods Arboretum Board (2017 – present); University-NOW Day Nursery Board (2008 – 2012); Friends of Côte d'Ivoire Board (2002 – 2013).

GRANTS & PROJECTS

2019, National Science Foundation-Economics Program, (PI: Mian, A and Liu, E)
2017, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Collaborator (PI: Widner, J)
2016, World Bank, Collaborator (PI: Widner, J)
2016, Omidyar Network, Collaborator (PI: Widner, J)
2016, Open Society Foundations/Soros Fund Management, Co-Investigator (PI: Widner, J)
2016, British Academy-UK DFID, Collaborator (PI: Widner, J)
2015, Open Government Partnership/Tides Foundation, Co-Investigator (PI: Widner, J)
2014, World Bank Global Delivery Initiative, Collaborator (PI: Widner, J)
2014, French Development Agency (AFD), Co-Investigator (PI: Widner, J)
2013, Institute of International Education/USAID, Collaborator (PI: Wantchekon, L)
2013, Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Collaborator (PI: Wantchekon, L)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Case Studies

2018. Nuka, P. From Saving the Census to Google Maps: The US Census Bureau's TIGER System, 1980-2010, *Innovations for Successful Societies, Princeton University*
2018. Nuka, P. and Botton, S. Governance Innovation: Five Case Studies from Francophone Africa, *Afrique Contemporaine*

2015. Nuka, P. and Thiam, K. Building Responsible Government: Benin's National Evaluation System, 2007-2015, *Innovations for Successful Societies, Princeton University*

2015. John, J., Nuka, P. & Majeed, R. Modernizing the State, Connecting to the People: Bihar, India, 2005-2012, *Innovations for Successful Societies, Princeton University*

Evaluation Reports

2016. Nuka, P. Evaluation Report: President's Young Professionals Program of Liberia, *Innovations for Successful Societies, Princeton University*

2014. Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF: Crossroads for Higher Impact, *GEF Evaluation Office (contributing author)*

2013. Fifth Overall Performance Study of the GEF: Cumulative Evidence on the Challenging Pathways to Impact, *GEF Evaluation Office (contributing author)*

2009-2013. Global Environment Facility Annual Performance Reports (APR), *GEF Evaluation Office (contributing author)*

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Social Accountability: Citizen Engagement in Service Delivery. Jul 2017. Talk at UNDP's Human Development Index. NYC

Building Government Accountability. Jun 2016. Conference: "Leading Institutional Reform in Francophone Africa." Princeton University.

Driving Change, Implementing OGP Action Plans. Oct 2015. Open Government Partnership Summit, 2015. Mexico City.