

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions:

- Presidential Penn Compact Professor of Africana Studies, July 2021-
- Honorary Research Associate, African Studies Centre, Oxford University, UK. July 2021-

Previous Positions:

- Director, African Studies Centre, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford, September 2017-August 2020.
- Rhodes Professor of Race Relations, African Studies Centre, School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford, July 2017-August 2020.
- Professor, Department of African American and African Studies, University of California, Davis, 2016-2017.
- Associate Professor, Program in African American and African Studies, University of California, Davis, 2012-2016.
- Assistant Professor, Program in African American and African Studies, University of California, Davis, 2008-2012.
- Visiting Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER), Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, 2014-2017.
- Assistant Professor, Program in African American and African Studies, University of California, Davis, 2008-2012.
- Lecturer II (Assistant Professor), Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, 2002-2004.
- Assistant Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, 1999-2002.
- Part-time Associate, Development Policy Centre, Ibadan, Nigeria, 2000.

EDUCATION

2008	University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom Ph.D., Social Anthropology.
2004	University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom M. Phil., Social Anthropology.
2002	University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria Ph.D., Political Science (with distinction).
1995	University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

1992 M.Sc., Political Science (with distinction).
University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria
B.Sc., Mass Communication

RESEARCH

Grants, Honors, Fellowships and Awards

1. AfOx Travel Grant, 2019 (for Africa-based scholar – Professor William A. Fawole, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria) value: £4910
2. AfOx Travel Grant, 2019 (for Africa-based scholar – Professor Adigun Agbaje, University of Ibadan, Nigeria) value: £4, 000
3. AfOx Travel Grant, 2018 (for Africa-based scholar – Dr Tunde Decker, Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria) value: £5, 000
4. AfOx Travel Grant, 2018/2019 (for Africa-based scholar – Dr Joy Owen, University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa) value: £5, 000
5. Rhodes Chair Research Fund, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, 2017-2020 (Value: £30, 000).
6. AfOx Conference Grant, Oxford University, 2018-2019 (value: £5, 000).
7. TORCH Conference Grant, Oxford University, 2018-2019 (value: £1, 000).
8. AfOx Travel Grant, 2018 (for Africa-based scholar – Dr Gbemisola Animasawun, University of Ilorin, Nigeria) value: £4, 882
9. AfOx Travel Grant, 2018 (for Africa-based scholar – Dr Rogers Orock, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa) value: £4, 500
10. Oxford Martin School – Governing African Transitions (2018-20) (Value of grant - £20, 000)
11. Small Grant in Aid of Research Program, University of California, Davis, 2014. (Value of Award: \$2, 000).
12. Rockefeller Fellowship (Academic Writing Residency, Bellagio Center, Italy) October 1-29, 2013.
13. Visiting Fellow, St. Anthony's College, Oxford University, UK, May 2013.
14. Academic Senate Research Travel Grants, University of California, Davis, 2013. (Value: \$800).
15. Association of American Geographers Enrichment Funds, 2013.
16. Senior Mellon Scholar, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, April 2012.
17. Small Grant in Aid of Research Program, University of California, Davis, 2012. (Value of Award: \$2, 000).
18. Academic Senate Research Travel Grants, University of California, Davis, 2012. (Value: \$800).
19. Small Grant in Aid of Research Program, University of California, Davis, 2011. (Value of Award: \$2, 000).
20. Academic Senate Research Travel Grants, University of California, Davis, 2011. (Value: \$800).
21. William Wyse Fourth Year Studentship, Department of Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 2007.
22. Fellow and Grantee, Global Service Institute (Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri) Small Research Grants Program, 2005-2008. (Value of

- Award: \$24, 000.00).
23. CRISE, University of Oxford, UK, Research Grant to Study Relationship between Ethnicity, Inequality and Conflict, 2006-2007 (Value of Award: £1, 500.00)
 24. Joint Grantee, MacArthur Foundation (Chicago, USA) 'Research and Writing Grant', 2005-2006. (Value of Award: \$100, 000.00) Proposal among 26 selected out of a global pool of 492.
 25. Overseas Research Studentship (ORS), UK, 2003-2006 (Value of Award: £5, 000.00 per annum).
 26. Bill and Melinda Gates Cambridge Trust Scholarship 2003-2007 (Value of Award: £12, 000 per annum).
 27. Bill and Melinda Gates Cambridge Trust Fieldwork Grant, 2005-2006 (Value of Award: £7, 000.00).
 28. Ling Roth Scholarship, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK, 2006.
 29. Visiting Fellow, Centre for African Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands, September-December 2006.
 30. African Studies Centre (University of Cambridge)-UAC Travel Grant, 2005 (Value of Award: £800).
 31. Richards Fund, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 2005 (Value of Award: £1, 000.00).
 32. Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, Fieldwork Grant, 2005 (Value of Award: £500).
 33. Trinity Hall (University of Cambridge) Research Bursary, 2003/2004.
 34. First African Youth in A Global Age Fellowships (Social Science Research Council, New York, USA), 2001/2002 (Value of Award: \$7, 000.00).
 35. First Claude Ake Memorial Fellowships, (Africa-America Institute/African Studies Association), United States, 2001 (Value of Award: \$5, 000.00).
 36. Visiting Claude Ake Memorial Scholar, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA and State University New York (SUNY), Albany, New York, USA, November, 2001.
 37. Centre for Research and Documentation (CRD) Kano, Nigeria, Small Thesis Writing Grant, 1998/1999.
 38. TCDS Fellowships, New School for Social Research, New York, USA, September-December 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

(Sole Authored)

- 2016. *Nation as Grand Narrative: The Nigerian Press and the Politics of Meaning*. Rochester, New York: University of Rochester Press, 406 pp.
- 2014. *Yoruba Elite and Ethnic Politics in Nigeria: Obafemi Awolowo and Corporate Agency*. Cambridge & New York: Cambridge University Press. 295 pp.
- 2012. *Authority Stealing: Anti-Corruption War and Democratic Politics in Post-Military Nigeria*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 450 pp. [Selected as one of the three 'Best Books on Africa in 2013' by *Foreign Affairs*, <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/features/collections/the-best-books-of-2013-on-africa>]

(Sole Edited)

- 2022. *Everyday State and Democracy in Africa Ethnographic Encounters* (Cambridge Centre of African Studies Series). Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- 2017. *The Political Economy of Everyday Life in Africa: Beyond the Margins*. Suffolk, UK: James Currey, pp. 384. (African Paperback edition, 2020).
- 2016. *Writers and Social Thought in Africa*. New York: Routledge. [Earlier published as a special issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 32: 4, 2014] pp. 124.
- 2014. *Public Intellectual, the Public Sphere and the Public Spirit: Essays in Honor of Olatunji Dare at 70*. Ibadan: University of Ibadan Press.

(Co-Edited)

- 2021. *Elites and the Politics of Accountability* (co-edited with Rogers Orock). Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan University Press.
- 2016. *Governance and the Crisis of Rule in Contemporary Africa: Leadership in Transformation. Interpretations* (co-edited with Ebenezer Obadare). New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 320 pp.
- 2013. *Democracy and Prebendalism in Nigeria: Critical Interpretations* (co-edited with Ebenezer Obadare). New York, London: PalgraveMacmillan. 321 pp.
- 2011. *Nigeria at Fifty: The Nation in Narration* (co-edited with Ebenezer Obadare). New York: Routledge. 192 pp. Soft cover released in 2012. [Earlier published as a special issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 28/4, 2010]
- 2010. *Encountering the Nigerian State* (co-edited with Ebenezer Obadare). New York, London: PalgraveMacmillan. 269 pp.

(Non-fiction)

- 2008. *Trials and Triumphs: The Story of TheNEWS*, Lagos: West African Book Publishers. 236 pp.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

- 2022. Co-Editor, 'Rethinking Achille Mbembe's Postcolony,' (with Rogers Orock), Special Issue of *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, Vol. 92, Vol. 1.
- 2014. Editor, 'Writers and Social Thought in Africa.' Special Issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. 32: 4.
- 2010. Co-Editor, 'Nigeria at Fifty: The Nation in Narration,' (with Ebenezer Obadare). Special Issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* on 'Nigeria at Fifty'. Vol. 28, No. 4, October: pp.379-406.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022. 'Introduction' (with Rogers Orock). In 'Rethinking Achille Mbembe's Postcolony,' Special Issue of *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, Vol. 92. Vol. 1: 112-132.
- 2022. 'The Carnality of Power,' *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*, Vol. 92. Vol. 1: 42-48.

- 2021. 'Burying Zik of Africa: The Politics of Burial and Cultural Crisis,' *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 63(1):41–71.
- 2018. 'Contesting multiculturalism: ethno-regionalism and contending forms of nationalism in late colonial Nigeria,' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol. 56, Iss. 1: 40-64.
- 2017. 'Africa's Two Publics: Colonialism and Governmentality,' *Theory, Culture & Society*, Vol. 34, No. 4: 65-87.
- 2014. 'Religion and Indigenous Hermeneutics.' In 'Roundtable Discussion: Jacob Olupona's *City of 201 Gods*,' *Journal of African Religions*, 2, 4: 457-464.
- 2014. 'The Writer as Social Thinker.' In 'Writers and Social Thought in Africa.' Special Issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 32: 4: 405-420.
- 2013. 'Абуджа,' *Logos: Philosophical and Literary Journal*, 4 (94): 207-220. (Reprint, in Russian, of 'Abuja' chapter in Goran Therborn and Simon Bekker, eds. *Capital Cities in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Pretoria and Dakar: HSRC & CODESRIA, 2011).
- 2012. 'Glocal Naming and Shaming: Toponymic (Inter)National Relations on Lagos and New York Streets,' *African Affairs*, 111/445: 640-661.
- 2011. 'The Radical Press and Security Agencies in Africa: Beyond Hegemonic Polarities,' *African Studies Review*, Vol. 54, No. 3, December, pp. 45-69.
- 2011. 'When Corruption Fights Back: Democracy and Elite Interests in Nigeria's Anti-Corruption War' (with Ebenezer Obadare), *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol.49, No.2, June: 185-213.
- 2011. 'The Abrogation of the Electorate: An Emerging African Phenomenon' (with Ebenezer Obadare), *Democratization*, (Special Issue on 'Democratization in Africa'), Vol. 18. No.2:311-335.
- 2010. 'The Clergy, Culture and Political Conflicts in Nigeria,' *African Studies Review*, Vol. 53, No. 3, December: 121-142.
- 2010. 'Introducing Nigeria at Fifty: The Nation in Narration,' (with Ebenezer Obadare), Special Issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* on 'Nigeria at Fifty'. Vol. 28, No. 4, October: pp.379-406.
- 2009. 'Transnational Resource Flow and the Paradoxes of Belonging: Re-directing the Debate on Transnationalism, Remittances, State and Citizenship in Africa,' (with Ebenezer Obadare), *Review of African Political Economy*, Vol. 36: 122, 499 — 517.
- 2009. 'Terror, Territoriality and the Struggle for Indigeneity and Citizenship in Northern Nigeria,' *Citizenship Studies*. Vol. 13, No. 4 August: 349 - 363.
- 2009. 'The Cultural Agency of Elites: Awolowo and the Re-making of the Yoruba,' *Journal of Historical Sociology*. Vol. 22, No. 2: 207-233.
- 2008. "The Cult of Awo: The Political Life of a Dead Leader," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 3: 335–360.
- 2008. 'Death, National Memory and the Social Construction of Heroism,' *Journal of African History*, (Special Issue on 'Death in African History'), Vol. 49, No. 3, December: 419–444.
- 2008. 'Ethno-Nationalist Claims in Southern Nigeria: Insights from Yoruba and Ijaw Nationalisms since the 1990s' (with Charles Ukeje), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 31, No. 3, March: 536-591
- 2007. 'Territoriality and the Discourse of Ethnic Groups' Clashes.' *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, vol. 13, no. 2: 213-243.

- 2005. 'The Carpenter's Revolt: Youth, Violence and the Reinvention of Culture in Nigeria.' *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 3: 339-365.
- 2005. 'Contesting Exclusion: The Dilemmas of Citizenship in Nigeria,' *The African Anthropologist*, Vol. 12, No. 1, March: 11-45.
- 2005. 'Government-led Service: The Nigerian Technical Aid Corps,' *Voluntary Action*, vol. 7, no. 2, Summer/Autumn: 57-68.
- 2004. 'The Press and the Politics of Marginal Voices: The Narratives of the Experiences of the Ogoni of Nigeria,' *Media, Culture and Society*, UK. Vol. 26, No. 6, November: 763-783.
- 2004. 'The City, Hegemony and Ethno-Spatial Politics: The Press and the Struggle for Lagos in Colonial Nigeria,' *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, Vol. 9: 25-51.
- 2004. 'More Freedom, More Problems? The Nigerian Press in the Post-Abacha Era' (With Adigun Agbaje) *Quarterly Journal of Administration*, vol. xxxii, no. 1, March: 71 - 99.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2022

- 'Introduction: The Everyday State and Democracy in Africa.' In *Everyday State and Democracy in Africa: Ethnographic Encounters* (Cambridge Centre of African Studies Series). Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- 'Paper Games: Consularity and Ersatz Lives in Urban Lagos' (with Ebenezer Obadare). In *Everyday State and Democracy in Africa Ethnographic Encounters* (Cambridge Centre of African Studies Series). Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.

2021

- 'Introduction: The Logic of Elite Accountability in Africa' with Rogers Orock). In Wale Adebawo and Rogers Orock (eds.) *Elites and the Politics of Accountability in Africa*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: Michigan University Press.
- 'Beyond Afro-Pessimism: *Party-monialism*, Registers of Accountability, and the Politics of Corruption.' In Wale Adebawo and Rogers Orock (eds.) *Elites and the Politics of Accountability in Africa*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: Michigan University Press.

2019

- 'Contesting Multiculturalism: Federalism and Unitarism in Late Colonial Nigeria.' In Richard Ashcroft and Mark Bevir (eds.) *Multiculturalism in the British Commonwealth: Comparative Perspectives on Theory and Practice*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 167-190. [Published earlier as 'Contesting multiculturalism: ethno-regionalism and contending forms of nationalism in late colonial Nigeria,' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, Vol. 56, Iss. 1, 2018: 40-64.

2017

- 'Approaching the Political Economy of Everyday Life: An Introduction.' In Wale Adebawo (ed.) 2017. *The Political Economy of Everyday Life in Africa: Beyond the Margins*. Suffolk, UK: James Currey, pp. 1-31.
- 'Elites, Ethnographic Encounters and the 'Native' Ethnographer in Contemporary Africa.' In Rosabelle Boswell and Francis Nyamnjoh (eds.) *Contemporary African Ethnographies*, Pretoria: Human Sciences Research Council Press, pp. 149-176.

- ‘Coloring "Rainbow" Streets: The Struggle for Toponymic Multiracialism in Urban Post-Apartheid South Africa.’ In Rose-Redwood, R., Alderman, D., and Azaryahu, M. (eds.), *The Political Life of Urban Streetscapes: Naming, Politics, and Place*. New York: Routledge, pp. 218-239.

2016

- ‘Colonial Modernity and Tradition: Herbert Macaulay, the Newspaper Press and the (Re)Production of Engaged Publics in Colonial Lagos.’ In Derek R. Peterson, Emma Hunter, and Stephanie Newell (eds.), *African Print Cultures: Newspapers and Their Publics in the Twentieth Century*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016: pp 125-148.
- ‘Governance and the Unending Search for Leadership in African Politics,’ (with Ebenezer Obadare). In Ebenezer Obadare and Wale Adebaniwi (eds.) *Governance and the Crisis of Rule in Contemporary Africa: Leadership in Transformation*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1-22.
- ‘Preface.’ In *Writers and Social Thought in Africa*. New York: Routledge, 2016, pp. xi-xiii.
- ‘The Writer as Social Thinker.’ In *Writers and Social Thought in Africa*. New York: Routledge, 2016. [Earlier published as a special issue of *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 32: 4, 2014] pp. 1-16.

2014

- ‘Introduction.’ In Wale Adebaniwi (ed.) *Public Intellectual, the Public Sphere and the Public Spirit: Essays in Honour of Olatunji Dare*. Ibadan: University of Ibadan Press.

2013

- ‘Democracy and Prebendalism: Emphases, Provocations and Elongations,’ (with Ebenezer Obadare). In Wale Adebaniwi and Ebenezer Obadare (eds.) *Democracy and Prebendalism in Nigeria: Critical Interpretations*. New York, London: PalgraveMacmillan. Pp. 1-22.
- ‘Mobilizing For Change: The Press and the Struggle for Citizenship in Democratic Nigeria.’ In Mojubaolu Olufunke Okome (ed.) *Contesting the Nigerian State: Civil Society and the Contradictions of Self-Organization*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan. Pp. 79-107.

2012

- ‘The Abrogation of the Electorate: An Emerging African Phenomenon’ (with Ebenezer Obadare). In Gordon Crawford and Gabrielle Lynch (eds.) *Democratization in Africa: Challenges and Prospects*, New York: Routledge. Pp. 37-60. [Published earlier in *Democratization*, Special Issue on ‘Democratization in Africa’, Vol. 18. No.2:311-335.]

2011

- ‘Civil Society and Africa's Transformation in the 21st Century’ (with Adigun Agbaje). In Solomon O. Akiboye (ed.) *Perspectives on Africa's Crises: The Challenges of Socio-Political and Economic Transformation in the 21st Century*. Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited, pp. 381-398.
- ‘Abuja.’ In Goran Therborn and Simon Bekker (eds.) *Capital Cities in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Pretoria and Dakar: HSRC & CODESRIA, pp. 84-102. http://www.codesria.org/IMG/pdf/Capital_Cities_in_Africa_-_Chapter_6_Abuja.pdf

- ‘The Press and the Democratic Question: Narrating Ethno-Religious Identities and Conflicts in Nigeria.’ In Said Adejumobi (ed.), *State, Economy, and Society in Post-Military Nigeria*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan. pp. 23-47.
- ‘Introducing. Nigeria At Fifty: The Nation in Narration’ (with Ebenezer Obadare). In Ebenezer Obadare and Wale Adebaniwi (eds.), *Nigeria At Fifty: The Nation in Narration*. New York: Routledge, pp. 1-28.

2010

- ‘“The Visa God’: Would-Be Migrants and the Instrumentalization of Religion’ (with Ebenezer Obadare). In Afe Adogame and James Spickard, Eds. *Religion Crossing Boundaries: Transnational Religious and Social Dynamics in Africa and the New African Diaspora* Leiden, Boston: Brill., pp. 31-48.
- ‘Introduction: Excess and Abjection in the Study of the African State’ (with Ebenezer Obadare). In Wale Adebaniwi and Ebenezer Obadare (eds.). *Encountering the Nigerian State*. New York, London: PalgraveMacmillan, pp. 1-28.

2009

- ‘The Quintessential Awo.’ In D. O. Oke, O. Dare, A. Williams and F. Akinola (eds.), *Awo: On the Trail of a Titan*. Lagos, Nigeria: The Obafemi Awolowo Foundation, pp. 33-56.

2005

- ‘The Executive: Four Years of Democratic Rule in Nigeria’ (with Adigun Agbaje). In Aaron T. Gana and Yakubu B.C. Omelle (eds.) *Democratic Rebirth in Nigeria, Vol. 1: 1999-2003*, Abuja and New Jersey: AFRIGOV and Africarus Multimedia, pp. 41-54.

2004

- ‘Democracy and Violence: The Challenge of Communal Clashes.’ In Adigun Agbaje, Larry Diamond and Ebere Onwudiwe (eds.), *Nigeria and the Struggle for Democracy and Good Governance: A Festschrift for Oyeleye Oyediran*. Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, pp. 327-348.
- ‘Indigenous Political Structures and the Nigerian State: The Taming of the Sultanate.’ In Olufemi Vaughan (ed.) *Indigenous Political Structures and Governance in Africa*, vol. 2. Ibadan: Kraft Books, pp. 323-343.

2003

- ‘The Political Economy of the Problems of Nigerian Statehood’ (with Adigun Agbaje). In Richard .A. Olaniyan (ed.) *The Amalgamation and Its Enemies (An Interpretive History of Modern Nigeria)*, Obafemi Awolowo University Press, Ile-Ife, pp. 58-81.

2002

- ‘The Nigerian Press and the National Question.’ In Abubakar Momoh and Said Adejumobi (eds.), *The National Question in Nigeria: Comparative Perspectives*, Hampshire, England: Ashgate, pp. 201-215.

Work in Progress and Ongoing Research Projects:

- Street (Re)Naming and De-Racialisation in Post-Apartheid South Africa (monograph).
- Enlightenment in the Tropics: Newspaper Intellectuals, Colonialism and Modernity in early 20th Century Nigeria (monograph).

Monographs & Working Papers

- 2011. *Globally oriented Citizenship and International Voluntary Service: Interrogating Nigeria's Technical Aids Corps Scheme*, Discussion Paper, The Nordic Africa Institute, 2012. 81 pp.
- 2009. *June 12th Political Crisis (1993 – 1998): An Annotated Bibliography*. Kano: Centre for Research and Documentation, 2009, 269 pp. [Reviewed in *Communicate: Journal of Library and Information Science*, Vol. 13, No 1 2011, by I. Bala].
- 2009. 'International Service and Civic Nationalism in Nigeria and the Gambia.' In Amanda Moore McBride (ed.), *Youth Service in Comparative Perspective*, CSD Monograph (No. 09-04). Centre for Social Development, George Washington University, St. Louis, MO. pp. 65-72.
- 2007. 'Necrophilia and Elite Politics: The Case of Nigeria,' *Working Paper 71*, African Studies Centre, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2005. 'Techno-Politics and the Production of Knowledge: Democratic Activism and the Nigerian Exile,' *AAPS Occasional Paper Series*, vol. 10, no. 1. 35 pp.
- 2000. 'Rethinking Dissent: Public Intellectuals, Civic Space and Democratic Consolidation in Nigeria,' *TCDS Working Papers Series*, New School University, New York. 43 pp.

Encyclopedia Entries, Short Pieces, and Book Reviews

- 2017. 'Peel and the "Intellectualist" Account of Social Change.' *Religion and Society: Advances in Research*. Vol. 8: 5-9.
- 2016. 'Rethinking Knowledge Production in Africa,' ("Debate: Knowledge Production in Africa") *Africa*, Vol. 86, Iss. 2: 350-353.
- 2015. Book Review. Martin J. Murray, *Commemorating and Forgetting: Challenges for the New South Africa*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2013. *Social and Cultural Geography*, 16(2): 253-254.
- 2012. Book Review: Chima J. Koreh, *The Land Has Changed: History, Society and Gender in Colonial Eastern Nigeria*. Calgary, Alberta: University of Calgary Press, 2010. *Africa*, Vol. 82, Issue 3, August, pp. 503-505.
- 2012. Book Review: *A Nation Betrayed: Nigeria and the Minorities Commission of 1957*, by Michael Vickers. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2010. *African Affairs*, Vol. 111, Iss. 443, April: 335-337.
- 2010. Book Review: *Chief Obafemi Awolowo and the Making of Remo: The Local Politics of a Nigerian Nationalist* by Insa Nolte, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 48, Iss. 3, September: pp. 522-524.
- 2010. 'The Anti-Colonial Press [British Colonial Africa]', John Downing (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Social Movement Media*. London: Sage: 55-57.
- 2006. 'Nigeria: Youth Activism.' In Lonnie R. Sherrod, Constance A. Flanagan, Ron Kassimir, and Amy K. Syvertsen (eds.), *Youth Activism: An International Encyclopedia*, (Vol. 2: K-Z), Westport, Connecticut, London: Greenwood Press: 442-447.
- 2003. Review article of Poverty Reduction: What Role for the State in Today's Globalized Economy? Francis Wilson, Nazneen Kanji and Einar Braathen (eds.) London and New York: Zed Books, 2001, *Democracy and Development – Journal of West African Affairs*, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 101- 102.

- 2001. Book Review. *Identity Transformation and Identity Politics Under Adjustment in Nigeria*, Attahiru Jega (ed.), Uppsala: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, 2000, *Journal of Modern African Studies* (JMAS), Vol. 39, Issue 03, pp. 547-568.
- 2001. 'Collapse Thesis and the Nigerian Dilemma,' (Review of *This Country Has Fallen: Nigeria in Crisis*, by Karl Meier), *Glendora Review - African Quarterly on the Arts*, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 7-11.

Select Articles in Public Media

2006. 'Nigeria: The Predators Prepare to Pounce,' *Mail & Guardian*, South Africa, Wednesday 27 June.

2001. 'Nigeria: Shell of a State,' *Dollar & Sense Magazine*, Boston, US, July/August

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- Member, Council of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, 2022-
- Member, Advisory Board, Johannesburg Institute of Advanced Studies, 2020-
- Committee Member, Oxford Centre for Global History, Faculty of History, University of Oxford, 2016-
- Member, Steering Committee, Africa-Oxford Initiative (AfOx), University of Oxford, 2016-
- Governing Board Fellow, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK, July 2017-2020.
- Associate member, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, UK, July 2017-2020.
- Research Fellow, Oxford Martin Program on African Governance, 2018-
- Member, Steering Committee, Skoll Center for Social Entrepreneurship, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, UK, 2020-2020.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Suomen antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society*, 2021-
- Co-editor, *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, 2015-2020.
- Co-editor, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, South Africa, 2010-2016.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)* 2019-
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 2017-
- Member, Editorial Board, *African Conflict and Peace Building Review*, 2017-
- Member, Editorial Board, *Political and Legal Anthropology Review (POLAR)*, 2018-
- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, 2012-
- Contributing editor, *Lagos Review of Books and Society*, Nigeria. 2015-2017.
- Applications' Reviewer, African Peace-building Network (APN) Research Grant Competition, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, 2012.
- Member, Board of Trustees, Obafemi Awolowo Institute of Government and Public Policy, 2009-till date
- Member, Think-Tank for the Governor of Ekiti State, Nigeria, 2010- 2014.

Major Conferences/Workshops/Summer School (lead or major participation)

- 2019. Convener, Conference on '20 Years of Democracy in Nigeria: 1999-2019,' University of Oxford, 6 December 2019.
- 2019. Convener, Conference on 'Racialisation and Publicness in Africa and the African Diaspora,' University of Oxford, UK, 27-28 June 2019.
- 2018. Resource Person, Ife Institute of Advanced Studies, Nigeria, July-August.
- 2013. Co-Director, Ikogosi Graduate Summer School (IGSS), Ikogosi, Ekiti State, Nigeria. June 16-29, 2013.
- 2011. 'International Conference on Democracy and Prebendal Politics in Nigeria: Critical Reinterpretations,' (with Dr. Ebenezer Obadare) September 10, 2011, Eko Hotels and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria. The conference which included scholars and participants from the US, Europe and Africa, was hosted by the Governor of Ekiti State, Nigeria, Dr. Kayode Fayemi.
- 2010. 'Public Discussion of a Special Issue of the JMAS, "Nigeria at Fifty: The Nation in Narration"', (with Dr. Ebenezer Obadare) October 9, 2010, Protea Hotel, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria. The conference was hosted and funded by the Heinrich Boll Foundation, Nigeria.
- Resource Person, CODESRIA Governance School, 'The Media in African Governance', August 20-26, 2005.

Distinguished Lecture, Keynote Addresses and Invited Lectures

'Becoming a Big Man in Africa: Subalternity, Elitism and Ethnic Politics in Nigeria.' Distinguished Lecture, Association of Africanist Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, United States, November 20 2021.

'Contesting Africa's "Dissimilarity": Reflections on Global African Studies.' Keynote Lecture presented at the 50th Anniversary of the Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University, February 28 2020.

'Elites, Leadership and Social Mobilisation of Interests,' Lecture presented at the African Leadership Institute, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, UK, 12 September 2019.

'Elites and the Enlightenment: Reflections on the Question of Progress in Contemporary Nigeria,' 60th Anniversary Lecture of the Metropolitan Club of Lagos, Nigeria, 15 October 2019.

'The Social Life of a Scholarly Publication: From Conception to Execution,' Keynote Address delivered at the Ife Institute of Advanced Studies, Nigeria 23 July, 2018.

'Youth Radicalization, Extremism and Human Security: An Overview.' Keynote delivered at the 'Training Workshop on Youth Radicalization, Extremism and Human Security', organized by the African Center for Peace and Security Training (ACPST), Institute of Security Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Lagos, Nigeria, 22 – 24 October, 2014.

'Elites, Ethnographic Encounters and the "Native" Ethnographer in Contemporary Africa.' Keynote Lecture Delivered at the Anthropology Southern Africa (ASA) Annual Conference, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, June 29 – July 2, 2014.

‘What Are Friends For? Friendship and Public Life in the Postcolony.’ 2013 African Studies Center Annual Lecture, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, UK, May 14, 2013.

‘Publishing Articles in Humanities and Social Science Refereed Journals’, Invited Talk at the Seminar on Editing and Publishing in the Humanities organized by the Faculty of Humanities, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa and the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, April 24, 2012.

‘The Future of the Legacy: Challenges and Prospects’, Keynote Address presented at the Obafemi Awolowo Centennial Workshop: ‘The Awolowo Legacy and the Youth’, July 21-22, 2009. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Lectures/Conference Presentations/Workshops

2019.

‘The Political Economy of Recession in Nigeria since 2014,’ Workshop on ‘The political economy of Nigeria since the 2014 economic downturn,’ organized by the Oxford Martin School Program on African Governance, the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, and SAIS Johns Hopkins University, Yar’Adua Centre, Abuja, Nigeria, 19 September 2019.

2018.

‘The Enlightenment and African Subjectivity: Reflections on the Power of Knowledge,’ Talk at the African Oxford Initiative (AfOx) “Networking Drinks and Talks” at the Official Residence of the British High Commissioner to Nigeria, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria, 6th October, 2018.

‘Introduction, “Rethinking the Postcolony: 25 Years After”’, Panel at the African Studies Association, UK Conference, University of Birmingham, U, 11 September, 2018.

2017.

‘Race Relations and Street re-naming in Post-Apartheid South Africa.’ Talk presented at the African Society Oxford University, Annual Gathering, At Antony’s College, 20 October.

‘Africa: a “Dissimilar” System? Africa and Knowledge Production in the UK.’ Lecture presented at the Centre for African Studies Weekly Seminar, Cambridge University, 16 October.

‘*Street Fight*: Toponymy and Multiracialism in Urban Post-Apartheid South Africa.’ Seminar presented at the Centre of African Studies Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 4 October.

2016.

“JDY Peel’s ‘Intellectualist’ Account of Social Change,” Presented at the Panel on “The Legacy of J.D.Y. Peel’s Work for the Study of Nigeria.” African Studies Association, UK, September 7, 2016. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.

2015.

‘Rethinking Knowledge Production in Africa.’ Paper presented at the African Studies Association of Africa Conference, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, October 14, 2015.

‘Coloring “Rainbow” Streets: The Struggle for Toponymic Multiracialism in Urban Post-Apartheid South Africa.’ Paper presented at St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, October 8, 2015.

2014.

‘How to be an Excellent Journalist.’ Paper presented at the Workshop for reporters and editors of the *Nigerian Tribune* (the oldest private newspaper in Nigeria), Ibadan, Nigeria, July 14, 2014.

‘The Politics of Life in Nigeria.’ Invited Lecture delivered to the graduate class in ‘Nigerian Politics and Society,’ Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, July 14, 2014.

‘The Media and the State in Nigeria.’ Invited Lecture delivered to the undergraduate Class on ‘The Media and the State,’ Department of Political Science, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, July 14, 2014.

‘Contesting Multiculturalism: Federalism and Unitarism in Late Colonial Nigeria’ Paper presented at the Conference on ‘Multiculturalism in the British Commonwealth, cc 1945-2013’, Center for British Studies, University of California, Berkeley, January 31, 2014.

2013.

‘The Slum, the City and the State: Social Action and the Mobilization of Interest in a Lagos Slum.’ Presentation at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, Bellagio, Italy, Oct. 22, 2013.

‘Leadership and Governance in Africa: A Research Agenda.’ Lead paper presented at the International Conference on Leadership and Governance in Africa, hosted by the Obafemi Awolowo Institute of Government and Public Policy, Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria. July 11-14, 2013.

“‘Renaming” Mandela Drive: The Toponymy of Race and Collective Memory in Post-Apartheid South Africa.’ Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the American Association of Geographers, Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, April 8-13, 2013.

‘Religion and Transnationalism in Nigeria.’ Talk Presented at a Panel Discussion, Religion in Diaspora and Global Affairs Humanities Studio Jam, organized by the University of California, Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI), UC Irvine, February 22, 2013.

2012.

‘Paper Soldiers: Newspaper Narratives on the Eve of the Nigerian Civil War.’ Paper presented at

the African Print Cultures Workshop, Michigan University, Ann Arbor, December 3-4, 2012.

'Between Foucault and Ekeh: Governmentality and the Two Publics in Africa', Paper presented at the Foucault Circle 2012 Conference, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, March 30 – April 1, 2012.

2011

'Democracy and Prebendal Politics in Nigeria: Critical Reinterpretations. Opening Remarks', International Conference on Democracy and Prebendal Politics in Nigeria: Critical Reinterpretations, Eko Hotels, Victoria Island, Lagos, September 10, 2011.

'Glocal Naming and Shaming: (Inter)National Relations on Lagos and New York Streets', Paper presented at the Canadian Association of African Studies, York University, May 5-7, 2011.

2010

'Nigeria At Fifty: Nation in Narration,' Lead presentation at the public presentation and discussion of the Special Issue of the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* on "Nigeria At Fifty." Protea Hotel, Ikoyi, Lagos, Nigeria. October 9, 2010.

2009

(With Ebenezer Obadare) 'The Visa God: Would-Be Migrants and the Instrumentalization of Religion', Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 19-22, 2009.

(With Ebenezer Obadare) 'The Abrogation of the Electorate: An Emerging African Phenomenon', Paper presented at the Conference on 'Democratization in Africa', Leeds University, Leeds, UK. Dec 3-5, 2009.

2007

'The Clergy, Culture and Political Conflicts in Nigeria', Research Paper presented at a seminar series, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford University, February 13, 2007.

'The Paradoxes of International Service and Civic Service: Interrogating Nigeria's Technical Aids Corps'. Research paper presented at a Conference on, 'Understanding Civic Service: International Research and Application Research Panels', Centre for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. February 27-March 3, 2007

2006

'Necrophilia and Elite Politics: The Case of Nigeria', Lunch Seminar, Centre for African Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands, November 21, 2006

2005

'Reading for the Political: *Calibrations*, Alienation and the Crisis of the Postcolony', Paper Presented at the American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), The Pennsylvania State University, March 11-13, 2005.

'Government-Led International Service Program: The Example of Nigeria's Technical Aids Corp', International Service in the Context of Globalization: A Research Conference, May 25 to 27, 2005, London, UK.

2004

'Contesting Exclusion: The Dilemmas of Citizenship in Nigeria', Paper presented at the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), held at Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, July 10-14 2004.

2003

'Carpenter's Revolt: Oodua People's Congress, Youth, Citizenship and Democracy in Nigeria', Paper presented at the African Studies Association (ASA) Conference, Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston, MA, USA. October 29 – November 2, 2003.

'Reconstructing the Past or Mere Ventilation of Grievances? The Human Rights Violations Investigations Commission in Nigeria', Paper presented at the 19th International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference, Durban, South Africa, June 29-July 4, 2003.

'Pirate Radio and the Production of Knowledge: The Nigerian Exile and Democratic Activism', Paper presented at the African Association of Political Science (AAPS), Durban, South Africa, June 25-28, 2003.

With Adigun Agbaje, 'The Executive: Three Years of Democratic Rule in Nigeria', Paper presented at the African Centre for Democratic Governance Conference on 'Three Years of Democratic Rule in Nigeria', Abuja, March, 2003.

2002

'The City and Hegemonic Politics: The Press and the Struggle for Lagos in Colonial Nigeria', CODESRIA General Assembly, Kampala, Uganda, December 8-11, 2002.

'Sharia or *Pariah* Citizens: Muslim Legal Code and the Negotiation of Citizenship in Nigeria's New Republic', International Society for Third Sector Research, ISTR, Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, July 7-12, 2002.

'The Nigerian Nation: Comparative Notes on the Press Narrations on Nation', Presented at the Summer School on Comparative Research in the Social Sciences organized by International Social Science Council (ISSC)/ UNESCO-MOST, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 20-30, 2002.

2001

"The Impact of Technology on Socio-Political Processes", Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Houston, Texas, USA, November 16-18, 2001.

"The *Ruse* of Law and the Accountable Other", Conference on Democratization: Freeways and Detours, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, United States, October 19-21, 2001.

"The *War* Before the War: The Press and the Nigerian Crisis", Paper presented at the Conference

on the Nigerian Civil War and Its Aftermath, Program of Federal and Ethnic Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, September 3-5, 2001.

"Indigenous Political Structures and the Nigerian State: The Taming of the Sultanate", Paper presented at the Conference of Indigenous Political Structures and Governance in Africa, Conference Center, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. July 19-22 2001.

Methodology Workshop organized by the African Association of Political Science (AAPS), Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos, Nigeria, February 11-18, 2001.

(with Adigun Agbaje) "Informal National Conference: Memory, Restitution and Reconciliation in 21st Century Nigeria", Paper presented at the Ethno-Net Africa (ENA) Conference, Douala, Cameroon, May 19-22, 2001.

Conference on 'The Economic, Political and Social Implications of the Internet', organized by the 21st Century Trust (England), Endicott House, MIT, Boston, USA, 26 June-3 July, 2001.

2000

'Clashing Cymbals: The Nigerian Press and the Narratives of the National Question', Paper presented at the Conference on the Management of the National Question in Nigeria (Program on Ethnic and Federal Studies, PEFS) University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, August 28-29, 2000.

'Citizenship in the Nude: Market Women, Civil Society and the Democratic Struggle in Nigeria', Paper presented at the XVIIIth World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) held in Quebec City, Canada, August 1-5, 2000.

'CAN and the 'Crucifixion' of Democracy and Freedom: Christianity As Dissent in Nigeria's Democratic Struggle', Paper for presentation at the Fourth International Conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), University College, Dublin, Ireland, July 5-8 2000.

1999

'The Nigerian Press and the Politics of Marginal Voices: The Narratives of the Experiences of the Ogoni and the Kataf', Paper presented at the Nationalism, Identity and Minority Rights Conference, Bristol University, Bristol, England, September 16 -19, 1999.

'The Transition of *Transfiction*: Creating Public Sphere Through the Subversion of Democratic Transition (The Nigerian Experience)', Paper submitted to the Graduate Institute of Democracy and Diversity, Cape Town, South Africa, February 1999.

'Women, State and Civil Society in Nigeria: The Mechanics of Inclusion and Exclusion', Paper submitted to the Graduate Institute of Democracy and Diversity, Cape Town, South Africa, February 1999.

Consultancies/Working Group/Expert Meetings

- Short Term Consultant, World Bank, Washington DC, USA. (Prepared background paper on ‘Comparative Politics of Austerity in Nigeria’) 2017.
- Member, ‘Print Cultures Collective,’ University of Birmingham, UK. The Collective is a group of scholars in North America, Europe and Africa doing research on African historical newspapers. (2013 and 2014 meetings and conferences were held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US and University of Birmingham, UK).
- Member, Religions in Diaspora and Global Affairs (RIDAGA) Working Group, University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI), 2012-2013.
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Regional Anti-Corruption Program for Africa, February 21-22, 2012, Kigali, Rwanda.
- Member of Experts Group, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) on Illicit Financial Outflow from Africa, February 23-24, 2012. Kigali, Rwanda.
- Member of Experts Group, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), African Governance Report (AGR III) on Elections, May 23-25, 2001, Pretoria, South Africa.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES/WORKSHOPS/SURVEYS/TOURS

- Participated in a survey on ‘Militant Ethnic Groups and the Future of Democracy in Nigeria’, organized by the Centre for Development and Conflict Management Studies (CEDCOMS), Ile-Ife, Nigeria, December 2002 – February 2003.
- Methodology Workshop organized by the African Association of Political Science (AAPS), Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos, Nigeria, February 11-18, 2001.
- Participated in the conference on ‘The Economic, Political and Social Implications of the Internet’, organized by the 21st Century Trust (England), Endicott House, MIT, Boston, USA, 26 June-3 July, 2001.
- Tour of the United States (Sponsored by the Africa-America Institute), November 3-17, 2001.
- Participated in ICSAG Mapping of Civil Society in Nigeria (Handled the states of Osun, Ondo and Lagos), November 1998 – January 1999.