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Expert Witness Consultant

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I am a HIPAA Certified expert witness who has written several expert witness reports and opinions, and testified in immigration evaluation and immigration detention hearings over the years. My expertise spans asylum, human rights and human security claims, persecution and discrimination based on political associations (including party politics, social and environmental activism), religion, ethnicity, identity, customs and culture, and group/individual self-determination cases involving people fleeing violence and conflict from West African countries with similar dynamics or for the same reasons.

EDUCATION:

PH.D. SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Martin Luther University | Germany | 2007-2011

M.A POLITICAL SCIENCE

Central European University | Hungary | 2006/07

M.SC POLITICAL SCIENCE

University of Lagos | Nigeria | 2002-2003

B.A HISTORY

University of Lagos | Nigeria | 1995-1999

Lead Expert Consultant, G.O Experts LLC, Princeton, NJ

- *Country of Origin Information (COI)/Report on Nigeria,
- *Asylum, Deportation, Immigration/Migration issues,
- *Human Security Issues, Human Rights Claims, State Violence,
- *Discrimination/Persecution Based on Politics, Religion, Ethnicity and Culture
- *Related cases of people fleeing Nigeria and other West African Countries.
- *Informed Research and Written Analysis
- *Courtroom Testimony (In-Person/Telephonic/Virtual)

WORK EXPERIENCE

TEACHING AND ADVISING ROLES:

Adjunct Faculty Instructor: *Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, Univ. of Pennsylvania - (Course INTS 5920: Paradigms and Paradoxes in Africa, Fall 2023)*
(Course INTS 7200: Africa Regional Analysis Immersion Program, Summer 2023)

Assistant Professor (Adjunct)/ Mercer County Comm College, Liberal Arts Div - West Windsor, NJ 08/2016 - 2019
Course: Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 101)

- * Exposed students to characteristics of different groups based on certain traditional ways of living;
- * Enabled students understand different groups in historical and contemporaneous times;
- * Exposed students to different group settlement in a given locale or region, or a historically associated territory;
- * Help students appreciate threats to sovereignty, environment and traditional ways of life;

Faculty Instructor (Adjunct) / Rowan University, Africana Studies Program - Glassboro, NJ 08/2017 - 06/2018
Course: Introduction to Africana Studies (AFST 11104)

- * Introduced students to the interdisciplinary, multicultural and international field of Africana Studies;
- * Contributions of African peoples and their descendants to the making of the modern world;
- * Impact of contributions of African peoples to historical and contemporary developments;
- * How African peoples shape societal issues, social consciousness, activism and change globally;

Adjunct Faculty Instructor / Rutgers University, Dept. of Political Science – N/Brunswick, NJ 01/2017 - 12/2017
Course: Politics and Culture (Pol 315)

- * The role of beliefs, values, customs, symbols, rituals, cultural practices and artefacts in societies;
- * Provided insights into how culture shapes politics and how politics shapes culture;
- * Exposed students to methodological approaches to the analysis of culture and politics;
- * Exposed students to understand approaches to political issues and how culture shapes politics;

Adjunct Assistant Professor / The College of New Jersey, Dept. of Soc. & Anth - Ewing, NJ 01/2018 - 06/2019

Course: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 110)

- * Demonstrated the myriads of problems confronted by indigenous groups in their interaction with other groups;
- * Demonstrated the complexities of the interactions between indigenous and non-indigenous societies;
- * Investigated what is termed “*first contact*” and what occurs when two cultures first encounter one another;
- * Investigated common societal issues and concerns emanating from group status and identity;

Lectureship / Princeton University, Anthropology/African Studies - Princeton, NJ 01/2018 - 07/2018

Course: Resource Curse and Development in Africa (ANT 421/AFS 320)

- * Examined the relationship between natural resource wealth and development in Africa;
- * Emphasized the construction and reproduction of the “resource curse” thesis as it affects African states;
- * Examined the coping mechanisms of African societies in the context of global extractive activities;
- * Explored the possibilities of responsible resource extraction in African societies globally; among other topics;

RESEARCH ROLES:

African Humanities Postdoctoral Research Associate / Princeton University - Princeton, NJ 09/2014 - 07/2016

Co-Convener: African Humanities Colloquium on “African Memory and the Crisis of the Present”

- * Focused on dynamics and hierarchies of memory in post-conflict social orders;
- * Examined how dominant memories override, control or suppress other memories, especially in African contexts;
- * Examined the role of memories and contestations over the ownership of place and authenticity of history;
- * Examined the role of symbols in structuring cultural identities and collective memories of African societies;

African Research Fellow/Sr. Research Specialist Human Sciences Research Council, S/Africa 03/2011- 07/2014

- * Conducted high-quality research and reported research findings and recommendations in high-level forums;
- * Designed projects for problem-oriented interdisciplinary research;
- * Designed and participated in multi-year, collaborative research projects with partners in Africa and globally;
- * Developed research proposals in line with program's research agenda;
- * Communicated and published research findings in peer-reviewed journals;
- * Communicated research findings on country and regional risk assessment to diplomatic forums and agencies;
- * Networked with major users of social science research and indigenous societies to understand their research needs;

Doctoral Candidate, Graduate School SCM, Martin Luther University, Germany, 10/2007-02/2011

- * Conducted high-quality primary and secondary research for my Ph.D. dissertation;
- * Reported research findings to a group of fellow doctoral candidates and faculty;
- * Participated in weekly faculty workshops;
- * Participated in the intellectual life of the Graduate School;

CONSULTING ROLES:

Program/Project Consultant:

African Peacebuilding Network (APN), Social Science Research Council, New York – 2016 – Till Date
(The APN supports independent African research on conflict-affected countries)

- Implemented and executed changes to research fellow's Ph.D. work overtime
- Expert reviewer and evaluator of Social Science Research Council (APN) IRG Competition.
- Expert reviewer and evaluator of Social Science Research Council (APN) Working Papers Series.
- Consulted to write Social Science Research Council (APN) Working Papers Series, No. 19.
- Facilitated the Social Science Research Council (APN/NextGen) Research Methods Workshops.
- Facilitated the Social Science Research Council (APN/NextGen) Research Theme Workshops on peace and conflict, peacebuilding, mediation, conflict analysis, management and resolution.
- Evaluated and monitored the progress research fellows in the African Peacebuilding Network.
- Mentored research fellows before, during and after workshops to align with program outcomes.
- Trained research fellows working in fragile conflict affected contexts on data collection methods.
- Provided capacity & strategies in peace, conflict & development research

Program/Project Consultant:

Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), Geneva, Switzerland-08/21-10/21
(A network dedicated to seeking new and innovative strategies and responses to organized crime)

- Conducted large study on the political economy of violence in Nigeria
- Drafted and implemented the design, data collection and analysis of the research project
- Identified, recruited and coordinated local researchers for the project

Program Consultant/Facilitator (University of Witwatersrand PhD Workshop):
University of the Witwatersrand (School of Governance), Johannesburg, South Africa - 08/2020
(The leading regional institution in governance, policy and development management)

- Facilitated the WITS Social Theory Workshop on research methods
- Evaluated and provided feedback on Ph.D. research proposals at different stages of execution.
- Co-coordinated the research group on “Regional Integration and the New Regionalism”

Program/Project Selection Committee Member:
U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs – 04/2016-04/2016
(Reader: Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders)

- Reviewed and evaluated applications from outstanding young leaders from Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Identified applicants with leadership skills in business, civic engagement and public management.
- Identified applicants with records of accomplishment in promoting innovation in selected areas.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

INDIVIDUAL:

- **African Humanities Program (AHP) of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS):**
Year Awarded: 2013/14; Amount: \$18,000 (Declined the offer)
Project Title: *Memory and Contested Narratives of the Nigeria-Biafra Civil War*: The project examines how issues of identity, authenticity, meaning and symbolic appropriation are deployed in memory -making, and how they hinder post-conflict peace.
- **Harry Frank Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Awards:**
Year Awarded: 2014-16; Amount: \$29,600
Project Title: *Political economy of memory: The Making, Unmaking and Remaking of the Nigeria-Biafra War*: The project examines the political economy of identity, authenticity, meaning and symbolic appropriation, its impact on the ownership, production, commodification and agenda-setting in the Nigerian public space, and its implications for post-conflict peacebuilding.
- **Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Community College Faculty Fellowship**
Year Awarded: 2021; Amount: \$40,000
Project Title: *A Class Act: Intellectuals and the Nigeria-Biafra War*: The project examines how intellectuals have provided a compelling vehicle for competing narratives of nationhood and social thought, and how it has invariably shaped memory, identity politics and reconciliation in contemporary Nigeria.

TEAM/GROUP GRANT:

- **International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada**
Year Awarded: 2013-15; Amount: CAD 441,665.06
Project Title: *Safe and Inclusive Cities: Research to Reduce Urban Violence, Poverty, and Inequalities*: The project identified the most effective strategies for tackling urban violence, poverty, and inequalities by contributing to, and shaping the frameworks and methodologies that will guide future research on these issues. The project enabled developing country researchers enhance their skills to design and execute innovative, policy-relevant, rigorous, and gender-sensitive research projects in cities affected by violence.
- **National Treasury of South Africa and the World Bank:**
Year Awarded: 2013; Amount: R4,000,000
Project Title: *Cities Support Program (CSP)*: The project provided an intergovernmental platform for urban support and reform to address South Africa’s national urban challenge in the core metropolitan areas, and to promoted inclusive, sustainable, and productive modes of urban and economic growth and development.
- **Department of Constitutional Development and Justice, South Africa**
Year Awarded: 2013; Amount: R10,300,000
Project Title: *Review of Decisions of the Constitutional Court and Supreme Court of Appeal*: The project focused on the Assessment of the Impact of the decisions of the Constitutional Court and Supreme Court of Appeal” as well as the transformation of the judicial system and the role of the judiciary in the developmental South African state.

Netherlands Embassy and the South African Government:

Year Awarded: 2011; Amount: R10,000,000

Project Title: *Review of State-Owned Enterprises in South Africa*: Comprehensive Database and Report on State-Owned Enterprises at the National, Provincial and Municipal Levels in South Africa in order to redefine and reconfigure and the role of SOEs to address economic, social and service delivery challenges facing the country.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (FELLOWSHIPS) AND TRAVEL GRANTS

- PhD Scholarship/Fellowship, Martin-Luther University, Germany, October 2007 – January 2011.
- MA Scholarship/Fellowship, Central European University, September 2006 – June 2007;
- Conference Travel Grant: Graduate School Society and Culture in Motion, Martin Luther Univ, Germany, 2008;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship: CODESRIA 12th General Assembly, Yaoundé, Cameroon, 11/7-11, 2008;
- Travel Grant/Fellowship: University of Oxford, CRISE, Oxford, UK, 3/17-18, 2009;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, Imgard Coninx Foundation 11th Berlin Roundtable, Germany, 10/21-26, 2009;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, Imgard Coninx Foundation 10th Berlin Roundtable, Germany, 3/18-23, 2009;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, Imgard Coninx Foundation 15th Berlin Roundtable, Germany, 3/28-31, 2010;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, CLACSO/IDEA/CODESRIA 6th South-South Inst, Santiago, Chile, 9/26-10/3, 2013;
- Travel Grant/Fellowship CODESRIA Child and Youth Institute, Dakar, Senegal, 10/22-11/9, 2012;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, The Africa Program and The Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity. Washington DC, US, 6/5-7, 2012;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP), First Annual Workshop on Alternative Approaches to Global Law, Economic Policy and Social Justice. Harvard University, Massachusetts, 6/2-11, 2010;
- Conference Travel Grant: Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, 2015;
- Travel Grant/Full Sponsorship, Kyoto University, CAAS, 4th Forum, Yaoundé, Cameroon, 12/4-6, 2014;
- Conference Travel Grant, Mercer County Community College, April 2018;

POLICY CONTRIBUTIONS

- Contributor, International Development (Africa Program), Wilson Center, Washington, D.C (2012);
- Member, Establishment of an African Studies Centre, HSRC, South Africa (2012-2014);
- Contributor, PRIX Global Political Risk Index for Oil Markets, Country Expertise/Analyst: Nigeria;
- Contributor: Assessments of Elections in Africa for SSRC, Country of Expertise: South Africa (2014).
- Contributor: Assessments of Elections in Africa for SSRC, Country of Expertise: Nigeria (2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2011: Challenging the State in Africa: MASSOB and the Crisis of Self-Determination in Nigeria (LIT Verlag: Munster. 216 pp).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2004: "Local and External Intersections in African Conflicts: Issues, Trends and Perspectives in the Liberian Experience", *Nigerian Journal of Policy and Development*, Vol. 3.
- 2006: "Contextualizing the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria's Niger Delta: Local and Global Intersections", *African Security Review*, Vol.15, No. 2: 108-114.
- 2009: "Energy and Security in the Gulf of Guinea: A Nigerian Perspective", *South African Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 16, No. 2: 245-264.
- 2011: "Contesting the Space: The 'New Biafra' and Ethno-Territorial Separatism in Southeastern Nigeria", *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 4: 402-422.
- 2012: "Contemporary Igbo Nationalism and the Crisis of Self-Determination in Nigeria", *African Studies*, Vol. 71, No. 1:29-51.
- 2012: "The Presence of the Past: Youth, Memory-Making and the Politics of Self-Determination in Southeastern Nigeria", *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 12: 2182-2199.
- 2013: "The Fractured Multi-Ethnic State: Contemporary Igbo Quest for Self-Determination in Nigeria", *African Identities*, Vol. 11, No. 1: 19-32.
- 2013: "Cultural Interfaces of Self-Determination and the Rise of the Neo-Biafran Movement in Nigeria", *Review of African Political Economy*, Vol. 40, No. 137: 428-446.
- 2014: "The Politics of 'Hope' and 'Despair': Generational Dimensions to Igbo Nationalism in Post-Civil War Nigeria", *African Sociological Review*, Vol. 18, No. 1: 2-26.

- 2015: Review Article, "Development and Diffusionism: Looking beyond neopatrimonialism in Nigeria, 1962–1985* Democracy in Nigeria: Thoughts and selected commentaries* The Jonathan presidency: The first year* Nigeria: Dancing on the brink", *African Affairs*, Vol. 114, No. 457: 649-654.
- 2016: "A 'Rising Africa' in a Resource-Rich Context: Change, Continuity, and Implications for Development", *Current Sociology*, Vol. 64, No. 2: 277-292;
- 2016: "Shared Histories, Divided Memories: Mediating and Navigating the Tensions in Nigeria-Biafra War Discourses", *Africa Today*, Vol. 63, No. 1: 2-21;
- 2018: "Bringing 'Biafra' Back In: Narrative, Identity and the Politics of Non-Reconciliation in Nigeria", *National Identities*, 20, 4: 379-399;
- 2018: "Plurality and Disempowerment in an Era of Neo-Liberal Democracy: Nigeria and South Africa Compared", *Revista do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Direito da UFC*, Vol. 38, No. 1: 441-455;

Peer-Reviewed Chapters

- 2011: "The 'Igbo Question' and the Reinvention of Igbo Nationalism in Contemporary Nigeria". In Apollós O. Nwauwa and Chima Korieh (eds.), *Against All Odds: The Igbo Experience in Post-Colonial Nigeria*. New Jersey: Goldline and Jacobs Publishing, 2011.
- 2013: "'Exit' and 'Inclusion': The Changing Paradigm of Pentecostal Expression in the Nigerian Public Space". In Irene Becci, Marian Burchardt, and Josè Casanova (eds.), *Topographies of Faith: Religion in Urban Space* (Int'l Studies in Religion and Society Series), Brill Publishers: Leiden, 2013, pp. 207-226.
- 2014: (With Cyril Obi) "Nigeria and the Biafra War of Secession: When National Unity Triumphs Over Self-Determination". In Redie Bereketeab (ed), *Self-Determination and Secession in Africa: The Post-Colonial State*. Routledge: New York, 2014, pp. 180-196.
- 2014: (With Nedson Pophiwa) "The National Question and Citizenship Deficit: South Africa and Nigeria". In Thenjiwe Meyiwa, Muxe Nkondo, Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu, Moses Sithole, and Francis Nyamnjoh (eds.), *State of the Nation: South Africa 1994-2014, A Twenty-Year Review of Freedom and Democracy*. Human Sciences Research Council: Cape Town, pp. 496-509.
- 2014: "Is Another Transition Possible? African Transitions to Democracy and the Limits of Praxis". In Claudio Lara Cortes and Consuelo Silva Flores (eds.), *Democratic Renewal versus Neoliberalism: Towards Empowerment and Inclusion*. CLACSO: Buenos Aires, 2014, pp. 65-79.
- 2015: "Igbo Politics and the Elusive Quest for Presidential Power". In Ebenezer Obadare, ed., *Nigeria: What is to be Done?* (<http://africasacountry.com/nigeria-what-is-to-be-done>).
- 2015: "Culture, Identity and the 'Re-making' of Political Resistance: The Case of the Neo-Biafran Movement in Nigeria". In Kenneth Nwoko and Omon Osiki (eds.), *Dynamics of Culture and Tourism in Africa: Perspectives on Africa's Development in the 21st Century*. Ilishan: Babcock Univ Press, pp. 320-339;
- 2016: (with Yul Derek Davids, Len Verwey, Ali Bhagat) "Community Advice Offices: Taking Charge in Marginalized Communities". In Daniel Plaatjies, Margaret Chitiga-Mabugu, Charles Hongoro, Thenjiwe Meyiwa, Muxe Nkondo, and Francis Nyamnjoh (eds.), *South Africa 2016: Who is in Charge? Mandates, Accountability and Contestations in the South African State*. Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Council Press, pp. 257-278;
- 2018: "Post-colonialism: Theoretical Foundations and Relevance to African Politics". In Samuel Oloruntoba and Toyin Falola (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of African Politics, Governance and Development* (Palgrave Macmillan, New York); pp. 71-82;
- 2020: "State, Resources and Developmental Prospects in Sub-Saharan Africa". In Samuel Oloruntoba & Toyin Falola (eds.), *Palgrave Handbook of African Political Economy*. NY: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 621-643;
- 2020: (with Cyril Obi), "Nigeria's Oil-Hinged Post-Civil War National Project: A Critical Examination of Past and Present Challenges". In Usman Tar, Sharkdam Wapmuk and Efem Nkam Ubi (eds.), *Perspectives on Contemporary Nigerian Politics and International Relations*. Kaduna and Lagos: Nigerian Defence Academy Press and Nigerian Institute for International Affairs Press
- 2021: "Elite Incorporation in Nigeria: The Case of Ohanaeze Ndi-Igbo". In Wale Adebawo and Rogers Orock (eds.), *Elites and the Politics of Accountability in Africa*. Ann Arbor: UMP, pp. 280-307;
- 2022: (with Cyril Obi), "'Federalism and Politics in Nigeria's Fourth Republic', in Toyin Falola, and Matthew M. Heaton (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Nigerian History*. (Oxford University Press, 2022). Pp. 599-616.

Occasional Papers/Working Papers (Peer Reviewed)

- 2008: *Local and Global Intersections: Resources, Conflicts and the Politics of Development in West Africa, Working Paper, No. 8. Graduate School Society and Culture in Motion (SCM)*, Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, 24 pp.
- 2008: *Resources and Development: The Role of the State in Sub-Saharan Africa, Occasional Paper, No. 58, Institute for Global Dialogue*, Midrand, South Africa. 41. pp.
- 2018: *Memory, Reconciliation and Peacebuilding in Post-Civil War Southeastern Nigeria, APN Working Papers Series, African Peacebuilding Network (APN)*, SSRIC, New York (No. 19).

2022: (with A. Bish., K. Madueke., L.D Adamu., K. Iruoma., B. Ogunleye and L. Bird), *The Crime Paradox: Illicit Markets, Violence and Instability in Nigeria*, **Research Report, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime**. Geneva, Switzerland. 51pp.

2023: An Overview of the African Peacebuilding Network's Contribution to the African Peacebuilding Literature, **APN Working Papers Series, African Peacebuilding Network (APN), SSRIC, New York (No. 35)**.

Book Reviews and Essays

2013: Review of Dani Rodrik, *The Globalization Paradox: Why Global Markets, States, and Democracy Can't Coexist*. OUP, Oxford, 2011, 321pp. **Kujenga Amani: A SSRIC Online forum**, November 20.

2013: "African Scholars Finding their Voices", **HSRC Review**, Vol. 11, No. 3 (July): 6-7.

2014: Review of Joey Power, *Political Culture and Nationalism in Malawi: Building Kwacha*. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2010, X + 332pp. £55 (hbk). **Nations and Nationalism**, 20/1:180-182.

2014: Review of Gaim Kibreab, *Eritrea: A Dream Differed*. Oxford: James Currey (East African Series), 2009, XXVI + 420pp. £50 (hbk) **Nations and Nationalism**, Vol. 20, No. 2: 392-393;

2014 "South Africa: 2014 Elections", On the Spot Section. **Kujenga Amani: A SSRIC Online forum**, May 5;

2015 "Transactional Politics and Nigeria's 2015 Elections", On the Spot Section, **Kujenga Amani: A SSRIC Online forum**, March 23;

PRESENTATIONS:

Invited Talks

2017 –

'Why "Biafra" Persists: Memory, History and Identity Transformation in Contemporary Nigeria. Paper presented at the Fung Global Fellows Conference on the theme: Boundary Matters: Interdisciplinary Engagements with Ethnic Difference, Princeton Institute for Int'l and Regional Studies, April 21-22;

2016 –

Princeton University, "Evidence of What? Challenging Everything We Know about Development in Africa". Panellist and Presenter: "It's the Scramble for Resources". Princeton, New Jersey, 10/13-14.

2015 -

Princeton University, Princeton African Humanities Colloquium on African Memory and the Crisis of the Present. Panellist and Presenter: "Between Personal and Official Memory: Memory, Opposition and the Nigeria-Biafra War". Princeton, New Jersey, 11/15.

City University of New York, The Wolfe Institute for Humanities on Discussion on Boko Haram and Nigeria's Bellwether Elections. Invited Panellist and Presenter: "Boko Haram in the Aftermath of Nigeria's General Elections". New York, 4/22.

City University of New York, Advanced Research Collaborative and The Graduate Center Panel Discussion on Nigeria's General Elections. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Reflecting on Elections in Nigeria: Lessons Learned and Future Scenarios". New York, 3/13.

2014 -

Kyoto University, Center for African Area Studies, Forth Forum on "Comprehensive Area Studies on Coexistence and Conflict Resolution Realizing 'African Potentials'. Invited Panelist and Presenter (With Cyril Obi): "Youth Conversations in a Post-Amnesty Niger Delta: An Analysis of the Potential for Sustainable Peacebuilding in Nigeria's Oil-Rich Region". Yaounde, Cameroon, 12/4-6.

2013 -

CLACSO/IDEA/CODESRIA Sixth South-South Institute. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Is Another Transition Possible? African Transitions to Democracy and the Limits of Praxis". Santiago, Chile, 9/26-10/3

Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), South African Heads of Mission Conference. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Implementing a South African "Concentric" Approach to Peace and Stability in Africa: Lessons Learned and Future Scenarios". Pretoria, South Africa, 4/11.

2012 -

South African Institute for International Affairs, Roundtable Discussion on Sustainable Prosperity: New Challenges for Natural Resource Governance Theory in Africa. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Resources and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa: The State as the 'Problem' and 'Solution'". Johannesburg, South Africa, 11/27.

Council for Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Child and Youth Institute on Youth, Social Transformation and Development in Africa. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Youth, Culture and Identity Politics: Post-War Dimensions to the struggle for self-determination in South-Eastern Nigeria". Dakar, Senegal, 10/22-11/9.

Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, The Africa Program and The Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity. Expert Panelist and Lead Author (With Mzukisi Qobo): "Africa and Twenty-First Century Development Challenges: North-South Development Agenda Reconsidered". Washington DC, US, 6/5-7.

Imgard Coninx Foundation 15th Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality, Borders and Borderlands: Contested Spaces between States. Invited Panelist and Paper Presenter: "The 'Bondage' of Berlin: Citizenship, Conflict and Precarious Statehood in Africa". Berlin, Germany, 3/28-31.

2010 -

Harvard University, Institute for Global Law & Policy (IGLP), First Annual Workshop on Alternative Approaches to Global Law, Economic Policy & Social Justice. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Challenging the State in Africa: MASSOB and the Crisis of Self-Determination in Nigeria". Cambridge, Massachusetts, 6/2-11.

2009 -

Imgard Coninx Foundation 11th Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality, on Memory Politics: Education, Memorials and Mass Media. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "The Powerful Presence of the Past: Memory Politics, Self-Determination and the Reinvention of Igbo Nationalism in Contemporary Nigeria". Berlin, Germany, 10/21-26.

Government of Senegal, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Cheikh Anta Diop University Plenary Session of the Symposium on the United States of Africa. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Federalism, Sovereignty and the United States of Africa: Emergent and Contending Perspectives". Dakar, Senegal, 7/27-30.

Imgard Coninx Foundation 10th Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality, on Urban Governance: Innovation, Insecurity and the Power of Religion. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Trans-National Religious Identities and Contemporary 'Forms of Exit/Inclusion' in the Nigerian Public Sphere". Berlin, Germany, 3/18-23.

University of Oxford, Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), Workshop on 'Mobilization for Political Violence: What Do We Know? Panelist and Presenter: "Emergent Forms of Self-Determination: Contemporary Igbo Nationalism and the 'Order of Violence' in South-eastern Nigeria". Oxford, UK, 3/17-18.

2008 -

Council for Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) 12th General Assembly on Governing the African Public Sphere. Invited Panelist and Presenter: "Contemporary Igbo Nationalism and the Crisis of Self-Determination in the Nigerian Public Sphere". Yaoundé, Cameroon, 11/7-11.

Scholarly Conferences and other Presenting Roles

2018

International Studies Association 59th Annual Convention on "The Power of Rules and the Rule of Power", Panel on Pan-African Identity and Africa's Development: Towards Integrative Politics, Economics, and Culture. Paper title: "Rethinking Pan-Africanism". April 4th - 7th, 2018, San Francisco, California, USA;

2015

African Studies Association (ASA), 58th Annual Meeting on 'The State and the Study of Africa', panel on 'The Making of Modern Nigeria'. Paper Title: "Between Personal and Official Memory: Memory, Opposition and the Nigeria-Biafra War", San Diego, California, 11/19-22.

African Studies Association 58th Annual Meeting on 'The State and the Study of Africa'. Discussant: "Challenges and Innovations in the Study of Peacebuilding and State-Building in Africa". San Diego, California, 11/19-22.

2013

Columbia University, Alliance for Historical Dialogue & Accountability (AHDA) 3rd Annual Conference on 'Historical Justice & Memory: Questions of Rights & Accountability in Contemporary Society'. Paper Title: "Conflicts of History & Memory: Nigeria-Biafra War & the Search for Master Narratives". New York, 12/5-7.

2011

HSRC Conference, on 'Tackling Inequalities? Framing and Investigating Structural Change, Social Policy & Politics'. "Rethinking the 'Social Question". Johannesburg, South Africa, 9/7-8.

2010

Igbo Studies Association 8th Int'l Conference on 'Nigeria at 50: The Igbo Experience'. Paper Title: "The 'Igbo Question' & the Reinvention of Igbo Nationalism in Contemporary Nigeria'. Howard University, D.C., 4/ 9-10.

2009

Third European Conference on African Studies (ECAS), on 'Respacing Africa'. Paper Title: "Contesting the Space: State & Emergent Context(s) of Igbo Self-Determination in Nigeria'. Univ. of Leipzig, Germany, 6/4-7.

2008

Canadian Association of African Studies Conference. Paper Title: "Local and Global Intersections: Resources, Conflicts and the Politics of Development in West Africa'. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, 4/1 - 4.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SCIENCE COMMUNITY

Manuscript Referee/Expert Reviewer:

- Journal of Asian and African Studies (2023)
- Third World Quarterly (2023)
- Journal of Contemporary African Studies (2022)
- Politikon (2022)
- Ethnicities (2022)
- African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (2017)
- African Peacebuilding Network (APN)/SSRC Working Papers Series (2016/17);
- Cogent Social Sciences (2015);
- Journal of Democratic Theory (2015);
- Regional and Federal Studies (2015);
- Nationalism and Ethnic Politics (2014);
- Memory Studies (2014);
- African Studies Review (2012/2015);
- Switzerland-South Africa Joint Research Program, NRF (2012);
- Nordic Africa Institute, Discussion Paper Series (2011).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, International Studies Association (ISA), United States;
- Member, Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS), Canada;
- Member, African Studies Association (ASA), United States;
- Member, Igbo Studies Association (ISA), United States;
- Member, International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS)
- Member, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Dakar, Senegal;
- Member, British International Studies Association (Africa & Int'l Studies Working Group), United Kingdom
- Member, International Council of Museums (ICOM), Paris, France;
- Member, Int'l Committee of Memorial Museums in Remembrance of Victims of Public Crimes (ICMEMO);
- Member, Commonwealth Association of Museums (CAM);

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

MCGRAW CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Princeton University | Princeton, NJ | 09/2014 – 06/2016

DECOLONIZING KNOWLEDGE, POWER AND BEING

University of South Africa | Pretoria, South Africa | 01/2014 – 02/2014

SOUTH-SOUTH INSTITUTE DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL VERSUS NEOLIBERALISM

CLACSO-CODESRIA-IDEAS| Santiago, Chile | 09/2013 – 10/2013

CHILD AND YOUTH INSTITUTE: YOUTH, SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa| Dakar, Senegal | 10/2012 – 11/2012

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