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Education

Ph.D.	University of Nigeria (Nsukka), History
M.A.	University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, History
B.A.	University of Nigeria (Nsukka), Education/History

Employment in Higher Education

October 2016-	Visiting Professorial Fellow, Department of History and International Studies, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, Nigeria
August 2016-	Chair, Africana Studies Department
2015-	Professor of Africana Studies, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)
2015-	Affiliate Professor of Language, Literacy, and Culture PhD Program, UMBC
2015-	Affiliate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies, UMBC
2015-	Associate Graduate Faculty, Graduate School, UMBC
2010-2015	Affiliate Associate Professor, Language, Literacy and Culture Ph.D. Program, UMBC
2009-2015	Affiliate Associate Professor, Gender and Women's Studies, UMBC
2008-2015	Associate Professor of Africana Studies, UMBC
2004-2008	Associate Professor of History, Millersville University, Pennsylvania
2003-2004	Associate Professor of History, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland
2000-2003	Assistant Professor of History, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina
1999-2000	Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Memphis, Tennessee
1995-1999	Lecturer I, History, Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria
1994-1995	Lecturer II, History, Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria
1991-1994	Lecturer III, History, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria
Jan – Dec 1990	Director of School of General Studies, Federal College of Education, Umuze, Nigeria

Research Interests

- Igbo history and culture
- Gender studies, women and the political economies of colonial and modern Nigeria and Africa
- Ethnonationalisms and conflicts in Nigeria
- African nationalism and intellectual history
- Slavery, slave trade and African Diaspora

Awards and Recognition

- Recipient of the Ali Mazrui Award for Scholarship and Research Excellence (TOFAC 2017)

Media Appearances and Interviews

- “African Women and Political Participation,” Podcast on the Maryland Humanities Connection, June 7, 2017. See <https://www.mdhumanities.org/podcasts/>
- “Researching Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War, 1967-1970,” interviewed at the Institute for African Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 21, 2017. See www.rememberingbiafra.com/blog/
- “Spotlight on the State of Education in Nigeria,” live appearance on Channels Television, Nigeria, July 9, 2016
- “Big Story: Focus on Education,” Channels Television, Nigeria, December 2015
- *The Greenville News*, Wednesday, May 7, 2003, 4C
- *The Magician*, March 17, 2000, p. 8
- *Mid-South & Metro: The Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Saturday, February 26, 2000, B1

Courses Taught at UMBC

Introduction to African History from earliest time to independence
Introduction to Contemporary Africa
Africa: Culture and Development
Islam in Africa
West African History from earliest time to independence
Women in Africa and the Diaspora

Selected Publications (Peer-reviewed Works)

Books

- Editor, *Ethnicities, Nationalities, and Cross-Cultural Representations in Africa and the Diaspora* (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, June 2015), xlv + 363 pp.

For reviews of this book, see

Journal of African History 58, no. 3 (2017): 521-522

- Editor, *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, August 2013), xv + 342 pp.

For reviews of this book, see

CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries 51, no. 10 (June 2014): 1863

African Studies Quarterly 14, no. 4 (2014): 88-91

- *Igbo Women and Economic Transformation in Southeastern Nigeria, 1900-1960* (New York. London: Routledge, January 2005), xiii + 320 pp.

For reviews of the above book, see

Canadian Journal of African Studies 41, no. 1 (2007): 136-39

Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute 76, no. 2 (2006): 275-76

American Historical Review 111, no. 3 (June 2006): 951-52

American Historical Review 111, no. 2 (April 2006): 600-01

Book Chapters

“Women Entrepreneurs, Gender, Traditions, and the Negotiation of Power Relations in Colonial Nigeria,” in *Entrepreneurship in Africa: A Historical Approach*, edited by Moses E. Ochonu (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2018), 83-112

“Colonialism and African Womanhood,” in *The Palgrave Handbook of African Colonial and Postcolonial History*, Vol. 1, edited by Martin S. Shanguhyia and Toyin Falola (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018), 171-211

“Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War,” in *Postcolonial Conflict and the Question of Genocide: The Nigeria-Biafra War, 1967-1970*, edited by A. Dirk Moses and Lasse Heerten (London: Routledge, 2018), 329-359

“Gender Relations in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth- Century Igbo Society,” in *Igbo in the Atlantic World: African Origins and Diasporic Destinations*, eds. Toyin Falola and Raphael Njoku (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2016), 46-68.

- “Nwafor Orizu, the American Council on African Education, and the Promotion of American Education in Nigeria,” in *Ethnicities, Nationalities, and Cross-Cultural Representations in Africa and the Diaspora*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2015), 21-62
- “Olaudah Equiano and the Foundation of Igbo Intellectual Traditions,” in *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Palgrave Macmillan, June 2013), 33-65
- “Mbonu Ojike: An African Nationalist and Pan-Africanist,” in *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Palgrave Macmillan, June 2013), 89-117
- “Kenneth Onwuka Dike: Father of Modern African Historiography,” in *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Palgrave Macmillan, June 2013), 137-164
- “Adiele Afigbo and the Development of Igbo and Nigerian Historical Studies,” in *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), 165-192
- “Pius Nwabufo Okigbo: A Pragmatic Economist and an Intellectual Giant,” in *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Palgrave Macmillan, June 2013), 193-222
- “Nwanyibuiife* Flora Nwapa, Igbo Culture and Women’s Studies,” in *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (Palgrave Macmillan, June 2013), 267-293
- “‘Crack Kernels, Crack Hitler’: Export Production Drive and Igbo Women during the Second World War,” in *Gendering the African Diaspora: Women, Culture, and Historical Change in the Caribbean and Nigerian Hinterland*, eds. Judith A. Byfield, LaRay Denzer, and Anthea Morrison (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2010), 219 – 44
- “Igbo Women and the Production of Historical Knowledge: An Examination of Unwritten and Written Sources,” in *Emergent Themes and Methods in African Studies: Essays in Honor of Adiele E. Afigbo*, eds. Toyin Falola and Adam Paddock (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2009), 255 – 78
- “Navigating the Colonial Terrain through Protest Movements: A Discourse on the Nigerian Women’s Motives,” in *Power and Nationalism in Modern Africa: Essays in Honor of Don Ohadike*, eds. Toyin Falola and Salah Hassan (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2008), 169-86

- "European Victorian Ethos, Igbo Women, and Gender (Re) Construction: An Examination of Policy Implication in Colonial Southeastern Nigeria," in *Negotiating the Public Space: Activism and Domestic Politics*, eds. Sarah Ssali and Aramanzani Madanda (Kampala, Uganda: Makerere University, 2006), 120 – 49
- "Women in Igbo Society: A Historico-Literary Analysis of Forms of Expressed and Transmitted Knowledge," *A History of Africana Women's Literature*, ed. Rose Mezu (Baltimore, MD: Black Academy Press), 2004, 48-89
- "Quest for National Purification: Murtala Mohammed's New Vision, 1975-1976" in *Troubled Journey: Nigeria since the Civil War*, eds. Levi A. Nwachuku and G. N. Uzoigwe (Lanham, MD: University Press of America), 2004, 79-109
- "Abdulsalaam Abubakar's Interregnum, 1998-1999" in *Troubled Journey: Nigeria since the Civil War*, eds. Levi A. Nwachuku and G. N. Uzoigwe (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2004), 269-281
- "African Women," in *Africa vol.5: Contemporary Africa*, ed., Toyin Falola (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2003), 451-473
- "Women and the Complexity of Gender Relations," in *Nigeria in the Twentieth Century*, ed., Toyin Falola, Durham (NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2002), 79-100
- "Biafran Women under Fire: Strategies in Organizing Local and Transborder Trades during the Nigerian Civil War," in *The Nigerian Civil War and Its Aftermath*, eds., Eghosa E. Osaghae, Ebere Onwudiwe and Rotimi T. Suberu (Ibadan: John Archers Publishers, 2002), 216-228
- "Women and Nationalist Movements" in *Africa Vol. 4, The End of Colonial Rule: Nationalism and Decolonization*, ed. Toyin Falola (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2002), 109-130
- "Breaking Ethnic Barriers and Urban Interethnic Conflicts: The Gender Imperative," in *The Transformation of Nigeria*, ed. Adebayo Oyeade (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2002), 359-382
- "Evolution of Nigeria as a Political Unit: A Historical Analysis" in *Nigerian Politics*, eds. C. Ndoh and C. E. Emezi, (Owerri: CRC Publications, 1997), 1-16
- "Constitutional Development in Nigeria, 1922-1989: Lessons from History" in *Citizenship Education for Nigerian Universities*, eds. C. A. Ndoh and C. E. Emezi (Owerri: Charismatic Forum Publications, 1996), 95-113
- "Economic Bases of Igbo Traditional Politics: A Case of the Aro" in *The Igbo and the Tradition of Politics*, eds. U. D. Anyanwu and J. C. U. Aguwa, (Enugu: Fourth Dimension Publishing Company Ltd., 1993), 172-187

"Empowerment of Rural Women as a Strategy for Developing Nigeria: A Co-operative Approach" in *Development Strategy for Nigeria*, eds. A. Anyanwu and B. E. B. Nwoke, (Okigwe: Alvan Global Research Consult Publishers, 1993), 135-144

Journal Articles

"African Intellectuals as Cultural Nationalists in Africa and the Diaspora: A Comparative Study of Edward Wilmot Blyden and Mbonu Ojike," *The Journal of African American History* 99, no. 4 (Fall 2014): 350-378

"A Gendered Approach to Understanding the Biafra-Nigeria War and its Aftermath," *West African Research Association Newsletter* (Fall 2012): 11

"Igbo Women and Political Participation in Nigeria, 1800s – 2005," *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 42, no. 1 (2009): 81 – 103

"Igbo Women in Politics: A Historical Analysis," *The International Journal of African Studies*, Special Issue on Igbo Political History 6, no. 2 (2007): 93-123

"Flora Nwapa: The Matrix of African Women's Studies," *Asian Women* [A Biannual Journal], Special issue on African Women II, 16 (2003): 21-44

"African Women since 1960: Gains and Challenges," *Asian Women* [A Biannual Journal], Special Issue on African Women, 15 (2002): 1-30

"From Petty Traders to International Merchants: A Historical Account of the Role of Three Igbo Women of Nigeria in Trade and Commerce, 1886-1970," *African Economic History*, 27 (1999): 1-20

"Militancy of Nigerian Women since the Colonial Period: Evolution and Transformation," *UFAHAMU* 26, no. 1 (1998): 55-76

"Women in the Economy of Igboland from 1900 to 1970: A Survey," *African Economic History*, 23 (1995): 37-50

"Women and Rural Poverty: Some Implications on the Agricultural Role of Women in Igboland," *Pakistan Journal of Rural Development & Administration* 36, no. 2 (1994): 58-66

Articles in Newspapers and Magazines

"African Women in the Past Five Decades," *The Faculty Voice* (The University System of Maryland Faculty Newspaper) 31, no. 1 (November 2015): 1, 6-7; and 31, no. 2 (March 2016): 2, 5 and 7

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Azikiwe, Benjamin Nnamdi,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 1, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 313-15
- “Baba of Karo,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 1, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 336-38
- “Nwagboka,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 4, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 509-11
- “Nzimiro, Mary” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 4, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 525-26
- “Okala, Janet,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 12-14
- “Okwei,” in *The Oxford Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong & Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 26-28
- “Ransome-Kuti, Funmilayo,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 176-78
- “Slessor, Mary,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 410-12
- “Tinubu, Efonroye,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 6, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 28-30
- “Ugbabe, Ahebi,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 6, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 94-96
- “Azikiwe, Nnamdi,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought*, Vol. 1, ed. F. Abiola Irele and Biodun Jeyifo (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), 116 – 119
- “Ojike, Mbonu,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought*, Vol. 2, ed. F. Abiola Irele and Biodun Jeyifo (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), 186 – 189
- “Igboland, Nineteenth Century,” in *Encyclopedia of African History*, Vol. 2, ed. Kevin Shillington (New York. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2005), 674-76

“Port Harcourt,” in *Encyclopedia of African History*, Vol. 3, ed. Kevin Shillington (New York. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2005), 1219-1221

"Nzimiro, Mary (1898-1993)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, Vol. 11, ed. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Waterford, CT: Yorkin Publications, 2001), 916-919

“Inyama, Rosemary (1903-),” in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*. Vol.7, ed. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Waterford, CT: Yorkin Publications, 2000), 680-681

Introduction to Edited Books

Ethnicities, Nationalities, and Cross-Cultural Representations in Africa and the Diaspora (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2015), xxi-xlvi

The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), 1-31

Book Reviews

Jeremiah I. Dibua, *Development and Diffusionism: Looking beyond Neopatrimonialism in Nigeria, 1962-1985* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), in *The American Historical Review* 119, no. 2 (2014): 654-55.

“THE LIFE OF A NIGERIAN POET,” *Christopher Okigbo, 1930-67: Thirsting for Sunlight*. By Obi Nwakanma (Suffolk, UK: James Currey, 2010) in the *Journal of African History* 52, no. 3 (2011): 423-25.

Moses E. Ochonu, *Colonial Meltdown: Northern Nigeria in the Great Depression* (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2009) in *American Historical Review* 116, no. 3 (June 2011): 914-15

Toyin Falola & Matthew Heaton, *A History of Nigeria* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008) in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies* 43, no. 1 (2010): 184 – 87

Jeremiah I. Dibua, *Modernization and the Crisis of Development in Africa: The Nigerian Experience* (Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing Co., 2006) in *American Historical Review* 112, no. 5 (December 2007): 1658 – 1659

Nwando Achebe, *Farmers, Traders, Warriors, and Kings: Female Power and Authority in Northern Igboland, 1900-1960* (Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2005) in *Journal of African History*, 48, no. 3 (2007): 499-501

- Lisa A. Lindsay, *Working with Gender: Wage Labor and Social Change in Southwestern Nigeria* (Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2003) in *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 40, no. 2 (2006): 366-70
- Philomina E. Okeke-Ihejirika, *Negotiating Power and Privilege: Igbo Career Women in Contemporary Nigeria* (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2004) in *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 39, no. 3 (2006): 572-75
- Douglas B. Chambers, *Murder at Montpelier: Igbo Africans in Virginia* (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2005) for H-NET Book REVIEW published by H-List@h-net.msu.edu (October 2006)
- Valentine U. James and James S. Etim (eds.), *The Feminization of Development Processes in Africa: Current and Future Perspectives* (Conn.: Praeger, 1999) in the *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 33, no. 2 (2000): 490-491.

Co-authored Pamphlet

- Women and New Orientation: A Profile of Igbo Women in History* with Kema Chikwe (Owerri: Prime Time Publications, 1994)

Selected Conference Presentations (Juried)

- “Mbonu Ojike, an African Cultural Crusader or an Ungodly Nationalist? Religion and the Politics of Decolonization in Nigeria,” paper presented at the 60th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 16-18, 2017
- “Formal Education and Women’s Agency in Colonial Africa: A Historical Survey,” paper presented at the 7th TOFAC International Conference, Ondo, Nigeria, July 3-5, 2017
- “Women Entrepreneurs and the Negotiation of Power Relations in Colonial Nigeria,” paper presented at the 59th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 1-3, 2016
- “African Intellectuals and Decolonization: The Case of Mbonu Ojike,” paper presented at the 6th Toyin Falola International Conference, Redeemer’s University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria, July 4-6, 2016
- “American Education, Decolonization, and Nation Building in Nigeria: The Case of Nnamdi Azikiwe,” paper presented at the 58th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, San Diego, California, November 19-22, 2015

- “Pan-African Intellectuals, Decolonization, and Nation-building: K. O. Mbadiwe and Nwafor Orizu,” paper presented at the 5th Toyin Falola International Conference, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, July 2-4, 2015
- “Starvation as a War Tactic and a Political Tool: Gowon, Ojukwu and the International Community in the Biafra-Nigeria War,” paper to be presented at the 57th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23, 2014
- “The Popularization of African Culture in the United States and Promotion of American Education in Africa: Exploring the Contributions of Nwafor Orizu,” a roundtable presentation at the 57th Annual Confluence of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23, 2014
- “Professor Jacob Festus Adeniyi Ajayi: The Doyen of African History and Trainer of Historians,” a roundtable presentation Honoring the Memory and Life of Professor Jacob Festus Ade Ajayi Sponsored by the ASA Board of Directors at the 57th Annual Confluence of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 20-23, 2014
- “Beyond the Literary Canon of Realist Writing: Chinua Achebe’s *There was a Country: A Personal History of Biafra*,” a roundtable presentation at the 40th Annual Conference of the African Literature Association, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 9-13, 2014
- “Migration and Urban Residence: A Study of Ethnic Relations between the Igbo and their Neighbors in Southeastern Nigeria,” paper presented at the 56th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 21-24, 2013
- “Chinua Achebe’s *There was a Country: Matters Arising*,” a roundtable presentation at the 56th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 21-24, 2013
- “Colonialism and Inter-group Relations in Southeastern Nigeria: A Paradox,” paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Enugu, Nigeria, June 27-29, 2013
- “Nigerian Historians, Nationalism, and Nation-building,” paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 29- December 1, 2012
- “Nigerian Intellectuals, History, Ethnicity, and Nationalism,” paper presented at the Toyin Falola Annual International Conference on Africa and the African Diaspora, Lagos, Nigeria, July 2-4, 2012

- “African Women and the Struggles for Substantive Political Representation: The Case of Nigerian Women,” paper presented at the 54th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Washington, D. C., November 16-19, 2011
- “African Intellectuals as Cultural Nationalists in Africa and the Diaspora: A Comparative Study of Edward Wilmot Blyden and Mbonu Ojike,” paper presented at the Toyin Falola Annual Conference on Africa and the African Diaspora, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, July 4-6, 2011
- “Youth and the Biafra-Nigeria War, 1967-1970: A Gendered Study of Ethnic Violence and Survival,” paper presented at the 53rd Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 18-21, 2010
- “Western Education and Gender Transformation in Southeastern Nigeria, 1850s – 1970,” paper presented at the 52nd Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 19 - 22, 2009
- “Gender Transformation and the Ambivalence of Western Education in Africa: The Case of Nigerian Women,” paper presented at the 4th Women in Africa and the African Diaspora (WAAD) International Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, August 3 – 8, 2009
- “Nigerian Women in the Twentieth Century: A Historiographical Study,” keynote paper presented at the International and Inter-disciplinary Conference on “African Studies in the 20th Century: The Nigerian Experience” in honor of Professor Adiele Afigbo, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, December 8-10, 2008
- “Mbonu Ojike, the King of Boycottables and African Cultural Nationalism,” paper presented at the 51st Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November 13-16, 2008
- “Human Rights and Women in Nigeria: The Igbo Experience,” paper presented at the 6th International Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Washington, DC, USA, April 4-5, 2008
- “Resource Mobilization for World War II and Its Impact on Gender Roles in Southeastern Nigeria,” paper presented at the “Re-Evaluation Africa and WWII” International Conference held at the Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA, March 27-29, 2008
- “Pan-African Feminisms—A Community-based Activism: Conceptualizing Common and Divergent Themes in Black Women’s Liberation Movements in Africa and the United States,” paper presented at the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Transnational Working Group (TWG) on Africa and its Diasporas Methodology Workshop, Dakar, Senegal, August 10-11, 2007

- “African Women and Globalization: The Imperative of Gender-Sensitive Development Policies and Programs,” paper presented at the 16th Annual International Conference of the Global Awareness Society International (GASI) held in Seoul, South Korea, May 19-27, 2007
- “Nigeria: A Country Report of the Impact of Globalization on Africa,” being a roundtable presentation at the 16th Annual International Conference of the Global Awareness Society International (GASI) held in Seoul, South Korea, May 19-27, 2007
- “Gender and Domestic Violence among Igbo Immigrant Population in the United States: A Reexamination of Igbo Cultural Values,” paper to be presented at the 5th International Annual Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Washington, DC, April 13-14, 2007
- “The Igbo and their Lower Niger Neighbors: The Dynamics of Inter-group Commercial Relations before 1900,” paper presented at the 49th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 16-19, 2006
- “The Demonization of Enslaved Igbo in the Americas: A Challenge to the Power of Historiographical Traditions,” paper presented at the 4th International Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Washington, D. C., March 31-April 1, 2006
- “Igbo Women and the Indigenous Systems of Medicine and Healthcare,” paper for the 48th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 17-20, 2005
- “Black Women in Resistance Movements: Conceptualizing Common and Divergent Themes in Africa and the United States,” paper presented at the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 5-7, 2005
- “Genocide, Past and Future: Getting to the Root Causes” a roundtable discussion at the 25th Annual Holocaust Conference, Millersville University, Millersville, PA, April 2-4, 2005
- “Rwanda: A Brief History from Earliest Times to the Post-Genocide Era,” presented at the 25th Annual Holocaust Conference, Millersville University, Millersville, PA, April 2-4, 2005
- “*Ahamefula* – A Matter of Identity’: The Role of Igbo Women in the Formation and Preservation of Igbo Identity,” paper for the 47th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, November 11-14, 2004
- “*Igwe Bu Ike* – Group is Strength’: Igbo Women in Cooperative Societies and Community Development,” paper presented at the 2nd International Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Howard University, Washington, DC, April 2-3, 2004

“Igbo Youth and the 1925 Women’s Movement: A Critical Analysis of ‘The Message’ and a Society in Transition,” paper presented at the 46th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Boston, Massachusetts, October 30 – November 2, 2003

“The ‘Untouchable Vultures’? Igbo Women in Resistance Movements, 1860-1960,” paper presented at the International Conference on Igbo Studies: A Tribute to Simon Ottenberg, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 3-6, 2003

“Women as Innovators or Anti-Innovation Agents? Igbo Women’s Reaction to Technological Innovations in the Oil Palm Industry, 1929-1954,” paper presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association on Africa in the Information and Technology Age, Washington, D. C., December 5-8, 2002

“Crack Kernels, Crack Hitler”: Export Production Drive and Igbo Women during the Second World War,” paper presented at the Second Dartmouth Conference on Gendering the Diaspora: Women, Culture and Historical Change in the Caribbean and the Nigerian Hinterland, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, November 22-24, 2002

“European Victorian Ethos, Igbo Women and Gender (Re) Construction: An Examination of Policy Implication in Colonial Nigeria,” paper presented at the 8th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, July 21-26, 2002

“Victorianism, Gender Reconstruction and Policy Implication in Igboland, 1850s-1950s,” paper presented at the 12th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, UCONN, Storrs, CT, June 6-9, 2002

“Women and the Complexity of Gender Relations in Nigeria: A Historiographical Overview,” paper presented at the Nigeria in the Twentieth Century Conference, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, March 29-31, 2002

“Gender and Slavery: A Comparative Study of some aspects of Slave Resistance and Adaptation in Southeastern Nigeria and Jamaica,” paper presented at the 2nd Conference on Caribbean Culture, University of West Indies, Mona, January 9-12, 2002

“Flora Nwapa: The Matrix of African Women’s Studies,” paper presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Houston, TX, USA, November 15-18, 2001

“Recovering the Voices and Life Histories of Igbo Women: Sources and Methodological Considerations”, paper presented at the Dartmouth College and York University/UNESCO/SSHRC Nigerian Hinterland Project Conference on Atlantic Crossings: Women’s Voices, Women’s Stories from the Caribbean and the Nigerian

Hinterland, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, May 18 – 20, 2001

“Biafran Women under Fire: Strategies in Organizing Transborder trade during the Nigerian Civil War, 1967-1970,” paper presented at the Midwestern African Studies and Northwestern University Program of African Studies Workshop on Women and Wealth in Africa, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL May 4 - 5, 2001

“Women in the Mid-19th and Early 20th-Century Palm Oil Trade in Igboland, Nigeria,” paper presented at the 43rd Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Nashville, TN, November 16-19, 2000

"The Biafran Hinterland and the Atlantic Slave Trade: The Eight Roles of Igbo Women," paper presented at the Conference on Repercussions of the Atlantic Slave Trade: the Interior of the Bight of Biafra and the African Diaspora, Enugu, Nigeria, July 10-14, 2000

"The Use of Documentary Films in Teaching African History in the U.S.A.: A Critique of Ali Mazrui's "The Africans," Basil Davidson's "Africa," and Henry L. Gates, Jr.'s "The Wonders of the African World," paper presented at the 9th Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference on AFRICA IN THE AMERICAS: Past, Present and Future, Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR), California State University, Sacramento, May 4-6, 2000

“Women as Actors and Victims of the Slave Trade in Igboland, Nigeria,” Working Paper No.99-16, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1800, Harvard University, 1999

"Gendering History and Culture in Nigeria: A New Approach for Development,” paper presented at the 39th/40th Congress of the Historical Society of Nigeria, University of Ilorin, Nigeria, September 25-27, 1995

"Women's Cooperatives as Vehicle for Rural Development: The Case of Mbieri Women's Council Cooperative Weaving and Dyeing Industry Limited,” paper presented at the 9th Annual Congress of the Nigerian Academy of Education, Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri, Nigeria, November 1994

"Sex Roles in an Indigenous African Church: An Historical Sketch of Christ Holy Church of Nigeria,” paper presented at the 3rd Annual Conference of the Center for Igbo Studies, Abia State University, Uturu, Nigeria, July 1994

"The Declining Militancy of Nigerian Women since Independence,” paper presented at the 38th Annual Congress of the Historical Society of Nigeria, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, June 1994

"1992 Proposed European Common Market and African Development: An Historical Insight,” paper presented at the 36th Annual Congress of the Historical Society of

Nigeria, Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto, Nigeria, May 1992

"Colonialism and Underdevelopment of Indigenous Technology in Igboland," paper presented at the 35th Annual Congress of the Historical Society of Nigeria, Alvan Ikoku College of Education, Owerri, Nigeria, May 1990

Selected Invited Lectures and Colloquia

"Central African Countries with Colonial Connections to France and Belgium: A Historical Introduction," presented at the ESPACES: Central Africa organized by UMBC's Department of Modern Languages, Linguistics and Intercultural Communication, September 11, 2017

"Igbo Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War," paper presented at the Saint George's Episcopal Church Book Club, Hampstead, MD, May 10, 2017

"Women and the Politics of Gender and Ethnicity in the Nigeria-Biafra War," presented as an invited conference speaker at the "Remembering Biafra: History, Memory, and the Legacy of the Nigerian Civil War" International Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 20-21, 2017.

"European Colonial Policies and Legacies in Africa," delivered to an AP World History Class of New Town High School, Owings Mills, Maryland, March 23, 2017

"European Colonization of Africa: Motives, Processes and African Responses," delivered to an AP World History Class of New Town High School, Owings Mills, Maryland, March 22, 2017

Discussion of Africana Studies Department Courses and Faculty Scholarship, and two of my new Publications: "Gender Relations in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Igbo Society," in *Igbo in the Atlantic World: African Origins and Diasporic Destinations*, eds. Toyin Falola and Raphael Njoku (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2016), 46-68; and "African Intellectuals as Cultural Nationalists in Africa and the Diaspora: A Comparative Study of Edward Wilmot Blyden and Mbonu Ojike," *The Journal of African American History* 99, no. 4 (Fall 2014): 350-378 with Language, Literacy and Culture Cohort (LLC 701), UMBC, March 13, 2017

"The Status of African Women in the Past Fifty Years," presented to the St. George's Episcopal Church Book Club, Hampstead, Maryland, January 20, 2016

Discussion of Two Journal Articles: "African Intellectuals as Cultural Nationalists in Africa and the Diaspora: A Comparative Study of Edward Wilmot Blyden and Mbonu Ojike," *The Journal of African American History* 99, no. 4 (Fall 2014): 350-378 by Gloria Chuku; and "Building Intellectual Bridges: From African Studies and

- African American Studies to Africana Studies in the United States,” *Afrika Focus* 24, no. 2 (2011): 9-31 by Paul Tiyambe Zeleza with Language, Literacy and Culture (LLC) PhD cohort, UMBC, March 23, 2015
- “Starvation as a War Tactic and a Political Tool: The Politics of Humanitarian Relief in the Biafra-Nigeria War,” Fall 2014 Africana Studies Research Colloquium, UMBC, October 30, 2014
- “The 2014 Nigerian National Conference and the Igbo People: A Reflection,” presented at the 12th International Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Dominican University, River Forest, IL, May 22-24, 2014
- Book Discussion: Q and A on *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought*, edited by Gloria Chuku (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), with Language, Literacy and Culture (LLC) PhD cohort, UMBC, April 15, 2014
- “Being a Graduate Student and Faculty in Nigerian University System and a Faculty in American Higher Education System,” Guest speaker at the Professors Beyond Borders Seminar Series, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, March 7, 2012
- “Introducing Language, Literacy, and Culture (LLC) Graduate Students to Africana Studies: The Discipline, Seminal Works, Current Debates, Research Methodologies, Faculty Specialties, Courses and Job Opportunities,” presented to a New Cohort of LLC Graduate Students, UMBC, April 20, 2011
- “Women and Economic Transition in Twentieth-Century West Africa,” public lecture delivered at the Binghamton University, New York, April 22, 2010
- “Confronting the Silences: Gender, Ethnicity and the Biafra-Nigeria War,” Drescher Center Research-in-progress Brownbag presentation, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), April 21, 2010
- “Women and Economic Power in West Africa, 19th – 20th Centuries,” public lecture delivered at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, MA, March 5, 2009
- “Africa, Colonialism and Its Legacy” public lecture delivered at the Heritage and Horizons Adult Learning Opportunities, Lancaster, PA, October 2, 2007
- Motivational address to the students of History and International Studies Department, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, August 1, 2007
- “Women, Gender and Religion in Africa,” lecture delivered at the African American and African Studies Program, University of California-Davis, June 5, 2006

"The 'Untouchable Vultures'? Igbo Women in Resistance Movements in Southeastern Nigeria, 1864-1960," Public Lecture delivered at the Central State University, Ohio, June 6, 2003

"Women in Resistance Movements in Southeastern Nigeria, 1886-1960," presented at the 2003 Black History Month Celebration organized by the department of History and Political Science, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC, February 25, 2003

Discussion Leader, *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, Miller F. Whittaker Library Book Discussion Series, South Carolina State University, February 20, 2003

"Crack Kernels, Crack Hitler: Export Production Drive and Igbo Women during the Second World War," presented at the Morgan State University's Department of History and Geography Annual Faculty Symposium, Baltimore, MD. January 23, 2003

"African Women and Development," Guest Lecturer, Department of African American and African Studies, University of California at Davis, Davis, California, March 11, 2002

"Gender and Slave Resistance in Southeastern Nigeria during the Emancipation and Early Colonial Period," presented at the Lecture Series organized by the Department of Political Science and History, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC in commemoration of the Black History Month, February 28, 2002

"Africa and European Colonial Domination," paper delivered as a Guest Lecturer to the African Studies Summer Students, University of Florida, Gainesville, July 17, 2001

"African Women in Nationalist Movements," paper presented at the Black History Month Celebration and Continuing Symposium organized by the Political Science and History Department and Social Work Department, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC. February 27, 2001

"Africa: Problems and Prospects, and the U.S.A. Foreign Policy," paper presented to the GREAT DECISION Group, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, April 6, 2000

"International Exchange Programs: An Imperative for Correcting Africa's Image and Strengthening Our Bond" Special Guest Speaker: International Day Celebration, Lemoyne-Owen College, Memphis, February 25, 2000

"Marriage and the Family, Circumcision and Fattening in Africa," and "African Women and Gender Relations," papers presented at the UCLA International and Area Studies Summer Institutes for Educators on Africa, jointly sponsored by the James S. Coleman African Studies Center and International Studies and Overseas Programs (ISOP), UCLA, July 31- August 12, 1999

"Nigerian Women in Historical Perspectives," paper presented to the Los Angeles County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, August 12, 1998

"Christianity and Women in Africa" paper presented to the Occasional Meeting of the Federated King's Daughters, Inc., No.1, Los Angeles, May 27, 1998

"Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) and Coping Strategies for Nigerian Students," paper presented at the First Orientation and Familiarization Program of the pioneer students of the Federal College of Education, Umunze, Nigeria, March 14, 1990

Selected Presentations at Seminars and Symposia

"Human Rights in Nigeria," a roundtable presentation on "Human Rights in Africa Today," at the symposium on 'Humanity, Interrupted: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Human Rights Issues,' Millersville University of Pennsylvania, April 17-21, 2007

"Women, Human Rights and Global Development," panel presentation at the symposium on 'Humanity, Interrupted: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Human Rights Issues,' Millersville University of Pennsylvania, April 17-21, 2007

"Navigating the Colonial Terrain through Protest Movements: A Discourse on the Nigerian Women's Motives," paper presented at a Two-Day Symposium on Power and Nationalism in Modern Africa in Honor of the Memory of the Late Professor Don Ohadike, Cornell University, September 22-23, 2006

"The Complementarity of History and Literature in Academic Discourse: Examining Chinua Achebe's Contributions," paper presented at the Celebrate Africa: African Art and Cultural Festival, African American Museum, Philadelphia, PA, May 4-6, 2006

"'Ibo Landing,' Facts and Fiction: A Preliminary Study of Igbo Slave Resistance in South Carolina," paper presented at the 10th Anniversary Conference of the Atlantic History Seminar, Harvard University, MA, August 8-13, 2005

"Incorporating Islam into African History Course Syllabi," paper presented at the Teaching Islam in the Undergraduate Curriculum Institute, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, NC, June 2-4, 2005

"From Daughters to Female Sons, and from Wives to Female Husbands: Women and the Complexity of Gender Relations in Nigeria," Paper presented at the Department of History and Geography Annual Faculty Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, January 22, 2004

"Gender and Multiple Identities of Igbo Women of Nigeria: An Historical Analysis," paper presented at a Seminar organized by the Gender and Race Group, The University of Memphis, March 30-31, 2000

"Women and New Orientation: Defining the Solution from Within," paper presented at the workshop organized by the Institute for the Study of Gender in Africa, UCLA, June 10, 1999

"Historicizing Coping Strategies in Depressed Economies: The Nigerian Experience since the Colonial Period," paper presented at a Forum on Imo State Economy, Owerri, Nigeria, July 19, 1996

"The Changing Position of Women in Igbo Agriculture before 1945," paper presented at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, History Department Graduate Seminar, March 29, 1994

"Igbo Business Oligarchies: 9th century AD to 1914," paper presented to the School of Graduate Studies, Department of History, University of Port Harcourt, March 1989

Languages

Igbo Language and Grammar

English Language