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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

Research Areas

- Igbo history and culture
- Women in colonial and postcolonial political economies of Nigeria and Africa
- Women and conflicts in Nigeria and Africa
- Ethnonationalisms and conflicts in Nigeria
- African nationalism and intellectual history
- Gender and African Diaspora

Academic Positions

May 2019-April 2024 Visiting Research Scholar, Department of History and International Studies, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, Nigeria

Oct. 2016-Sept. 2018 Visiting Professorial Fellow, Department of History and International Studies, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, Nigeria

2015- Professor of Africana Studies, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), USA

2015- Affiliate Professor of Language, Literacy, and Culture PhD Program, UMBC, USA

2015- Affiliate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies, UMBC, USA

2015- Associate Graduate Faculty, Graduate School, UMBC, USA

2010-2015 Affiliate Associate Professor, Language, Literacy and Culture Ph.D. Program, UMBC, USA

2009-2015 Affiliate Associate Professor, Gender and Women's Studies, UMBC, USA

2008-2015 Associate Professor of Africana Studies, UMBC, USA

2004-2008	Associate Professor of History, Millersville University, Pennsylvania, USA
2003-2004	Associate Professor of History, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
2000-2003	Assistant Professor of History, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, USA
1999-2000	Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA
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

Leadership and Administrative Experience

2025- 2024-	Provost Academic Council Provost's Diversity Task Force Committee
June 2023	VIP Observer of the College Board Advanced Tour of Placement (AP) Reading, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 6-7. I was one of a small group of higher education administrators and faculty invited to participate in the Tour of the AP Reading, where I witnessed a unique opportunity of firsthand and gained an understanding of the procedures for achieving consistency and accuracy in AP exam scores; and participated in an AP seminar.
May 2023	Convener, International Conference on "African Women, Civil Wars, and Peacebuilding," UMBC, USA, May 17-18
November 2022	Planned and hosted three-day (Nov. 9-11) Africana Studies 50th Anniversary Celebrations
August 2019-2020	Member, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Council, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), USA
May 2018	Convener, International Conference on "Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflicts in Africa," UMBC, USA
2018-	Undergraduate Program Director, UMBC, USA
Feb. 2017	Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) Seminar for Department Chairs/Heads, Savannah, South Carolina, USA
August 2016-	Department Chair, Africana Studies Department, UMBC, USA
2015-2025	Member, Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary Activities, UMBC, USA
2014-2019	Member, Global Studies Coordinating Committee, UMBC, USA
2014-2017	Chair, Advisory Board of the Igbo Studies Association, USA
2014-2016	Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, UMBC, USA
2014-	University System of Maryland Women's Forum Executive Council, USA

- 2013-2015 Associate Director, the Center for Africana Research, UMBC, USA
 2023- Member, Language, Literacy and Culture Ph.D. Program Partnering Departments Committee, UMBC, USA
- 2010-2023 Member, Language, Literacy and Culture Ph.D. Program Steering Committee, UMBC, USA
 2009- Member, Gender, Women's + Sexuality Studies Coordinating Committee, UMBC, USA
- 2007-2009 President, Nigerian Studies Association, USA
 2004-2007 President, Commission on Cultural Diversity, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, USA
- 2004-2006 Co-Director, Department of History Holocaust Conference, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, USA
- 2002-2003 Vice President, Association of Nigerians in Orangeburg, South Carolina, USA
- 1999-2000 Member, Department of History Graduate Program Committee, University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA
- 1993-1994 Vice President, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Imo State University Branch, Nigeria
- 1992-1997 Member, Historical Society of Nigeria Executive Council
- Jan-Dec 1990 Director, School of General Studies, Federal College of Education Umunze, Nigeria
- Jan-Dec 1990 Member, College Executive Council, Federal College of Education (Technical), Umunze, Nigeria

Research Support and Fellowships

- 2024 The Drescher Center for the Humanities Scholarly Development Fund
- 2016 Sabbatical Leave (Spring semester), UMBC, USA
- 2015 \$5000, CAHSS Dean's Research Funds (Fall 2015), UMBC, USA
- 2013 \$75000, Fulbright-Hay's Group Projects Abroad Grant for Ghana 2014 with Dr. Tyson King-Meadow, USA (No fault early termination—Ebola outbreak)
- 2013 \$39000, UMBC CAHSS Research Fellowship (fall 2013), USA
- 2012 \$6000, West African Research Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship Summer Research in West Africa, P.I., USA
- 2010 \$6000, Drescher Center for Humanities Summer Faculty Fellowship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, P.I., USA
- 2010 Nominated by UMBC for NEH Summer Fellowship, P.I., USA
- 2009 \$6000, University of Maryland, Baltimore County Summer Faculty Fellowship, P.I., USA
- 2008 Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Transnational Working Group Research Grant, Dakar, Senegal
- 2007 \$3000, CODESRIA Transnational Working Group Travel and Presentation Grant, Dakar, Senegal
- 2007 \$500, Millersville University Faculty Presentation Grant, Pennsylvania, USA

- 2006 \$500, Millersville University Faculty Presentation Grant, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2006 \$5620, Pennsylvania System of Higher Education Faculty Professional Development Grant, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2005 \$5000, Millersville University Faculty Presentation Grant, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2005 \$3140, Millersville University Faculty Professional Development Grant, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2005 \$750, Millersville University Faculty Research Grant, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2004 \$450, Millersville University Faculty Presentation Grant, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2004 \$5000, Morgan State University Summer Research Faculty Professional Development Grant, Maryland, USA (Declined due to appointment with Millersville University, PA, USA)
- 2001 \$2500, Summer Research Fellowship, Center for African Studies, University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida, USA
- 1999-2000 Visiting Scholar, James S. Coleman African Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- 1999 Junior Scholar, Harvard University International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500-1800, USA
- 1997 Visiting Scholar, Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW), Women's Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA
- 1995 Laureate of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Gender Institute, \$3000, Dakar, Senegal
- 1992-1993 Imo State University Pre-doctoral Research Grant, Nigeria

Awards and Recognition

- 2020 Lipitz Professor of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2020-2021
- 2019 I am featured in a book on Africa's leading public intellectuals and scholars who have substantially contributed to the development of significant ideas and knowledge. The book, *In Praise of Greatness* (2019), by renowned historian, Professor Toyin Falola of the University of Texas-Austin, describes me as a "scholar-leader" among African women intellectuals
- 2019 Recipient of Black Girl Excellence Visionary Award, the Lambda Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, UMBC, USA, April 9
- 2017 Recipient of the prestigious Ali Mazrui Award for Scholarship and Research Excellence (TOFAC 2017, Ondo, Nigeria; the first woman to receive the award)

Media Appearances and Interviews

- 2024 Video Interview with the McGee Media and Dr. Gate's Black History Series Team on **Nsibidi**, an African indigenous pictographic language at the verge of extinction
- 2023 Interview with Nathan Sharma on the "Backlash on AP African American History Curriculum," UMBC *The Retriever*, February 9, 2023
- 2022 Interviews with Deysi Chitic-Amaya and Ash Shehzad of the UMBC *The Retriever*, November 16 vol. 57, no. 6 (2022): 2 (interviews' dates: Nov. 13 & 14)
- 2022 Interviews with Bolu Aderiran and Bunmi Ayodele for the video production of the *Documentary History of the Africana Studies Department* in commemoration of the Department's 50th Anniversary
- 2021 Interview with Audrey Ngo, Podcast Producer with OBB SOUND, LLC on "Colonialism, Nigerian-Igbo Culture, and Gender Dynamics," September 22
- 2021 Interview with Zain Asher, Anchor, CNN International on "The Nigeria-Biafra War," April 1
- 2020 Interview with Brianna Milord, Fact-checker at *The New Yorker* on "Igbo Cultural Practices and Language" in relation to Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Notes on Grief*, September 8 and 9.
- 2017 "African Women and Political Participation," Podcast on the Maryland Humanities Connection, June 7. See <https://www.mdhumanities.org/podcasts/>
- 2017 "Researching Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War, 1967-1970," interviewed at the Institute for African Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 21. See www.rememberingbiafra.com/blog/
- 2017 Spotlight on the State of Education in Nigeria," live appearance on Channels Television, Nigeria, July 9
- 2015 "Big Story: Focus on Education," Channels Television, Nigeria, December
- 2003 *The Greenville News* (South Carolina), Wednesday, May 7, 4C
- 2000 *The Magician* (Memphis, Tennessee), March 17, p. 8
- 2000 *Mid-South & Metro: The Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Saturday, February 26, B1

Courses Taught

Undergraduate: Africa

African History from 1500 to Present
African History before 1885
African History since 1885
Africa: Culture and Development
Constitutional History of Nigeria
Contemporary African Politics
Economic History of West Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries
European Imperialism in Africa
Igbo History
Igbo History and Culture
Igbo Language
Introduction to African History from earliest time to independence
Introduction to Contemporary Africa
Introduction to African Civilization
Introduction to Nigerian Peoples and Cultures
Islam in Africa
Nigerian History since 1800
West African History before 1800
West African History since 1800
West African History from earliest time to independence
Women in Africa

Graduate: Africa

Africa: Continuity and Flux
Graduate Seminar
East Africa from 1500 to the present
Readings in African History
Themes in Euro-African Contact
Topics in African History
Women in African Civilization and Development

Global and United States History

Europe and the World, 1789 - Present
Introduction to African Diaspora
Senior Seminar
Transatlantic Slave Trade
Women in Africa and the Diaspora
World Civilizations since 1750

Languages

Igbo Language and Grammar
English Language

Publications (Peer-reviewed Works)**Books (4)****Monographs**

2013 *Igbo Women and Economic Transformation in Southeastern Nigeria, 1900-1960* (New York. London: Routledge) Paperback

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

Edited and Coedited Books

2020 *Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa*, co-editor with Sussie Aham-Okoro (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books), xi + 338

Recognition of this book

Ranked among the 32 Academic Best Sellers in the field of African History published between 2020 and summer 2021 by *Library Journal* (September 2021) as identified by GOBI Library Solutions and EBSCO

For reviews of this book, see

Gender & History 34, no. 2 (2022): 561-562

Journal of African Military History 5 (2021): 154-157

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

For reviews of this book, see *Journal of African History* 58, no. 3 (2017): 521-522

2016 *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, August) Paperback

2013 *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, August), 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

Book Chapters (29)

- 2020 "Introduction: Writing about Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War," in *Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa*, edited by Gloria Chuku and Sussie Aham-Okoro (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books), 3-22
- 2020 "Igbo Women and Postwar Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation Efforts in Nigeria, 1968-1975," in *Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa*, edited by Gloria Chuku and Sussie Aham-Okoro (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books), 183-222
- 2018 "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), 83-112
- 2018 "Colonialism and African Womanhood," in *The Palgrave Handbook of African Colonial and Postcolonial History*, Vol. 1, edited by Martin S. Shanguhya and Toyin Falola (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 171-211
- 2018 "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), 329-359
- 2016 "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), 46-68
- 2015 "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), 21-62
- 2013 "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), 33-65
- 2013 "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), 89-117
- 2013 "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), 137-164
- 2013 "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), 165-192
- 2013 "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), 193-222
- 2013 "Nwanyibuife* 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), 267-293
- 2010 "'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), 219 – 44
- 2009 "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), 255 – 78
- 2008 "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), 169-86
- 2006 "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), 120 – 49
- 2004 "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), 48-89
- 2004 "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), 79-109

- 2004 "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), 269-281
- 2003 "African Women," in *Africa vol.5: Contemporary Africa*, ed., Toyin Falola (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press), 451-473
- 2002 "Women and the Complexity of Gender Relations," in *Nigeria in the Twentieth Century*, ed., Toyin Falola, Durham (NC: Carolina Academic Press), 79-100
- 2002 "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), 216-228
- 2002 "Women and Nationalist Movements" in *Africa Vol. 4, The End of Colonial Rule: Nationalism and Decolonization*, ed. Toyin Falola (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press), 109-130
- 2002 "Breaking Ethnic Barriers and Urban Interethnic Conflicts: The Gender Imperative," in *The Transformation of Nigeria*, ed. Adebayo Oyeibade (Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press), 359-382
- 1997 "Evolution of Nigeria as a Political Unit: A Historical Analysis" in *Nigerian Politics*, eds. C. Ndoh and C. E. Emezi, (Owerri: CRC Publications), 1-16
- 1996 "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), 95-113
- 1993 "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), 172-187
- 1993 "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), 135-144

Journal Articles (14)

- 2018 "Youth Activism and Ethnic Violence in Nigeria: From Decolonization to the Nigeria-Biafra War," *Afrika Zamani* 26: 77-107.
- 2018 "Igbo Historiography: Part 1," *History Compass* (August): 1-11,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.1248969>.

- 2018 "Igbo Historiography: Part 2," *History Compass* (August): 1-12,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12487>
- 2018 "Igbo Historiography: Part 3," *History Compass* (August): 1-12,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12488>
- 2014 "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): 350-378
- 2012 "A Gendered Approach to Understanding the Biafra-Nigeria War and its Aftermath," *West African Research Association Newsletter* (Fall): 11
- 2009 "Igbo Women and Political Participation in Nigeria, 1800s – 2005," *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 42, no. 1: 81 – 103
- 2007 "Igbo Women in Politics: A Historical Analysis," *The International Journal of African Studies*, Special Issue on Igbo Political History 6, no. 2: 93-123
- 2003 "Flora Nwapa: The Matrix of African Women's Studies," *Asian Women* [A Biannual Journal], Special issue on African Women II, 16: 21-44
- 2002 "African Women since 1960: Gains and Challenges," *Asian Women* [A Biannual Journal], Special Issue on African Women, 15: 1-30
- 1999 "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: 1-20
- 1998 "Militancy of Nigerian Women since the Colonial Period: Evolution and Transformation," *UFAHAMU* 26, no. 1: 55-76
- 1995 "Women in the Economy of Igboland from 1900 to 1970: A Survey," *African Economic History* 23: 37-50
- 1994 "Women and Rural Poverty: Some Implications on the Agricultural Role of Women in Igboland," *Pakistan Journal of Rural Development & Administration* 36, no. 2: 58-66

Articles in Newspapers, Magazines, and Art Exhibition Catalogue

- 2024 "Out Odu Society of Onitsha and REWA's Body of Visual Art," in *Women of the Elephant Tusk: Ndi Out Odu*, edited by REWA (London: The African Center), 17-20

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

Encyclopedia Entries (16)

- 2012 “Azikiwe, Benjamin Nnamdi,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 1, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 313-15
- 2012 “Baba of Karo,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 1, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 336-38
- 2012 “Nwagboka,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 4, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 509-11
- 2012 “Nzimiro, Mary” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 4, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 525-26
- 2012 “Okala, Janet,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press), 12-14
- 2012 “Okwei,” in *The Oxford Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong & Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press), 26-28
- 2012 “Ransome-Kuti, Funmilayo,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press), 176-78
- 2012 “Slessor, Mary,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 5, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford: Oxford University Press), 410-12
- 2012 “Tinubu, Efonroye,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 6, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 28-30
- 2012 “Ugbabe, Ahebi,” in *Dictionary of African Biography*, Vol. 6, eds. Emmanuel K. Akyeampong and Henry Louis, Jr. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 94-96

- 2010 "Azikiwe, Nnamdi," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought*, Vol. 1, ed. F. Abiola Irele and Biodun Jeyifo (New York: Oxford University Press), 116 – 119
- 2010 "Ojike, Mbonu," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought*, Vol. 2, ed. F. Abiola Irele and Biodun Jeyifo (New York: Oxford University Press), 186 – 189
- 2005 "Igboland, Nineteenth Century," in *Encyclopedia of African History*, Vol. 2, ed. Kevin Shillington (New York. London: Fitzroy Dearborn), 674-76
- 2005 "Port Harcourt," in *Encyclopedia of African History*, Vol. 3, ed. Kevin Shillington (New York. London: Fitzroy Dearborn), 1219-1221
- 2001 "Nzimiro, Mary (1898-1993)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, Vol. 11, ed. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Waterford, CT: Yorkin Publications), 916-919
- 2000 "Inyama, Rosemary (1903-)," in *Women in World History: A Biographical Encyclopedia*, Vol.7, ed. Anne Commire and Deborah Klezmer (Waterford, CT: Yorkin Publications), 680-681

Introduction to Edited Books (2)

- 2015 *Ethnicities, Nationalities, and Cross-Cultural Representations in Africa and the Diaspora* (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press), xxi-xlvi
- 2013 *The Igbo Intellectual Tradition: Creative Conflict in African and African Diasporic Thought* (Palgrave Macmillan), 1-31

Conference Proceedings

- 2024 "Witness Seminar Part 2," in *Biafra and the Nordic Media: Witness Seminar with Uno Gronkvist, Lasse Jensen, Pierre Mens, and Pekka Peltola*, edited by Norbert Gotz and Carl Marklund (Stockholm, Sweden: The Institute of Contemporary History), 83-84

Book Reviews (13)

- 2022 Review of *Beauty Diplomacy: Embodying an Emerging Nation*, by Oluwakemi M. Balogun (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2020. Pp. xiv, 280), in the *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 55, no. 3: 443-445.
- 2022 Review of *The Persistence of Slavery: An Economic History of Child Trafficking in Nigeria*, by Robin Phylisia Chapdelaine (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2021. Xvi plus 238 pp.), in *Journal of Social History*, shac046, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jsh/shac046>. Published 10 August 2022.

- 2020 “Market Encounters and Consumer Culture in Ghana,” *Market Encounters: Consumer Cultures in Twentieth-Century Ghana*, by Bianca Murillo (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2017), in the *Journal of African History*, 61, no. 2: 295-96
- 2014 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: 654-55.
- 2011 “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: 423-25.
- 2011 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): 914-15
- 2010 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: 184 – 87
- 2007 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: 1658 – 1659
- 2007 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: 499-501
- 2006 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: 366-70
- 2006 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: 572-75
- 2006 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)
- 2000 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: 490-491.

Co-authored Pamphlet

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

Presentations

Keynotes and Invited Presentations (28)

- 2023 "Researching the Nigeria-Biafra War in Nigeria: Resources, Preservation, and Challenges," presented at a Workshop organized by the Civil Society without Boundaries: Nordic Humanitarianism Facing the Biafra Crisis on "The Known and Unknowns of Biafran Aid," Södertörn University Stockholm, **Sweden**, October 18–20
- 2023 "African Women in Colonial and Postcolonial Economies," lead paper presented at the African-South Tyrolean Leadership Forum 2023, organized by the UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research Center for Advanced Studies, Bolzano, **Italy**, May 25.
- 2023 Podium discussion and plenary debate on "Reaching beyond the Exchange of Best Practices: Integrating Leadership's Best to Advance African-European Relations in a Glocal View" at the African-South Tyrolean Leadership Forum 2023, organized by the UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research Center for Advanced Studies, Bolzano, **Italy**, May 25.
- 2022 "Becoming Igbo in Nigeria and the Diaspora: A History of Ethnic Identity Formation and Negotiation," Lipitz Professor Lecture, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, **USA**, December 1
- 2021 "Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War, 1967-70," a talk to the African Studies Research Group, University of Calgary, **Canada**, November 24
- 2020 "Nigeria-Biafra Reintegration: Is Nigeria's Unity Really Non-Negotiable?" Virtual Panel organized by the Unveiling Africa (UVA) Summer History Program, with participants from across the globe, August 23
- 2018 "Nigerian Women since Independence: Gains and Challenges," a keynote presentation at the Friends of Nigeria Annual Meeting, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, **USA**, August 22-23
- 2018 "Women, Politics and Violence in Nigeria," a talk at the Community College of Baltimore County Film Festival, Catonsville, Maryland, **USA**, April 26

- 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, **USA**, April 20-21
- 2014 “The 2014 Nigerian National Conference and the Igbo People: A Reflection,” a plenary presentation at the 12th International Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois, **USA**, May 22-24
- 2012 “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, **USA**, March 7
- 2010 “Women and Economic Transition in Twentieth-Century West Africa,” public lectured delivered at the Binghamton University, New York, **USA**, April 22
- 2008 “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, **Nigeria**, December 8-10
- 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
- 2007 “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
- 2009 “Women and Economic Power in West Africa, 19th – 20th Centuries,” public lecture delivered at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Massachusetts, **USA**, March 5
- 2007 “Africa, Colonialism, and Its Legacy” public lecture delivered at the Heritage and Horizons Adult Learning Opportunities, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, **USA**, October 2
- 2006 “Women, Gender, and Religion in Africa,” lecture delivered at the African American and African Studies Program, University of California-Davis, California, **USA**, June 5
- 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, Pennsylvania, USA, May 4-6
- 2003 "The 'Untouchable Vultures'?: Igbo Women in Resistance Movements in Southeastern Nigeria, 1864-1960," Public Lecture delivered at the Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, USA, June 6
- 2002 "African Women and Development," Guest Lecturer, Department of African American and African Studies, University of California at Davis, Davis, California, USA, March 11
- 2001 "Africa and European Colonial Domination," paper delivered as a Guest Lecturer to the African Studies Summer Students, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, USA, July 17
- 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, USA, May 4-5
- 2000 "Africa: Problems and Prospects, and the U.S.A. Foreign Policy," presented as a Special Guest Speaker at the Great Decision Group, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, April 6
- 2000 "International Exchange Programs: An Imperative for Correcting Africa's Image and Strengthening Our Bond," presented as a Special Guest Speaker at the International Day Celebration, Lemoyne-Owen College, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, February 25
- 1999 "Marriage and the Family, Circumcision and Fattening in Africa," paper presented at the University of California, Los Angeles (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, Los Angeles, California, USA, July 31- August 12
- 1999 "African Women and Gender Relations," paper presented at the University of California, Los Angeles (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, Los Angeles, California, USA, July 31- August 12
- 1999 "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, USA

Other Invited Lectures and Talks (28)

- 2023 “Transformational Leadership and Gender-Inclusive Governance in Africa: An Imperative for Democracy and Sustainability,” presented at the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, UMBC, **USA**, July 27
- 2023 “Gender and Professional Literacy,” Pre-conference Workshop organized by the Lagos Studies Association Mentoring Program for Women Graduate Students in Nigeria, Part II, at the 7th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, **Nigeria**, June 20-22
- 2021 “African Women and Politics,” delivered at The Upper School Modern Africa Class, The Park School of Baltimore, Maryland, **USA**, October 29
- 2021 “African Women since Independence: Education and the Economy,” delivered at The Upper School Modern Africa Class, The Park School of Baltimore, Maryland, **USA**, October 14
- 2021 “Opportunities, Innovations, and Resilience under Exceptional Times: An Opening Remark” at the 5th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association on the theme of “Postcolonial African Cities at 60: Continuities and Discontinuities,” **Nigeria**, June 24
- 2021 “Lipitz Professorship: Recent and Current Research Activities,” presented at the UMBC President’s Council, Maryland, **USA**, March 22
- 2020 “Book Proposals and Book Contracts in the Social Sciences: A Faculty Panel,” hosted by the UMBC Center for Social Science Scholarship, Maryland, **USA**, October 9
- 2019 “Black Girl Excellence: The State of Black Women on UMBC’s Campus,” Panel, organized by the Lambda Kappa Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, UMBC, Maryland, **USA**, April 24
- 2017 “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, Maryland, **USA**, September 11
- 2017 “Igbo Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War,” paper presented at the Saint George’s Episcopal Church Book Club, Hampstead, Maryland, **USA**, May 10
- 2017 “European Colonial Policies and Legacies in Africa,” delivered to an AP World History Class of New Town High School, Owings Mills, Maryland, **USA**, 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, **USA**, 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, **USA**, March 13
- 2016 “The Status of African Women in the Past Fifty Years,” presented to the St. George’s Episcopal Church Book Club, Hampstead, Maryland, **USA**, January 20
- 2015 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, **USA**, March 23
- 2014 “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, **USA**, October 30
- 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, **USA**, April 15
- 2011 “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, **USA**, April 20
- 2010 “Confronting the Silences: Gender, Ethnicity, and the Biafra-Nigeria War,” Drescher Center Research-in-progress Brownbag presentation, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Maryland, **USA**, April 21
- 2007 Motivational address to the students of History and International Studies Department, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, **Nigeria**, August 1

- 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, South Carolina, USA, February 25
- 2003 Discussion Leader, *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, Miller F. Whittaker Library Book Discussion Series, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, USA, 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, Maryland, USA, January 23
- 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, South Carolina, USA, February 28
- 2001 “African Women in Nationalist Movements,” paper presented at the Black History Month Celebration and Continuing Symposium organized by the Departments of Political Science and History, and Social Work, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, USA, February 27
- 1998 “Nigerian Women in Historical Perspectives,” paper presented to the Los Angeles County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Los Angeles, California, USA, 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, California, USA, May 27
- 1990 "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, Anambra State, Nigeria, March 14

Conference Presentations (Juried and non-Juried) (72)

- 2025 “The National War Museum, Umuahia, the Nigeria-Biafra War Memorials, and the Preservation of the History of the War: A Critical Review,” Abuja, Nigeria, July 9-12
- 2025 Critical Review of Olufemi Vaughan, *Letters, Kinship, and Social Mobility in Nigeria* (Madison, WI: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2023, pp. xvii + 256),

- book roundtable presentation at the 8th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, **Nigeria**, June 17-21
- 2024 “Military Rule and Culture in Nigeria,” paper presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, **USA**, December 12-14
- 2024 “The Music of Onyeka Onwenu and Motherhood,” paper presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, **USA**, December 12-14
- 2024 Critical Review of Tayo Agunbiade, *Untold Histories of Nigerian Women: Emerging from the Margins* (Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2023, pp. xi + 717), book roundtable presentation at the 7th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, **Nigeria**, June 25-29
- 2023 “African Presence in the 1930s–1950s United States: A Historical Study of West African Students and the Intersectionality of Gender, Class, and Race,” paper presented at the 66th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, **USA**, November 30 – December 2
- 2023 Critical Review of *West African Soldiers in Britain’s Colonial Army, 1860-1960* by Timothy Stapleton (Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2022), book roundtable presentation at the 7th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, **Nigeria**, June 22-24
- 2023 “Displacement, Migration, and African Refugee Women,” paper presented at the Africana Studies Biennial International Conference on “African Women, Civil Wars, and Peacebuilding,” University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Maryland, **USA**, May 17-18, 2023.
- 2022 Critical Review of *Emirs in London: Subaltern Travel and Nigeria’s Modernity* by Moses E. Ochonu (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2022), book roundtable presentation at the 6th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, **Nigeria**, June 23-25
- 2022 Critical Review of *The Great Upheaval: Women and Nation in Postwar Nigeria* by Judith W. Byfield (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2021), book roundtable presentation at the 6th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, **Nigeria**, June 23-25
- 2021 Critical Review of *The Women Went Radical: Petition Writing and the Colonial State in Southwestern Nigeria, 1900-1953* by Mutiat Oladejo (Book Builders, 2018), book roundtable presentation at the 5th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, Virtual, June 23-27

- 2021 “Author Meets Readers: *Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa* edited by Gloria Chuku and Sussie Aham-Okoro (Lexington Books, 2020),” responded to the panel of readers at the 5th International Conference of the Lagos Studies Association, Virtual, June 23-27
- 2019 “Being African in the 1930s-1940s United States: The Case of Mbonu Ojike, a Pioneer Nigerian Student and Activist,” paper presented at the 62nd Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Boston, Massachusetts, **USA**, November 21-23
- 2019 “Women, Leadership, and the Negotiation of Religious Ambivalence in Nigeria,” paper presented at the 9th Toyin Falola Annual International Conference on Africa and the African Diaspora, Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State, **Nigeria**, July 1-3
- 2018 “Igbo Ethnic Formation and Negotiation in Colonial Nigeria,” paper presented at the 61st Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, **USA**, November 29-December 1
- 2018 “Women, Oral Literatures, and the Reconstruction of Nigerian History,” paper presented at the 12th Conference of the International Society for the Oral Literatures of Africa, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, **Nigeria**, July 10-12
- 2018 “Researching and Writing about Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Some Methodological and Ethical Challenges,” paper presented at the International Conference on “Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa” at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, Maryland, **USA**, May 8-9
- 2018 “Igbo Women and Postwar Reconstruction, Reconciliation and Reintegration Efforts in Nigeria, 1968-1975,” paper presented at the International Conference on “Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa” at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, Maryland, **USA**, May 8-9
- 2017 “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, **USA**, 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

- 2016 “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, **USA**, 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
- 2015 “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, **USA**, 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
- 2014 “Starvation as a War Tactic and a Political Tool: Gowon, Ojukwu and the International Community in the Biafra-Nigeria War,” paper presented at the 57th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, **USA**, 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, Indiana, **USA**, 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, Indiana, **USA**, 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
- 2013 “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, Maryland, **USA**, 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, Maryland, **USA**, 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
- 2012 “Nigerian Historians, Nationalism, and Nation-building,” paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, **USA**, 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
- 2011 “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., **USA**, 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
- 2010 “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, **USA**, November 18-21
- 2009 “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, **USA**, 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
- 2008 “Mbonu Ojike, the King of Boycottables and African Cultural Nationalism,” paper presented at the 51st Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, **USA**, 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
- 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 presented at the 5th International Annual Conference of the Igbo Studies Association, Washington, DC, **USA**, April 13-14
- 2006 “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, **USA**, 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., **USA**, March 31-April 1
- 2005 “Igbo Women and the Indigenous Systems of Medicine and Healthcare,” paper for the 48th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, Washington, DC, **USA**, 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, Pennsylvania, **USA**, 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, Pennsylvania, **USA**, April 2-4
- 2004 “‘*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, Louisiana, **USA**, 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, **USA**, April 2-3
- 2003 “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, **USA**, 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, **USA**, April 3-6
- 2002 “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., **USA**, 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, **USA**, 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, **USA**, 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, **USA**, 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, **Jamaica**, January 9-12
- 2001 “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/SSHRCC Nigerian Hinterland Project Conference on Atlantic Crossings: Women’s Voices, Women’s Stories from the Caribbean and the Nigerian Hinterland, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, **USA**, May 18–20

- 2000 "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, **USA**, 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, **USA**, May 4-6
- 1995 "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
- 1994 "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
- 1992 "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
- 1990 "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

Presentations at Seminars and Symposia (11)

- 2007 "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, USA, 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, USA, April 17-21
- 2006 "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, New York, USA, September 22-23
- 2005 "'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, Massachusetts, USA, 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, North Carolina, USA, June 2-4
- 2004 "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, Maryland, USA, January 22
- 2000 "Gender and Multiple Identities of Igbo Women of Nigeria: An Historical Analysis," paper presented at a Seminar organized by the Gender and Race Group, University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA, March 30-31
- 1999 "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, University of California, Los Angeles, California, USA, June 10
- 1996 "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
- 1994 "The Changing Position of Women in Igbo Agriculture before 1945," paper presented at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, History Department Graduate Seminar, Nsukka, **Nigeria**, March 29
- 1989 "Igbo Business Oligarchies: 9th century AD to 1914," paper presented to the School of Graduate Studies, Department of History, University of Port Harcourt, **Nigeria**, March

Conference Convener and Meeting Host (4)

- 2023 International Conference on “African Women, Civil Wars, and Peacebuilding,” University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA, May 17-18
- 2018 International Conference on “Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa,” University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, May 8-9
- 2018 University System of Maryland Women’s Forum Executive Council Meeting, Maryland, USA, March 9
- 2013 The 56th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association Local Organizing Committee, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

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- 2024-2025 Chair of the Search Committee for Advanced Assistant Professor/Associate Professor of Africana Studies (Open Specialization)
- 2024 Chair of the Search Committee for Africana Studies Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychological Science
- 2023-2024 Chair of the Search Committee for Associate Professor in African American and African Diasporic Literature
- 2022-2023 Chair of the Search Committee for Africana Studies Academic Program Specialist
- 2021-2022 Chair, the Africana Studies 50th Anniversary Committee
- 2016- Africana Studies Department Curriculum Review Committee, Chair
- 2016- Africana Studies Department Post-Doctoral Selection Committee, Chair
- 2016- W.E. B. Du Bois Distinguished Annual Lectures, Coordinator
- 2016- Departmental Advisement Coordinator
- 2018- Elechukwu Njaka Scholarship and Creative Research Awards, Chair
- 2019-2020 Africana Studies Department Academic Program Review Committee, Chair
- 2008-2015, 2018- Africana Studies Department Liaison to the A. O. Kuhn Library & Gallery
- 2016- Articulation Coordinator for Undergraduate Credit Transfers
- 2010- AFST Department Liaison to the Language, Literacy and Culture Ph.D. Program Steering Committee, UMBC
- 2008- Africana Studies Department Liaison to the Gender, Women’s + Sexuality Studies Department
- 2009-2011, 2017- Certificate in African Studies Program Proposal Committee, Chair
- 2018-2019 GWST Tenure-track Assistant Professor Search Committee, Member
- 2013-2015 2015 Summer Study Abroad to Ghana, Co-Director (Prepared but could go due to Ebola outbreak)
- 2011-2015 Africana Studies Department Post-Doctoral Selection Committee, Member

2010- 2015	UMBC Faculty Senator, Africana Studies Department
2009-2015	Africana Studies Department Curriculum Review Committee, Member
2013-2014	AFST/ENG Tenure-track Search Committee, Member
2012-2013	Africana Studies Department Academic Program Review Committee, Member
2012-2012	Africana Studies Department Comprehensive Review Committee, Chair
2009-2010	Campus Grade Review Panel, Member
2010-2011	GWST Part-time and New Lecturer Search Committees, Member

College

2022	CAHSS Faculty Honors and Awards Committee
2018	Center for Social Science Scholarship (CS3) Director Search Committee
2016-	Women's Faculty Network Executive Committee
2016	Global Cultural and Visual Studies Building Part II Program Development Committee
2014-2015	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Research Advisory Committee
2014-2015	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Fellowship Committee

University

2024-	Provost's Diversity Task Force Committee
2024-	Faculty Senate Open Access Fund Committee
2023-	Faculty Senate Open Access Policy Committee
2015-	John W. Jeffries Scholarship Award Committee
2014	McNair Scholars Conference, UMBC, Moderator
2013-	University Faculty Grievance Committee
2010-2015	McNair Scholars Program, Proposal Reviewer
2010-2012	Faculty Affairs Committee
2009-2013	Humanities Forum Committee

University System of Maryland

2014-	USM Women's Forum Executive Council, Member
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Millersville University of Pennsylvania, August 2004-June 2008

2006-2008	Department of History New Faculty Search Committee, Chair
2005-2008	Academic Climate and Cultural Enrichment Committee, Member
2004-2008	International Studies Curriculum Committee, Member
2006-2007	Department of History Five-Year Review Committee, Member
2006-2007	Creating Caring Community Committee, Member
2004-2007	Department of History Curriculum Committee, Member
2004-2007	African American Studies Curriculum Committee, Member
2004-2006	Department of History New Faculty Search Committee, Member

Morgan State University-Baltimore, Maryland

- 2003-2004 College of Liberal Arts Intellectual Life Committee, Member
2003-2004 College of Liberal Arts 2004 Graduation Ceremonies, Faculty Marshal and Committee, Member
2003-2004 Department of History and Geography Adjudication Committee, Member
2003-2004 Department of History and Geography Student Advising Committee, Member
2003-2004 Department of History and Geography Comprehensive Examination Committee, Member
2003-2004 Department of History and Geography Black History Month and Student Activities Committee, Member

South Carolina State University-Orangeburg, 2000-2003

- 2001-2003 Faculty Senator, Political Science and History Department
2002-2003 Faculty Senate Election Committee, Member
2001-2003 Department of Political Science and History Black History Month Celebrations, Coordinator
2001-2003 Department of Political Science and History Instructional Material Procurement, Coordinator
2001-2003 Department of Political Science and History Students' Research Paper Competition, Judge
2001-2003 Department of Political Science and History Strategic Planning Committee, Member
2001-2002 School of Arts and Humanities Teacher of the Year Search Committee, Chair
2001-2002 University-wide Teacher of the Year Search Committee, Member

University of Memphis, Tennessee, 1999-2000

- 1999-2000 Middle Atlantic Studies Program Committee, Member
2000-2000 The 28th Annual Tennessee History Day Competition, Judge

Imo State University, Nigeria, 1994-1999

- 1994-1999 Department of History Graduate Program Committee, Member
1994-1999 Department of History Curriculum Committee, Member
1995-1999 Imo State University Women Association, Founding Member
1996-1999 Women's Resource Center (WOREC), Founding Member

1996-1997 Students Historical Society of Nigeria, Imo State University Branch,
Academic Adviser

Federal College of Education (Technical), Umunze, Nigeria, January-December 1990

1990-1990 College-wide New Faculty Employment Committee, Member
1990-1990 College-wide New Employees Orientation Committee, Member
1990-1990 College-Community Outreach Committee, Member
1990-1990 College-wide New Staff Employment Committee, Chair
1990-1990 School of General Studies Curriculum Committee, Chair

Professional and Public Service

2025-028 African Studies Association (USA) Best Book Prize Committee
2023-2024 The [African Feminist Initiative \(AFI\)](#) Mentoring Program: pairs early career researchers with more experienced mentors to advise them on a research or professional development project of their choosing. The AFI is a transnational network of scholars and independent researchers/writers/artists who work on gender, sexuality, and feminist approaches in research on Africa and the African diaspora. Invited Mentor
2023-2024 Lagos Studies Association Women's Mentoring Program for Nigeria-based Graduate Students—Invited Mentor
2023-2024 Faculty Mentor of Chinwe Amauche Alazor, Ph.D. student, Department of History and International Studies, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria
2023-2024 Faculty Menor of Damilola Dorcas Fagite, Ph.D. student, Department of History, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria Faculty Menter
2020-2025 Editorial Board, *History in Africa*, Member
2018- International Advisory Board, *Journal of Genocide Research*, member
2016- Editorial Board, Taylor and Francis Book Series on “Global Africa,” member
2015- Editorial Advisory Board, Lexington Books’ African Governance and Development Series, member
2015-2017 Nigerian Studies Association Book Prize Committee, member
2009-2012 Nigerian Studies Association Book Prize Committee, Chair
2007-2009 Nigerian Studies Association, President
2006- Advisory Board of the *Journal of Nigeria Studies*, member
2006-2007 Nigerian Studies Association, Vice President
2005-2009 Igbo Studies Association, Treasurer
2002- Editorial Advisory Board, *Lagos Historical Review* (University of Lagos, Nigeria), member
2002-2006 Nigerian Studies Association Journal Committee
1994-1999 Editorial Board, *Occasional Publications of the Historical Society of*

- Nigeria,*
 1992-1998 Historical Society of Nigeria, Executive Council member
 1996-1999 National Council of Women's Societies (NCWS), Imo State, Nigeria,
 Research Coordinator
 1994-1998 Women and New Orientation (WANO), Nigeria, Research Coordinator and
 Secretary

Grant Proposal Reviewer

- 2023-2024 Dan David Prize, Tel Aviv, Israel
 2022-2022 Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), Albert-Ludwigs-
 Universität Freiburg, Germany
 2010-2015 McNair Scholars Program's Summer Research Institute, UMBC
 2008-2008 PSC-CUNY (The City University of New York) Research Award Program,
 External Reviewer
 2007-2008 Pennsylvania System of Higher Education FPDC Proposal, Peer-reviewer

Manuscript-Proposal Evaluation for Publishers

- 2025 Bloomsbury Publishing
 2024 Palgrave Macmillan
 2021 Indiana University Press
 2020, 2018, 2013-2014 Oxford University Press
 2018, 2010-2011 Palgrave Macmillan Press
 2018 Rowman & Littlefield International
 2018 Routledge
 2017 Yale University Press
 2016, 2012-2013 Rowman and Littlefield
 2013 University of Illinois Press
 2008 University of Rochester Press, NY

Manuscript Evaluation for Academic Journals

- 2018, 2009-2010 *Canadian Journal of African Studies*
 2016-2017, 2007-2015 *African Studies Review*
 2016 *History Compass*
 2016 *National Identities*
 2014 *OFO: Journal of Transatlantic Studies*
 2013 *Feminist Formations*
 2012-2013 *The Journal of the Historical Society*
 2011 *Journal of African History*
 2009-2010 *International Journal of African Historical Studies*

Consultant

- 2021 TCGT Entertainment on Igbo History and Culture
- 2014 Nigeria-Country Expert, The Vinesh Patel Law Firm, PLLC, Dallas, Texas
- 2013 Nigeria-Country Expert Witness, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP-Law Firm, Dallas, Texas
- 2007 Consulted as Expert on the Role of Women in Igbo Culture by the Office of the Attorney General, State of New Jersey
- 2006- Political Asylum Research and Documentation Service (PARDS) LLC, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2006- Recognized Nigeria-Country Expert on Issues Related to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)