



Brief Biography

Dr. John-Patrick Ifedi has taught for 22 years in various capacities at various institutions of higher education. In addition to Howard, he has taught at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and the University of Jos in Jos, Nigeria and the Nigeria Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies at Kuru, Jos.

Apart from his work in academia, he was a practitioner of public administration in the U.S. civil service where he served in managerial capacity in various areas of the U.S. federal civil service (U.S. Justice Department, D.C. court services agency, and the superior court of the District of Columbia) for over twenty-two years, between 1990 and 2015.

Dr. Ifedi is also making significant contributions to community service in various capacities. In 1992, he founded the Council on African World Affairs in the District of Columbia, a foreign affairs organization dedicated to educating the professional, policy, attentive and general public on policy, political and social developments and issues in the African world.

His international role in democracy development and democratization is also notable. He has undertaken many political consulting election and democracy development assignments in Eastern Europe, especially Kosovo and Bosnia-i-Herzegovina; the most prominent is his participation as an election supervisor in Tuzla and Banovici, Bosnia, in 1996, under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the U.S. State Department.

Dr. Ifedi has published in various scholarly peer reviewed journals in Political Science and has co-edited two books on U.S. Foreign Policy in addition to having presented in many scholarly conferences in the US and Africa.

Dr. Ifedi earned a BA from the State University of Minnesota, Moorhead, an M.A. from the University of North Dakota, Grand Fork, North Dakota; his Ph.D. in Political Science with concentration in International Political Economy, International Relations, Comparative Politics and Methodology is from Howard. He also holds a Diploma in Human Services Management (2000) from the University of Maryland; and, he was selected for a post-doctoral fellowship in Political Economy as an Institute for British and Irish Studies scholar at St. Anthony's College, Oxford University, England and Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland in the summer of 1996.