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### **EDUCATION**

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| <b>2004</b> | <b>Postgraduate Certificate</b> | <b>Specialization: Academic Practice in Higher Education</b><br>The University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom.                                |
| <b>2000</b> | <b>Ph.D. Law</b>                | <b>Specialization: Law of Evidence and Criminal Justice</b><br>The University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom.                               |
| <b>2000</b> | <b>Babaláwo</b>                 | <b>Specialization: Expert in the Ifá Literary Corpus</b><br>The Ògeese conclave of diviners of His Imperial Majesty, the Alááfin of Òyó, Òyó, Nigeria. |
| <b>1996</b> | <b>LLB</b>                      | <b>Specialization: Law</b><br>The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, The United Kingdom.  |
| <b>1993</b> | <b>Ph.D. Philosophy</b>         | <b>Specialization: History and Philosophy of Science</b><br>The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom.              |
| <b>2000</b> | <b>B.A. Philosophy</b>          | Ọbáfẹmi Awólówò University, Nigeria.   |
| <b>1990</b> | <b>Certificate</b>              | <b>Specialization: Yorùbá Oral Literature</b><br>Ọbáfẹmi Awólówò University, Nigeria.  |

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 2022 Full Professor of Philosophy, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- 2013 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- 2003 Lecturer in Law and Forensic Science, The University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom.
- 2002 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- 2001 Visiting Assitant Professor of Religion, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2000 Visiting Assitant Professor of Religion, Haverford College, Haverford, PA

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Corporate Law; Evidence and Proof; Financial Crimes; Indigenous Law; Critical Legal Studies; Forensic Science; Empirical Legal Studies; Religion, Law and Social Justice; Religion and Law; Globalization, Globalism, and Law.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

### Authored Book

2006 *Yorùbá Culture: A Philosophical Account*. Iroko Academic Publishers: Birmingham.

### Co-Edited Books

2019 Rianna Oelofsen and Kòlá Abímbólá, *An African path to a Global Future*. Council for Research in Values & Philosophy

2016 Enoch Olujide Gbadegesin, Yunusa Kehinde Salami & Kòlá Abímbólá, eds. (2016), *Exploring the Ethics of Individualism and Communitarianism: Multidisciplinary Essays in Honor of Professor Segun Gbadegesin*. Harvest Day Publications.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

2021 "Reason versus Ian Hacking's Styles of Scientific Reasoning." *Resistances. Journal of the Philosophy of History*. Vol.2 (3): 1-14.

2021 "Abortion in Islam: The Roles of Cultures and Virtues in Medical Ethics." *Revista Pacha: Journal of Contemporary Studies of the Global South*. Vol.2(5): 1 - 13.

2021 "The Sacred and the Profane: Wisdom and the Practice of Healing in Òrìṣà Culture." *OMNES: The Journal of Multicultural Society*. Vol.11 (2): 1-26.

2021 "The Òrìṣà Legal Tradition." *Philosophia Africana*. Vol. 20 (2): 107-128.

2018 "Language and the African Philosophical Traditions." *Yorùbá Studies Review*, Vol.2 (2): 127-146.

2017 "The Role of Stories in Forensic Reasoning." *Journal of Forensic Research and Analysis*. Vol 1 (1): 1-8.

2013 "Culture and the Principles of Biomedical Ethics." *Journal of Commercial Biotechnology*, Vol. 19 (3): 31-39.

2007 "Medicine and Culture: Transcultural Needs in Modern Western Societies." *The AvMA Medical and Law Journal*, Volume 13(3):112-116.

2006 "Rationality and Methodological Change: Dudley Shapere's Conception of Scientific Development." *Principia: An International Journal of Epistemology*, 10(1): 39-65.

2006 "A Critique of Methodological Naturalism." *Science in Context*, 19(2): 191-213.

- 2005 "Cultura Iorubá: da África para o Novo Mundo." Educação Pública: Biblioteca História. ISSN:1984-6290.
- 2002 "Questions and Answers: The Logic of Preliminary Fact Investigation." *The Journal of Law and Society*, 29(4): 533-559.
- 2001 "Abductive Reasoning in Law: Taxonomy and Inference to the Best Explanation." *Cardozo Law Review*, 22(5&6): 1683-1689. Also published in: M. MacCrimmon & P. Tillers, (Eds.) (2002). *The Dynamics of Judicial Proof: Computation, Logic and Common Sense*. Springer-Verlag.
- 2001 "Spirituality and Applied Ethics: An African Perspective." *West Africa Review*, 3(1): 1-29. Also published in Ebijuwa, T. (ed.) (2007). *Philosophy and Social Change: Discourse on Values in Africa*. Hope Publications.
- 1994 "God and Evil." *Philosophy Now*, 8: 23-25.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

- 2017 "Police Culture: A Socio-Epistemological View." In: Daryl Taiwo Harris (2017), *Newschasser: The Rhetoric of Trump, Essays and Commentaries*. 2017.
- 2016 "Religion and Legal Cosmopolitanism: The Diffusion of Legal Methods." In Enoch Olujide Gbadegesin, Yunusa Kehinde Salami & Kólá Abímbólá, eds. (2016), *Exploring the Ethics of Individualism and Communitarianism: Multidisciplinary Essays in Honor of Professor Segun Gbadegesin*. Harvest Day Publications.
- 2008 "L'Influence Reelle de la Religion Traditionnelle Africaine Sur le Christianisme, L'Islam et Reciproquement". *Rencontre des Traditions Religieuses de l'Afrique avec le Christianisme, L'Islam et la Laicite: A partir des Ecrits de Leopold Sedar Senghor*. (Paris: UNESCO.)

### **Encyclopedic Essays**

- 2004 "Yoruba Diaspora" in Ember, M, Ember, CC.R. and Skoggard, I, *Encyclopedia of Diasporas. Immigrant and Refugee Cultures Around the World*, (New York: Kluwer Academic Publishers.)

### **Podicle and Music CD**

- 2017 Olódùmarè - Òrìṣà Music CD. (Apple Music/OWF Media)  
<https://music.apple.com/us/album/olodumare/1418970915>
- 2011 "Virtues and Cultures in Medical Ethics." *West Africa Review*, No. 19. (Podicle).

## Works in Progress

### -BOOKS

Wándé Abímbólá, Kòlá Abímbólá, and Daryl Harris, eds. *Órìṣà Culture: An Anthology*. Mythology Corner / Rays LLC Publishing. (Expected publication year: 2023.)

### -BOOK CHAPTERS

- Wándé Abímbólá, Kòlá Abímbólá, and Daryl Harris (Forthcoming 2023), "Ifá: The Foundations of Órìṣà Culture." In, Wándé Abímbólá, Kòlá Abímbólá, and Daryl Harris, eds. (2023). *Órìṣà Culture: An Anthology*. Mythology Corner / Rays LLC Publishing, pp. i – xii.
- Abímbólá (Forthcoming 2023), "Spirituality and Applied Ethics." In, Wándé Abímbólá, Kòlá Abímbólá, and Daryl Harris, eds. Forthcoming 2023). *Órìṣà Culture: An Anthology*. Mythology Corner / Rays LLC Publishing, pp. 53 – 76.
- Babalọlá Ifátóògùn and Kòlá Abímbólá (Forthcoming 2023), "Why Every Human Being Must Perform Divination and Offer Sacrifices." In, Wándé Abímbólá, Kòlá Abímbólá, and Daryl Harris, eds. (Forthcoming 2023). *Órìṣà Culture: An Anthology*. Mythology Corner / Rays LLC Publishing, pp.77-90.

## Book Reviews

2004 "Review of 'William Twining and Iain Hampsher-Monk (Eds.), *Evidence and Inference in History and Law: Interdisciplinary Dialogues*, Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2003." *The Modern Law Review*, 67(3): 527-530.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS

- 2021 The Mellon Just Futures Initiative Grant. Project Title: "Social Justice Consortium." Award Amount: 5 Million US Dollars. Role – Co-Organizer
- 2016 Award of \$7,500 as a 2016 Faculty Assessment Fellow in the Office of Institutional Assessment and Evaluation (OIAE), Office of the Provost, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- 2006 (With Jean McHale) Grant of £2500 (UK Pounds Sterling) from the Modern Law Review Seminars for a Seminar on Health, Law, Faiths, and Beliefs: New Dilemmas - New Perspectives.
- 2005 (Under the auspices of UNESCO, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and the Global Forum for Yoruba Culture) Grant of \$200,000 by the Japanese Government and the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the preservation of the Ifá Divination System of Nigeria, which UNESCO proclaimed in 2005 as one of the "Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity."

- 2004 (With Dr. Margit Cohn) Grant of £5000 from The Leicester City Council's Community Cohesion Fund for a Conference on Law, Religion and Secularism.
- 2003 Grant of \$1500 for Research into Philosophy and Development from the Center for the Study of Justice in society, Seattle, WA, USA.
- 2000 Grant of \$12,000 as a Copeland Research Fellow researching the philosophical contributions of Africa to practical reasoning. Amherst College, MA, USA. 2019
- 1996-2000 Faculty of Law Research Scholarship for Ph.D. research in Law of Evidence, University of Birmingham. (£30,000 UK Pounds Sterling)
- 1989-1992 Commonwealth Academic Scholarship for postgraduate study in History and Philosophy of Science. (£60,000 UK Pounds Sterling)
- 1987 Iyabo Bolarinwa Prize for the best result in BB.A Philosophy qualifying examination.
- 1987 T.T Solaru Prize for the best result in the African Philosophy examination.

## **SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

### **Plenary Addresses, Public Lectures (Invited), and Presidential Addresses**

- 2015 Public Lecture, "Culture Heals: Òriṣà and the American Justice System." The Enoch Pratt Library, 1531 W. North Ave. Baltimore, MD. Hosted by Oyo Traditions, Inc.
- 2014 "Nigerian Diaspora Interfaith Dialogue." Public Interfaith Dialogue/Conversation organized by NIDO Americas (Nigerian in Diaspora Organization). Venue: American University, Washington, DC.
- 2014 "Èdá: Personhood in Òriṣà Culture." Public Lecture organized by the American Association of Brazilian Candomblé and Culture. Venue: Africa International House, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 "Democracy, Religion and the Rule of Law." Public Lecture at the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois, September 9, 2011.
- 2013 "The New Reformation: Christianity, Syncretism and Africana Religions in the Americas." Public Lecture organized by the following Programs at Seattle University: Latin America Studies Program; Diversity, Citizenship and Social Justice Core Track; the Global African Studies Program; and the Faith and Great Ideas Program, Seattle University, WA
- 2010 "Paradigms of Corporate Governance: Gender, Class, Culture and the Financial Market Crash of 2008." Public Lecture organized by the Center for Global Justice at the Seattle University School of Law,
- 2010 "Corporations, Citizenship and Justice." Presidential Address at the 16th Annual Conference of the International Society of African Philosophy and Studies, University of Ghana, March 17, 2010.
- 2010 "Gender Equality, Sociology, and Corporate Governance." The first Lecture in the Mona Law Series, University of West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.

- 2009 "Cultural Justice." Presidential Address at the 15th Annual Conference of the International Society of African Philosophy and Studies, University of Cheikh, Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal.
- 2009 "Modernity and the Study of African Cultures." Public Lecture at Kennesaw State University, GA, USA. Invitation by the Center for Global Initiatives, Kennesaw State University, GA.
- 2008 "Democracy and the Rule of Laws." Presidential Address at the 14th Annual Conference of the International Society of African Philosophy and Studies, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana.
- 2008 "The Real Impact of African Traditional Religion on the Issues of Christianity and Islam and Vice Versa." UNESCO, Paris.
- 2007 "Reason and Culture." Presidential Address at the 13th Annual Meeting of the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS). Rhodes University, South Africa.
- 2007 "Transcultural Needs in a Western Modern Society." The Sydney Brandon Memorial Lecture, Annual General Meeting of the Leicestershire Medico-Legal Society, January 18, 2007. (Invitation by the Leicestershire Medico-Legal Society.)
- 2004 "Globalization, Law, and an African Religion." Public Lecture delivered at the Ashe Cultural Center, New Orleans, December 2004.)

#### **Invited Lectures and Selected Conference Papers**

- 2015 "Language and the African philosophical traditions" Paper Presented at the 21st Annual Conference of the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) Blackburn Center, Howard University, Washington, DC, United States.
- 2015 "Culture and Democracy in Africa" Paper Presented at the International Conference on "Pan-Africanism and Negritude" Blackburn Center, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- 2015 "Ethics and Climate in Òrìṣà Religion." Paper presenter at the Instituto de Estudos da Religião (ISER) Conference on "Fé no Clima," Rio de Janeiro.
- 2015 "Why Does Language Matter To Education?" Paper presented at the NIDO Americas Nigerian Education Symposium on "A Movement For Change: Nigeria's Primary and Secondary Education in the 21st Century." Venue: The Embassy of Nigeria. Washington, DD.C
- 2014 "Democracy and Morality: Africana Perspectives." The Howard University Third Humanities Conference on Moral Revolutions in Africa and the African Diaspora. Howard University, Washington, DC.
- 2013 "Cultures and Democracy in Africa." International Symposium on the Centenary of Aimé Césaire - Aimé Césaire/La Négritude: Poetics, Africana History/Identities, and Political Thoughts, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- 2012 "Reason and Proof in Forensic Science." The OMICS Group International Conference on Forensic Science and Research, Chicago, Illinois.

- 2011 "Virtues and Cultures in Medical Ethics." Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies, hosted by: The Department of African American and African Studies, and the Department of French and Italian The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio, USA.
- 2010 "Religion and Cultural Justice." Paper presented at the 1st Global Conference of Black Nationalities, organized by UNESCO and the Center for Black Culture and International Understanding. Oşogbo, Nigeria.
- 2009 "Trust, Accountability and Assurance: The Regulation of Alternative Healthcare Professionals." Paper presented at Egbé Ọmọ Yorùbá: 17th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Yoruba Descendants, St Louis, Missouri, USA.
- 2009 "Àşà àti Ìşe Yorùbá." Paper presented at Egbé Ọmọ Yorùbá: 17th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Yoruba Descendants, St Louis, Missouri, USA.
- 2009 "Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility in Africa: The Two Faces of Janus." Paper presented at the conference on African and World Governance. A Conference organized by the Senegalese State Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dakar, Senegal.
- 2009 "Ethical leadership, Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Market Economy: A Case Study of the Nigerian Stock Exchange." Paper presented at the Ashridge International Research Conference on "Global Leadership, Global Ethics? In Search of the Ethical Leadership Compass" Ashridge Business School, U.U.K
- 2008 "Cultural Philosophy: Democracy and the Rule of Laws in Africa." Paper presented at the conference on "Reason, Culture, Humanism: The Philosophy of Kwasi Wiredu." Invitation by the Department of Louisville, KY, USA.
- 2008 Panelist at the Second UNESCO Conference of Intellectuals from Africa and the Diaspora – CIAD II, Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, 12-14 July 2008. (Panel: The Need for a Political Pact between Africa and the Diaspora for Peace, Democracy, and Development.) (Invitation by UNESCO and the Government of Brazil.)
- 2008 "Reason and Culture: The Roles of Nomological Structures in Human Reasoning." Paper Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division). Invitation by the American Philosophical Association's Committee on International Cooperation.
- 2008 "Legal Cosmopolitanism and Legal Legitimacy in the Americas." Invited paper by the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities and UC Berkeley.
- 2008 "The Virtues of Medical Ethics." Paper presented at the Harvard University's conference on "Sacred Knowledge, Sacred Power, and Performance: Ifá Divination in West Africa and the African Diaspora." (Invitation by the Committee on African Studies, Harvard University.)

- 2007 "Ifá and the Practice of Yorùbá Medicine." Plenary Address at the 1st Congress of the African Sociological Association, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa.
- 2006 "Rights to National Health Service Care: The Values of Medicine and their Roles in the Enforcement of Health Care Rights." Paper presented at the Modern Law Review Seminar on Health, Law, Faith, and Beliefs: New Dilemmas – New Perspectives, University of Leicester, U.U.K
- 2006 "Is Law Special? Rationality, Psychology and the Analysis of Evidence." Paper presented at the Evidence Science Group Seminar Series, University College London. (Invitation by the Gill Dando Institute of Crime Science.)
- 2005 "Fact Investigation and the War on Terrorism." Paper presented at the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics, University of Birmingham.
- 2005 "Diffusion Theory and the Configuration of the Yoruba Diaspora." Paper presented at the Annual Howard University and Pinnacle Publications Conference, Howard University, Washington DC, USA.
- 2005 "Yoruba Culture in Africa and the Diaspora." Paper presented at the 2005 International Congress of Òriṣà tradition and Culture, the State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2005 "The Politics of Customary Law." Paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS), Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria.
- 2004 "Legal Cosmopolitanism." Paper Presented at the annual BISA Conference, University of Birmingham, Birmingham.
- 2004 "Artificial Intelligence and Pre-Trial Juridical Proof." The Paper was presented at the 2004 Annual Law and Society Association, Chicago Annual meeting.
- 2004 "The Jurisprudence of the World Bank." Paper presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the International Society for African Philosophy and Studies, University of West Indies.
- 2001 "Colonialism and Mis-Education: An African Perspective." Invitation by the Brazilian Government to deliver the Plenary Lecture at the Pre-Conference on Religion and Social Imaginary, Sao Luis, Brazil.
- 2000 "Philosophy and the Unity of Yoruba Religion." The 43rd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association.
- 2000 "Philosophy and the Unity of Yoruba Religion." The 43rd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association Panelist at a symposium on The African University: Revitalization or Reinvention? African Studies Center, Boston University.
- 2000 Discussant at an Artificial Intelligence and Judicial Proof symposium, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York.



2000 "Police Culture: Theory and Method in Criminal Evidence." Copeland Colloquium Lecture, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, USA.

1999 Invited participant at the 3rd Workshop on Teaching Fact-Analysis and Fact Management, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London.

1999 Invitation by the International Committee of the Red Cross to develop an International Humanitarian Law curriculum for African educational institutions. The meeting was held at the Educational Development Center, Newton, Massachusetts, USA.

1999 "Epistemology v. Procedural Rules: Evidential Inference for the Police Surgeon." Lecture to Police Surgeons of the West Midlands Police Force. Held at Healthcall Police Training Centre, Coventry, England.

### **HOWARD UNIVERSITY, COURSES TAUGHT (2013—)**

#### **Undergraduate:**

- Department of Philosophy: Forensic Science and Law; Symbolic Logic; Philosophy of Natural Science; Philosophy of Law; Epistemology; History of Africana Philosophy; African American Philosophy; Representative Thinkers; Philosophy of Religion; Metaphysics.
- Department of Political Science: Introduction to Political Theory.
- Department of History: Introduction to Social Justice; Policing and Racial justice.

#### **Graduate:**

- Department of African Studies: Democracy in Africa (Graduate Seminar); Africana Philosophy (Graduate Seminar).

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER, COURSES TAUGHT (2003—2013)**

- The School of Law: Jurisprudence; Company Law; Law of Evidence; Criminal and Civil Justice; Analysing Law; Legal Argumentation and Method (Graduate); Financial Crimes (Graduate); Global Corporate Regulation (Graduate).
- The College of Science and Engineering: Advanced Forensic Science; Interdisciplinary Science; CSI Leicester Summer School.
- School of Medicine: Legal and Ethical Issues in Medical Genetics

### **SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, COURSES TAUGHT (2002—2003; 2010-2011)**

- Financial Services Crime; Philosophy of Law; Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking; Philosophy of the Human Person.

### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- **University of Birmingham:** (i) Jurisprudence; (ii) The Law of Evidence.
- **Temple University, PA:** (i) Racial Justice; (ii) Graduate Seminar in Practical Ethics. **Haverford College, PA:** (i) Practical Ethics; (ii) African Philosophy.
- **London School of Economics and Political Science:** (i) Mathematical Logic; (ii) Probability

and Scientific Methodology.

- **Ọbáfẹmí Awólówò University, Nigeria:** (i) Ethics; (ii) Inductive Logic; (iii) Symbolic Logic; Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy.

## DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

- Julius Johnson, *A Comparative Analysis of the Nation of Islam and Mouride Islam in Senegal.* (Ph.D. Expected Completion Date 2022)
- Alexis Mapes, *African Mental Health: Bridging Traditional and Western Medicine in Nigeria.* (Ph.D. – Completed 2018)
- Mesi Walton, *Survival Through Memory: African Retentions in Diasporan Cultural Production of Venezuela's Barlovento Region* (Ph.D. – Completed 2018)
- Aicha Lompo, *Regional Integration, Institutions, and Trade Flows: The Case of ECOWAS* (Ph.D. – Completed 2017)
- Ogechi Paschal-Ejiogu, *Poverty Amidst Plenty: A Case of the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria.* (Ph.D. – Completed 2016.)
- Luqman Abdullah, *A Rising Tide: The Resurgence of Radical Conservatism in Contemporary America and Its Public Policy Implications for Communities of Color.* (Ph.D. – Completed 2016)

## DOCTORAL AND MASTERS DISSERTATION IN LAW DIRECTED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

- "Democracy and the Rule of Law in Iraq";
- "Possession of Child Pornography in Canada: A Socio-Legal Study of The Offender";
- "Anticorruption and State Enterprise Governance in Jamaica";
- "Scientific Experts and the Law of Criminal Evidence"; and
- "Eco-Terrorism."
- I also supervised 28 LLM (Master of Law) dissertations.

## PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – 2021 - Strategic Planning Task Force, College of Arts and Science, Howard University.
- 2017 – To Date: Co-Director, The Howard University Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program.
- September 2019 – To Date: Member, The *College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Taskforce*, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- June 2017 – July 2019: **Chair, Law Programs Task Force**, College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- June 2015 – To Date: **Member Re-admission and Academic Status Committee**, College of Arts and Science, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- September 2014—August 2016: **Secretary-General**, *Nigerians In Diaspora Organization* (NIDO), Washington, DC.
- August 2014 – To Date: **Member Appointments and Promotions Committee**,

Department of Philosophy, *Howard University*, Washington, DC.

- August 2013 – To Date: **Member, Executive Committee**, Department of Philosophy, *Howard University*, Washington, DC.
- April 2008—March 2010: Re-elected for a second term as **President**, *International Society for African Philosophy and Studies*, Seattle, WA, USA.
- March 2006—March 2008: **President**, *International Society for African Philosophy and Studies*, Seattle, WA, USA.
- April 2006—To Date: **Member Board of Trustees**, *UNESCO'S Ifá Heritage Institute*, Òyó, Nigeria.
- 2005-2013: **Member Executive Committee**, *CSI Leicester Summer Programs*, University of Leicester, United Kingdom.
- 2005 - 2010: **Member Steering Committee** for the *University of Leicester—University of Gondar Medical Link Group*. (*The University of Leicester—University of Gondar Medical Link Group* was incorporated as *Health Action Leicester for Ethiopia (HALE)* in 2010.)
- March 2004—March 2006: **Secretary**, *International Society for African Philosophy and Studies*, Seattle, WA, USA.
- September 2003—2013: **Member, Faculty of Law's Careers Adviser on Further Academic Studies**, *University of Leicester School of Law*, United Kingdom.
- September 2003—2013: **International Students Liaison Officer**, *University of Leicester School of Law*, United Kingdom.
- September 2003—2013: **Faculty Representative on the University's Careers Advisory Committee**, *University of Leicester School of Law*, United Kingdom.
- March 2002—March 2004: **Treasurer**, *International Society for African Philosophy and Studies*, Seattle, WA, USA.
- June 2004: **Founding Member**, *Global Forum for Yoruba Religion and Culture*, Òyó, Nigeria.
- August 2003—June 2013: **Member of Faculty Board of Examiners**, *University of Leicester School of Law*, United Kingdom.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

I am an active member of the following organizations:

- The Law and Society Association;
- The African Studies Association;
- Commission on Legal Pluralism;
- The International Society for African Philosophy and Studies; and,
- The International Congress of Òriṣà Tradition and Culture.

## JOURNAL EDITORSHIPS AND EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- June 2015—To Date: **Reviewer** for *The Yoruba Studies Review*, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin 104 Inner Campus Drive Austin, TX 78712.
- February 2014—To Date: **Editorial Board Member**, *Journal of Forensic Research and Criminology*, Annex Publications, Herndon, Virginia 20171.
- October 2006—To Date: **Member, Scientific Advisory Board** of *Polimetrica Publisher: An International Publishing House in the Field of Scientific Knowledge*, Italy.
- October 2006—To Date: **Reviewer** for *Journal of African Law*. Published by Cambridge University Press, United Kingdom.

- October 2006—To Date: *Reviewer* for *Nordic Journal of African Studies*. Published by the Nordic Association of African Studies (NAAS), Finland.
- 2004—To Date: *Reviewer* for *Journal of Global Ethics*. Published by the Taylor and Francis Group, United Kingdom.
- 2002—Date: *Reviewer* for *Journal on African Philosophy*. Published by the African Resource Center.

## SKILLS

### Global, Federal, State, and Local laws

In addition to my teaching experience in Corporate Law, Financial Services Crimes, Forensic Science and Law, Jurisprudence, and Law of Evidence (at the undergraduate and graduate levels), one of my areas of expertise is in Evidence and Proof, particularly in Wigmorean Analysis - a method of evidence analysis for managing, analyzing, and charting mixed masses of evidence (specifically Big Data). I have analyzed Big Data for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, the London Metropolitan Police Force, the West Midlands Police Force, and Law Firms in the United States, Canada, and Nigeria.

### Higher Education Knowledge

I have a Post Graduate Education Certificate in "Academic Practice in Higher Education." I have been involved in numerous collaborative projects such as the designing of the curricula for new Universities in Africa, working with the Red Cross on the design of an International Humanitarian Law Curriculum for educational institutions in Africa, and the establishment of new institutions of learning (sponsored by UNESCO) in Africa.

### Event Planning

I have organized over 20 conferences in the United States, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Cuba, Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

### Budget Preparation

Budget preparation and management for major grants, including from UNESCO.

### Leadership

I have served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, and International Coordinator of professional academic associations, some of which have over 10,000 members.

### Research

Over thirty years of empirical and archival research in the history and philosophy of science, forensic science, Africana history, philosophy, and cultures.

### Advising

I was the Post Graduate Adviser for Distant Learning Degrees at the University of Leicester School of Law. I was a member of the team that set up the School of Law's Distance Learning Degrees, and I supervised the School of Law's first Ph.D. in Law by distance learning. I have supervised five Ph.D. candidates to successful completion, been on the doctoral dissertation committees of six Ph.D. candidates, served as the external assessor in 4 Ph.D. examinations, and have supervised 28 LLM (Master of Law) dissertations. I have also supervised over thirty undergraduate theses in philosophy

(Howard University and Haverford College), Religion (Haverford College and Temple University), and African Studies (Howard University).

Creativity

I studied for 33 years as an apprentice Babalawo (a griot/storyteller in the Africana tradition called Òrìṣà tradition) and graduated from my apprenticeship in June 2000 - the same month I graduated from my Ph.D. in Law. I am an expert in Òrìṣà oral poetry and Òrìṣà music. I conduct weddings, naming ceremonies, and funeral services in the Òrìṣà tradition. I have a Music CD on Apple Music, have appeared in 4 documentary movies and over 20 radio shows, and have served (and currently serving) as an Africana expert on history, theology, and philosophy, to organizations such as the BBC and Walt Disney pictures.