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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Social Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, June 2005 (Joint recipient of the Richard Titmuss Prize for Best PhD Thesis for the 2004/2005 academic session).

Master of Science (M.Sc.) International Relations, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 1992 (Finished top of the class).

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Second Class Upper Hons.) History, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, 1989 (Finished top of the class).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Civil Society- Nigeria, Africa
Transnational Migration
Religiosity and the Public Sphere
Citizenship and Civic Service

MEDIA EXPERIENCE: Print and Radio

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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, August 18 2006-

Visiting Research Fellow (Post-Doctoral), Centre for Civil Society, London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE, February 2005- August 2006.

Lecturer II, Department of International Relations, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, September 1997- September 2001

Assistant Lecturer, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, March 1995- August 1997

Reporter/Head, Political Desk, *The News/TEMPO* Magazine, January 1993-February 1995

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Statism, Youth and the Civic Imagination: A Critical Study of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Programme in Nigeria, research report, St. Louis: Center for Social Development, Washington University, 2005, pp. 1-55.

White Collar Fundamentalism: Youth, Religiosity and Uncivil Society in Nigeria African Association of Political Science (AAPS) Occasional Paper Series Volume 7, Number 3, 2003, pp.1-41.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Lamidi Adedibu ou L’etat Nigerian Entre Contraction Et Sous-Traitance” *Politique Africaine* no 106- juin 2007, 110- 127.

“White Collar Fundamentalism: Interrogating Youth Religiosity on Nigerian University Campuses” *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 45 No.4, December 2007 (forthcoming)

“The Backlash Against Civil Society in the Wake of the Long War on Terror” with Jude Howell, Armine Ishkanian, Hakan Seckinelgin, and Marlies Glasius *Development in Practice*, Volume 18, Number 1, February 2008 (forthcoming)

“Religious NGOs, Civil Society and the Struggle for a Public Sphere in Nigeria” *African Identities*, Volume 5, Issue 1 April 2007, 135-153.

“Pentecostal Presidency? The Lagos-Ibadan ‘Theocratic Class’ and the Muslim ‘Other’” *Review of African Political Economy* volume 33 Number 110, 665-678, 2006

“Playing Politics with the Mobile Phone: Civil Society, Big Business and the State in Nigeria” *Review of African Political Economy* (ROAPE), No. 107: 93-111, 2006

“Second Thoughts on Civil Society: The State, Civic Associations and the Antinomies of the Public Sphere in Nigeria” *Journal of Civil Society* Vol. 1, No. 3, 267-281, December 2005.

“A Crisis of Trust: History, Politics, Religion and the Polio Controversy in Northern Nigeria” *Patterns of Prejudice* Volume 39, No. 3, 2005, pp. 265- 284.

“In Search of a Public Sphere: the Fundamentalist Challenge to Civil Society in Nigeria” *Patterns of Prejudice* Vol. 38, No. 2, 2004 pp. 177-198.

“The Alternative Genealogy of Civil Society and its Implications for Africa: Notes for Further Research” *Africa Development*, Vol. XXIX, Number 4, 2004, pp. 1-19

“Constructing Pax Nigeriana? The Media and Conflict in Nigeria-Equatorial-Guinea Relations”, *Nordic Journal of African Studies*, Volume 10 Number 1 2001, pp. 80-89.

“The Press and Democratic Transition in Nigeria: Comparative Notes on the Abacha and Abubakar Transition Programmes” *ISSUE: A Journal of Opinion* Vol. xxvii/1 1999, pp 38-40

“Democratic Transition and Political Violence in Nigeria” *Africa Development* Vol. xxiv, Nos. 1&2, 1999, pp.199-219

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Effects of National Service in Africa, with a Focus on Nigeria” in Amanda Moore McBride and Michael Sherraden, eds. *Civic Service Worldwide: Impacts and Inquiry* (NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2007) pp. 35-59

“Civil Society: Responses in Africa and the Middle East” in *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*” (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004) pp. 356-359.

“Civil society in West Africa Between discourse and reality” in Marlies Glasius, David Lewis and Hakan Seckinelgin (eds.) *Exploring Civil Society Political and Cultural Contexts* (London and New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2004) pp. 154-162

“Manufacturing Civil Society: The Abacha Junta and the Struggle for Public Space in Nigeria” in Adigun Agbaje, Larry Diamond and Ebere Onwudiwe, (eds.) *Nigeria’s Struggle for Democracy and Good Governance A Festschrift for Oyeleye Oyediran* (Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2004) pp. 133-152.

“Nigeria-Equatorial Guinea Relations since 1927: A Critique of the Historiography” in Adebayo Oyeade, ed., *The Transformation of Nigeria, Volume II, Essays in Honour of Toyin Falola* (Trenton, New Jersey: Africa World Press, 2003) pp. 575-589.

“Civil Society in Nigeria: Conjectures and Refutations” in Toyin Falola, ed., *Nigeria in the Twentieth Century*, (Durham: Carolina Academic Press, 2002) pp. 551-560.

“The Military and Democracy in The Gambia” in Dele Olowu, Kayode Soremekun, Adebayo Williams (eds.) *Governance and Democratisation in West Africa*, Dakar, CODESRIA, 1999, pp.

BOOK REVIEWS AND THINK PIECES

Review of Diana Gordon, Transformation and Trouble: Crime, Justice, and Participation in Democratic South Africa, Michigan: The University of Michigan Press, 2006, in *Contemporary Sociology A Journal of Reviews* July 2007 Volume 36 Number 4, pp. 368-9.

Review of Daniel Jordan Smith, A Culture of Corruption: Everyday Deception and Popular Discontent in Nigeria, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007, in *International Affairs* 87: 4, 2007, pp. 29-30

Review of Erica Bornstein, The Spirit of Development: Protestant NGOs, Morality, and Economics in Zimbabwe, Stanford University Press, CA: 2005, in *Voluntas International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 2006, 17: 374-376.

“Daemon Days” Review of Ngugi wa Thiong’o, Wizard of the Crow, in *New Humanist* September/October 2006, pp. 38-39

“The Brain Drain” in Marlies Glasius, Mary Kaldor, Helmut Anheier, eds. *Global Civil Society 2005/6* (London: Sage, 2005) pp. 136-7

Review of Howard J. Wiarda, Civil Society: The American Model and Third World Development in *Voluntas International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, Volume 15, Number 3 September 2004, pp. 311-312

Review of Dharam P. Ghai, ed. Renewing Social and Economic Progress in Africa: Essays in Memory of Philip Ndegwa, *Journal of Third World Studies*, Volume XX, Number 2: Fall 2003, pp. 209-211

Review of Ferdinand Tonnies, Community and Civil Society, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2001, in *Voluntas International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, Vol. 13, Number 4 December 2002, pp. 441-442.

Review of Thiven Reddy, Hegemony and Resistance: Contesting Identities in South Africa, in *Millennium, Journal of International Studies* 2002, Vol. 31 No. 1 pp 231-33

Review of Manthia Diawara, In Search of Africa, Harvard University Press, 2000, in *Glendora Review, African Quarterly on the Arts*, Issue No. 6 2001, pp. 3-7

Review of S. E. Quarm, Diplomatic Offensive An Overview of Ghana’s Diplomacy Under Kwame Nkrumah, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 38, Number 3, September 2000, pp. 547-548

Review of Claude Ake, Democracy and Development in Africa, Brookings Institution, 1995, in

Africa Quarterly, vol. 36, No 4, 1997, pp. 107 – 113

“Brain versus Brawn in Nigerian Universities” *CODESRIA Bulletin*, Dakar, Senegal, November 1997, pp. 6-9

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DICTIONARIES

Entries on ‘Adam Ferguson’, ‘Ernest Gellner’, and ‘Uncivil Society’ in Helmut K. Anheier and Regina A. List, eds. *A Dictionary of Civil Society, Philanthropy and the Non-Profit Sector* (London and New York: Routledge, 2005). Entries on pages 95, 110 and 275 respectively.

CONFERENCE REPORT

“Obstacle, Bridge or Promised Land? The Role of Civil Society in the Challenges Confronting Africa” Report of The International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) 3rd Africa Regional Conference, *ISTR Occasional Report*, July 2004, pp. 1-13. Also published in French as “Obstacle, pont ou terre promise? Le role de la societie civile dans les defies auxquels fait face l’Afrique” Juillet 2004.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Theory and Practice of Civil Society in Nigeria, Full-length book manuscript currently under review with Indiana University Press.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA) Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (FAD), 2007 (value of award: \$5,500.00).

Recipient, Macarthur Foundation “Research and Writing” Grants, 2004. Proposal among 26 selected out of a global pool of 492 applications (value of award: \$100,000.00).

Recipient, Global Service Institute (Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri) Small Research Grants Program, 2002) (value of award: \$25,000.00).

Recipient, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, Fellowship on African Youth in a Global Age, 2002 (value of award: \$10,000.00)

Lord Dahrendorf Civil Society (PhD) Scholar, Centre for Civil Society, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2001-2004 (international fellowship for incoming PhD, awarded on a competitive basis, renewed annually for three years based on merit and progress of research).

Ford Foundation International (Doctoral) Scholar, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2001- 2004 (selected for award with 13 other recipients from a pool of over 8,000 applicants)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Member, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholarship, 2006

Joint Recipient, Richard Titmuss Prize for Best PhD Thesis for the 2004/2005 academic session, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

Visiting Research Scholar (Post-doctoral), Center for Civil Society, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science, London (February 2005-August 2006).

Department of Social Policy Research Studentship, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2004/2005.

Fellow, Bucerius Summer School on Global Governance 2004, Hamburg, Germany, August 9-August 21, 2004, for “High Potentials” and “Emerging Leaders” around the world.

Visiting Scholar, Transregional Centre for Democratic Studies (TCDS) New Social Science Research Training Fellowship, New School University, New York, USA, September-December 2004.

Recipient, International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) Scholarship for Postgraduate Students, 2004

Laureate, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) Democratic Governance Institute, Dakar, Senegal, July-September 1997.

Grantee, US State Department/Indiana University - Africa Regional Internship Program, National Coalition on Black Civic Consciousness, NCBC Washington, May-July, 2000

Recipient, Small Grants for Social Research, Centre for Research and Documentation, Kano, Kano State, Nigeria, 1997

Awardee, Certificate of Commendation, Nigerian Media Merit Award, For Entry of Commendable Standard for the Category of *Features Writer of the Year*, 1994.

Best Graduate Student, Department of International Relations, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, October 1992.

Best Graduating Student, Department of History, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, September 1989.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (2002-2007)

- (2007) “Organizing Exclusion: State, Religion, Media and the Homosexuality Question in Nigeria” paper presented at 1st conference of African Sociological Association (AfSA), Department of Sociology, Rhodes University, South Africa, 15-18 July 2007.
- (2007) “Resistance as Ridicule: Humour, Infrapolitics and Civil Society in Nigeria” Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association April 4-7, 2007 Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois
- (2007) Understanding Civic Service: International Research and Application The Center for Social Development’s Civic Service Research Fellows’ Seminar February 27-March 4, 2007, Washington University in St. Louis, Danforth Campus, Saint Louis, Missouri.
- (2006) Research Workshop on “Power, Politics, and the State in Africa” Old Building, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, December 3-4, 2006.
- (2006) “The Political Uses of Terrorism: the Backlash against Civil Society in Africa” Roundtable Discussion on ‘The Backlash Against Civil Society in the Wake of the Global War on Terror’, Room 505 (The Morishima Room), London School of Economics and Political Science, 9 March 2006.
- (2006) “Love Between Men: The Homosexuality Question and the Perils of Otherness in Africa” Centre for the Study of Global Governance Discussion Group, King’s Chambers Building, Portugal Street, London School of Economics and Political Science, London Tuesday 21 February 2006.
- (2006) Facilitator, ‘Governance and Human Rights’ Leadership for Social Justice Planning and Skills Building Workshop, Embassy Suites Hotel, Washington, DC., 13-17 February, 2006.
- (2006) “Pentecostal Presidency? The Lagos-Ibadan ‘Theocratic Class’ and the Muslim Other in the Politics of Legitimacy in Nigeria” Review of African Political Economy Workshop on The Political Economy of Religion in Africa LUCAS Library, University of Leeds Friday 3 February 2006.
- (2005) “Between the State and ‘Western Union’: Transnational Resource Flow and the Antinomies of Citizenship in Nigeria” Centre for Civil Society (CCS) Seminars, November 24, Room A219a, Old Building, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- (2005) “Rethinking Citizenship: The Nigerian National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Program” 34th ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action) Annual Conference, Panel on National Service in Comparative

Perspective: Nature, Structure, and Civic Impacts, Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C., November 16-19, 2005.

- (2005) “Researching National Civic Service in Africa” Second Annual International Roundtable on Service and Volunteerism, organized by the United States federal Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), Convention Center, Washington, D.C., Wednesday August 3 2005. Was also a distinguished plenary speaker.
- (2005) “Civil Society and Community Development in Africa: Bringing Politics and the State Back in” Conference on Civil Society and Community Development, organized by International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC), 18-20th April 2005, Amman, Jordan.
- (2005) “Religious NGOs, Civil Society and the Quest for a Public Sphere in Nigeria” International Research Conference on NGOs and International Development, hosted by the Norwegian Institute for International Affairs, Oslo, April 7-8, 2005.
- (2004) “Mobilizing Dissent: Civil Society, Big Business and the State in Nigeria” African Studies Association and Canadian Association of African Studies 47th / 34th Annual Meetings, November 11-14, 2004, New Orleans, LA; Theme: The Power of Expression: Identity, Language, and Memory in Africa and the Diaspora
- (2004) “Power to the People? Mobile Technology, Citizen Action and Big Business in Nigeria” *Millennium Journal of International Studies* Conference on “Facets of Power in International Relations” October 30 –31 2004, London School of Economics and Political Science
- (2004) “In Search of a Public Sphere: the Fundamentalist Challenge to Civil Society in Nigeria” International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) Sixth International Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada July 11-14, 2004 Theme: “Contesting Citizenship and Civil Society in a Divided World”
- (2004) “A Short History of the Idea of Civil Society and its Usefulness in different African Contexts” Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries (HIVOS) Netherlands, Africa Consultation, Arusha, Tanzania, June 7th-9th 2004.
- (2004) “In Search of a Public Sphere: the Fundamentalist Challenge to Civil Society in Nigeria” International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR) 3rd Africa Regional Conference Cotonou, Benin Republic, May 7-10 2004, Hotel Du Lac, Cotonou. Theme: The Role of Civil Society in the Challenges Confronting Africa.
- (2003) “The Effects of National Service in Africa, with a focus on Nigeria” International Symposium on Civic Service: Impacts and Inquiry, organised by Global Service Institute, Center for Social Development, Washington University in St. Louis,

September 24-26, 2003, Charles F. Knight Center, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, USA

- (2003) Conference Rapporteur, National Workshop on Gender, Politics and Power: Overcoming the Barriers to the Emergence of Women Political Leaders in Nigeria, organised by Centre for Social Science Research and Development (CSSR&D), Lagos Airport Hotel, July 28-30, 2003
- (2003) “The Leviathan Awakes: September 11th and the Securitisation of Global Civil Society” CEEISA/ISA International Convention Budapest, Hungary June 26-28 2003. In collaboration with Christopher Ankersen.
- (2003) “White-Collar Fundamentalism: Youth, Religiosity and Uncivil Society in Nigeria” Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Fellowships on Understanding Exclusion, Creating Value: African Youth in a Global Age Spring Workshop, Durban, South Africa June 20-24 2003.
- (2003) “Domesticating Human Rights Concepts: The Nigerian Woman Experience: Some Preliminary Reflections” Workshop on Mainstreaming Women and Women Rights Issues in the Human Rights Community, organised by the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights (CDHR) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) June 9-11 2003, International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.
- (2002) “The Alternative Genealogy of Civil Society and its Implications for Africa: Notes for Further Research” CODESRIA 10th General Assembly 8-12 December 2002, Venue: Nile International Conference Centre, Kampala, Uganda, Theme: Africa in the New Millennium.
- (2002) One-day Seminar on ‘The Dark Side of Civil Society: Fundamentalist and Ultra-nationalist Movements’ organised by The Centre for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science on 28 November 2002
- (2002) Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Fellowships on Understanding Exclusion, Creating Value: African Youth in a Global Age, 2002 Fellows Research Planning and Methodology Workshop, Dakar, Senegal 23-26 October 2002
- (2002) “The Alternative Genealogy of Civil Society and Its Implications for Africa: Notes for Further Research” African Studies Association of the UK Biennial Conference, The Manor House, University of Birmingham 9-11 September 2002.
- (2002) “White Collar Fundamentalism: Youth, Religious Violence and Uncivil Society in Nigeria: Research Notes” Third Global Conference Diversity Within Unity Cultures of Violence, Anglo American College, Prague, Czech Republic, August 12-16, 2002.
- (2002) “Nigeria: Civil Versus Livid Societies” Fifth International Conference of the International Society for Third- Sector Research, University of Cape Town, Cape

Town, South Africa July 7- 10, 2002. Theme: “Transforming Civil Society, Citizenship and Governance: The Third Sector in an Era of Global (Dis) Order”

(2002), Rapporteur, Seminar on The New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD): Challenges and Developments, organised by the Centre for Democracy and Development, London, and The Royal Commonwealth Society, The Royal Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, 25 May 2002

(2002) “Civil Society in Nigeria: Conjectures and Refutations” International Conference on Nigeria in the Twentieth Century, The University of Texas at Austin, March 29- 31 2002.

COURSES TAUGHT

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SOC 350: Sociology of Transnational Migration (Fall 2006 and Spring 2007)

SOC 600: Sociological Perspectives: Africa (Fall 2006 and Spring 2007)

OTHERS

I taught undergraduate courses at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (1995-2001). I have also taught, as **guest lecturer**, at the following colleges and universities in the United States:

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

New School University, New York

Haverford College, Philadelphia

State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York.

SERVICE

EDITORIAL/REVIEW ACTIVITY

2006 - Book Review Editor, *Voluntas, International Journal of Voluntary and Non-profit Organizations*

2006 -Co-editor, *Review of Leadership in Africa (RoLA)* journal dedicated to the scholarly exploration of issues related to the theory and practice of leadership in Africa

2002 -Editor, *Democracy and Development: Journal of West African Affairs*

Manuscript Reviewer for the Following Peer-reviewed Journals

- *African Journal of Political Science*
- *Africa Today*
- *Africa Development*
- *Journal of Civil Society*
- *Journal of Modern African Studies*
- *Social Science and Medicine*
- *Irinkerindo: A Journal of African Migration*
- *African Studies Quarterly*
- Reviewed papers for publication and conference abstracts for the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)
 Member, Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)
 Member, International Society for Third -Sector Research, ISTR
 Member, African Studies Association of the United Kingdom, ASA/UK
 Member, Royal African Society, United Kingdom
 Member, African Association of Political Science (AAPS)
 Member, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
 Member, International Association for National Youth Service (IANYS)
 Member, Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS)
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