

Akinloye Ojo CV

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Akinloyè A. Òjò

Professor (*Tenured: August 2011*)

Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

University of Georgia

Core Faculty & Director, African Studies Institute

Affiliated Professor, Department of Linguistics

Affiliated Faculty, Institute for African American Studies

RESEARCH AREAS:

- ***Applied Linguistics and Language Pedagogy:*** Teaching and acquisition of Yoruba as foreign (YFL) or second (YSL) language; Technology in language pedagogy and acquisition; Development of language pedagogical materials.
- ***Language, Culture and Society:*** Yoruba culture and society; Language and Nigerian society; Language attitudes and choices of bi-dialectal African Americans;
- ***Yoruba Language and Linguistics:*** Descriptive studies of Yoruba language; Lexical expansion in Yoruba; Variation in Yoruba & Yoruba Onomastics.
- ***Yoruba poetry:*** Analysis and translation of Akínwùmí Ìṣòlá's poetry.
- ***African Indigenous Knowledge:*** Local knowledge systems; Gender and development; the African Diaspora and Globalization

TEACHING INTERESTS:

- Yoruba Language, Culture and Linguistics
- African Studies

EDUCATION:

- University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Ph.D. Linguistics. 2001.
- Univ. of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies. 1999.
- Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. MA Linguistics (General). 1996.
- University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. BA Linguistics (African). 1991.

PUBLICATION:

- ***Sole Authorship:***

2026: *Language, Translation, and Poetic Realities: The Poetry (Àfàimò Àti Àwon Àròfò Mìràn) of Akínwùmí Ìṣòlá.* NY: Bloomsbury Academic USA. 320 pp. February

2022b: *Educated Elite Speakers and the Empowerment of Nigerian National Languages.* Oyo, Nigeria: Ajayi Crowther University. 68 pp.

2022a: *Language, Society, and Empowerment in Africa and Its Diaspora.* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, An Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield. 214 pp. September 2022.

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- 2016: Empowering African Languages for Socio-Cultural and Economic Development in the 21st Century: A Case for Our Languages at Home and Abroad. Lagos, Nigeria: Lagos State University Press. 84 pp.
- 2003: The Active Yoruba Classroom: In-Class Situations for Yoruba Language Instruction and Practice. Lagos, Nigeria: Harade Associates. 74 pp.
- 2002: The Challenges and Methodologies of African Language Instruction in the West/United States. Lagos, Nigeria: Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Press (*AOOED Distinguished Lecture Series*). 24pp.
- 2000: In Flight: A Collection of Poems. Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books. 112 pp.
- **Edited Books:**
- 2025: Vocalizing Africa II: Perspectives on Knowledge Construction, Gender, Identity and Pragmatic Representations in Africa. Athens, Ga: African Studies Institute, Univ. of Georgia. 143 pp. (Co-Editor: Rossarri Mbisike).
- 2020: Youth, Globalization, and Society in Africa and Its Diaspora
Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd. 294 pp.
(Co-Editors: Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Karim Traore & Katja Sonkeng).
- 2018: Gender and Development in Africa and Its Diaspora.
NY: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group. 242 pp.
(Co-Editors: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Felisters Kiprono)
- 2017: Africans and Globalization: Linguistic, Literary, and Technological Contents and Discontents. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, an Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield. 212 pp. (Co-Editors: Karim Traore and Oyinlola Longe)
- 2016: Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Africa and Its Diaspora.
Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd. 225 pp.
(Co-Editors: Karim Traore and Mobolanle Sotunsa).
- 2014: Fieldwork in Nigerian Oral Literature. Write Right Academic Publishing for Babcock University Gender and African Studies Group (BUGAS), Ilisan-Remo, Nigeria. 259 pp. (Co-Editor: Mobolanle Sotunsa)
- 2012: Continental Complexities: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Africa.
San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing. 270 pp. (Co-Editor: I. S. Aderibigbe).
- 2009b: Language Pedagogy and Language Use in Africa. London, UK: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd. 274 pp. (Co-Editor: Lioba Moshi)
- 2009a: Selected Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics.
Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. 178 pp. (Co-Editor: Lioba Moshi)

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- 2005 Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá. Ìwé Keji. (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use. Bk. 2). Trenton: Africa World Press. 255 pp. (Co-Editor: Harrison R. Adeniyi).
- 2004b Vocalizing Africa: Viewpoints on Contemporary Issues of Governance, Education, Resource Management and Health in Africa. Athens, Georgia: African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. 163 pp.
- 2004a Curriculum Implementation and Professionalizing Teaching in Nigeria. Lagos, Nigeria: Central Educational Service. 363 pp. (Co-Editors: A.O.K Noah; Dada Olu Shonibare; and Tola Olujuwon).
- **Book Chapters:**
- 2023 “The Efficacy of Religion in Contemporary Nigeria’s Socio-economic and Political Development: Adoptable Tenets from Yorùbá Traditional Religion In Oguntola-Laguda, Danoye and Olanrewaju Shitta-Bey (Eds.) *Religion in Modern Scholarship: Critical Engagement of the Scholarship of Ibigbolade Aderibigbe*. Pp. 1 – 10. Lagos, Nigeria: Lagos State University Press. (co-author: Blessing Temitope Emmanuel).
- 2021 “Yoruba Language Pedagogy in the USA: Retrospect, Prospects and Lessons for Nigeria.” In Adeniyi, Harrison, Greg Obiamalu, and Tosin Olagunju (Eds.) *Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of African Languages: Essays in Honour of Francis Egbokhare*, pp. 372 – 382. Nigeria: The Linguistics Association of Nigeria.
- 2020b “Conclusion: Perspectives on Africa and Its Diaspora in the Context of the Chapters and Literature.” In Chepyator-Thomson, Rose et. al. (Eds.) *Youth, Globalization, and Society in Africa and Its Diaspora*, pp. 278 – 293. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd.
- 2020a Introduction. In Chepyator-Thomson, Rose et. al. (Eds.). *Youth, Globalization, and Society in Africa and Its Diaspora*, pp. 1 – 9. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd.
- 2019 The Incorporation and Function of Lexical Items from English in Yorùbá Language Instruction. In Olanike Ola Orie, Akintunde and Laide Sheba (Eds.) *Africa and its Diaspora Languages, Literature, and Culture*. Chapter 9, pp 150 – 163. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd.
- 2018b Language Empowerment for Sociocultural and Economic Development in Africa. In Muaka, Leonard and Esther Mukewa Lisanza (Eds.). *Language in Contemporary African Cultures and Societies*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, An Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2018a Asunle cannot be a man: A Gendered Analysis of Yoruba Praise Names Yorubaland and the Diaspora. In Ojo Akinloye, Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Felisters Kiprono (Eds.). *Gender and Development in Africa and Its Diaspora*. NY: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
- 2017d Conclusion: A Final Word on Contentment and Restlessness Regarding

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- Globalization in Africa and its Diaspora. In Ojo, Akinloye, Karim Traore, and Oyinlola Longe (Eds.). *Africans and Globalization: Linguistic, Literary, and Technological Contents and Discontents*. Pp. 169 – 180. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, an Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2017c Contents and Discontents of Globalization on the African Continent and its Diaspora: An Introduction. In Ojo, Akinloye, Karim Traore, and Oyinlola Longe (Eds.). *Africans and Globalization: Linguistic, Literary, and Technological Contents and Discontents*. Pp. xi – xx. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, an Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2017b ‘The Diaspora and Globalization Effect’ In Falola, Toyin and Akintunde Akinyemi (Eds.). *Yoruba Culture and Customs*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
- 2017a The Yoruba Family in the Era of Westernization: An Ephemeral and Evocative Portrayal. In Ajetunmobi, R.O. (Ed). *The Strides of a Giant: History, Education and Humanities. Essays in honor of Mrs. Ajayi Elizabeth Adenike*. Chapter 13 pp. 163 – 177. Lagos, Nigeria: Gratia Associates International.
- 2016c ‘An Elder that is patient will thread needles: Poetic Engagement of Yoruba Proverbs in Akinwumi Isola’s *Afaimo*.’ In Traore, Karim, Mobolanle Sotunsa And Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Africa and Its Diaspora*. Chapter 9, pp 116 – 139. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd.
- 2016b Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Africa and its Diaspora: An Introductory Perspective. In Traore, Karim, Mobolanle Sotunsa and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Africa and Its Diaspora*. Chapter 1, pp 1 – 10. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing Ltd.
- 2016a ‘Literary Translation, Cultural Understanding and Selected Translated Works of Akinwumi Isola.’ In Maganda, Dainess and Karim Traore (Eds.). *Language and Literature: Vehicles for the Enhancement of Cultural Understanding*. Chapter 8, pp 193 – 218. London, U.K: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
- 2014 ‘Teaching Fieldwork in Nigerian Oral Literature. In Mobolanle Sotunsa and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Fieldwork in Nigerian Oral Literature*. Write Right Academic Publishing for Babcock University Gender and African Studies Group (BUGAS), Ilisan-Remo, Nigeria. (Co-author: Mobolanle Sotunsa).
- 2012c ‘Social Institutions in Africa.’ In Aderibigbe, Ibigbolade and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Continental Complexities: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Africa*. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing.
- 2012b ‘The Study of Africa: An Introduction.’ In Aderibigbe, Ibigbolade and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Continental Complexities: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Africa*. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing.

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(Co-author: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe).

- 2012a 'Introduction to Language in Africa.' In Aderibigbe, Ibigbolade and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Continental Complexities: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Africa*. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing. (Co-author: Willie Udo Willie).
- 2011b 'The Incorporation of English Words into Yoruba.' In Kelechukwu Ihemere (Ed.). Language Contact and Language Shift: Grammatical and Sociolinguistic Perspectives. Munchen: LINCOM Academic Publishers.
- 2011a 'Abinibi produces the best Ability: Yoruba Language Splendor and the Poetry of Akinwumi Isola.' In Akintunde Akinyemi (Ed.). *African Creative Expressions: Mother Tongue and Other Tongues*. Bayreuth: Bayreuth African Studies series: 89, pp. 121 – 136.
- 2009c 'African Languages Use and Pedagogy: The Road Ahead.' In Moshi, Lioba and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Language Pedagogy and Language Use in Africa*. Chapter 14, pp 245 – 260. London, U.K: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd. (Co-author Lioba Moshi)
- 2009b 'Language-Based Problems and National Development in Nigeria' In Moshi, Lioba and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Language Pedagogy and Language Use in Africa*. Chap. 6, pp 121 – 146. London, U.K: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
- 2009a 'The Pedagogy and Use of Language in Africa: A Foreword.' In Moshi, Lioba and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Language Pedagogy and Language Use in Africa*. Chapter 1, pp 1 – 10. London: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd. (Co-author Lioba Moshi).
- 2007c 'The Affectionate Bard in Akinwumi Isola: Four Love Poems Translated and Introduced' In Akintunde Akinyemi and Toyin Falola (Eds.). *Emerging Perspectives on Akinwumi Isola*. Chapter 20, pp 335-350. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.
- 2007b 'From Oral to Contemporary: Praise Singing in Akin Isola's Poetry' in Akintunde Akinyemi and Toyin Falola (Eds.). *Emerging Perspectives on Akinwumi Isola*. Chapter 23, pp 385-394. Trenton: Africa World Press.
- 2007a 'Inimitable Population Dispersion: The case of the Somalian Diaspora,' In Osman, Abdulahi A. and Issaka K. Souare (Eds.). *Somalia at the Crossroads: Challenges and Perspectives in Reconstituting a Failed State*. Chapter 11, pp 180-205. London, U.K: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
- 2005 'Fifi Yoruba We Awon Ede Miiran.' In Adeniyi, H.R and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.). *Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá* (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use). Chapter 8, pp 159-170. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press.
- 2004 'Africatalk: the Power of Thought Sharing.' In Akinloye Ojo (Ed.), *Vocalizing Africa: Viewpoints on Contemporary Issues of Governance, Education, Resource Management and Health in Africa*. Introduction, pp vi - ix. Athens, Georgia: African Studies Institute, University of Georgia.
- **Refereed Articles & Scholarly Report:**
- 2020 *Ìgbèlárugè Èdè: Akínwùmí Isòlá's Model for Promoting African Languages*.

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- 2018 Yoruba Studies Review (YSR), Vol 5. No. 1.2, Fall 2020. pp. 149 – 162
- 2018 World Readiness Standards for Learning Yoruba. NALRC Yoruba Standards Writing Task Force/Committee, National African Language Resource Center, Indiana University, IN. 35 pp.
- 2017 *Oríṣiù àwón Akẹ̀kòṣù ní Kílààsì Yorùbá fún Àjòjí àti Oríṣiù Ònà Ìkédè won.* Yoruba Studies Review (YSR), Vol 1, No. 2, Spring 2017. pp. 1-9.
- 2016 *(Re-)Engaging Indigenous African Languages and Oral Traditions for Intellectual Expansion and Innovation in the Humanities.* In LASU Journal of Humanities, Vol. 10, July 2016
- 2008 *Learners' Adoption of Learning Strategies in an African Language Classroom* In IHFA: Journal of African Studies. Vol. 5, No. 3. 2008.
- 2006 A Global Evaluation of the Teaching and Learning of Yoruba Language as a Second or Foreign Language' In *Selected Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference on African Linguistics*. Ed. Olaoba F. Arasanyin and Michael A. Pemberton, 116-120. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2005b Meeting Student Expectations in an African Language Program within Euro American Academic Institutions. *Journal of Contemporary Educational Issues*, Volume 2, Number 1, November.
- 2005a 'What is in a Name?' *The Musical Front*, Vol. 2, No. 4 July. pp. 7-20. The Committee for Pan-African Music, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2003c Implications for Language and Culture in a War-torn Continent. *Chimera*, Volume 1, Issue 3/ fall. USA/Africa Institute. Co-author: Lioba Moshi.
- 2003b Achieving Successful Yorùbá Language Instruction: The Beginners Class. *Journal of African Language Teachers Association (JALTA)*. Vol. IV.I. Spring
- 2003a Components for a Thriving First Year Yoruba Foreign Language Instruction. *Sandwich Education Review: Journal of Center for Sandwich Degree Program, AOCOED, Lagos, Nigeria*. Vol. 3, No. 1: 16 – 28. March.
- 2002 From Oral to Contemporary: Praise-singing In *Afaimo*, a Collection of Yoruba Poems by Akinwumi Isola. *Metamorphoses*, Volume 10.1. Spring.
- 2000 Student Centered WebCT Instruction for African Languages. *Journal of African Language Teachers Association (JALTA)*. Volume 1 Number.2: 31-57. co-author: Lioba Moshi.
- 1999 Why Are You Not 'talking black': I Ain't Black Enough for You?' *Mandala: Afro centric Literary Magazine*, Volume 3, pp. 88 – 96. Univ. of Georgia.
- 1998b The Interlanguage of a second-language learner of Yoruba: A single case study. *Research in African Languages and Literature (RALL)*. Volume 4.1: 41-52.
- 1998a Aspects of Textuality in James Baldwin's 'My Dungeon Shook'. *Working Papers in Discourse Studies (WPDS)*, Volume 2. Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Press.
- 1995 Official Languages in Africa: Cultural and Political Implications. *AFRICA NOTES*. February Issue, Institute of African Development (IAD), Cornell University.

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• *Book Reviews/Review Essays:*

- 2020 The Laws and Customs of the Yoruba People. E.A. Ajisafe Moore. Undated. M.A. Ola Fola Bookshops, Abeokuta, Nigeria. 87 pages. Reviewed In Yoruba Studies Review 5.1.1., Fall 2020: Special Edition on D.A. Obasa, pp. 319 – 325. (co-reviewer: Kingsley Opia-Enwemuiche)
- 2009 Paintings for the Gods: Art and Aesthetics of Yoruba Religious Murals. Bolaji Campbell. 2008. Trenton, NJ: African World Press. 222 pages. *Reviewed In* Journal of the African Literature Association (JALA), Vol. 3. No. 1, pp. 145 – 151. Winter 2008/Spring 2009 (Co-reviewer: Solomon Olabiyi).
- 2009 African Difference: Discourses on Africinity and the relativity of Cultures. Oyekan Owomoyela. 1996. New York: Peter Lang. 236 pages. *Reviewed In* Journal of the African Literature Association (JALA), Vol. 3, No. 1. pp. 131 – 134. Winter 2008/Spring 2009 (Co-reviewer: Randy Beckloff).
- 2008 Second Commentary: Eason on Ifa (Commentary Chapter). *In* Louis Djisovi Ikukomi Eason. 2008. Ifa: The Yoruba God of Divination in Nigeria and the United States. pp. xxxi -1: (22 pages). N.J: African World Press.
- 2007 Mwalimu Wa Kiswahili: A Language Teaching Manual. Lioba Moshi et. al. New York: Global Publications, IGCS. 1999. 126 pages. *Reviewed In* Journal of African Language Teachers Association (JALTA), Volume 9, pp. 165 – 168. Spring. (Co-reviewer: Amy Addams)

• *Published Translations:*

- To Appear* Isola's Poesy: Afaimo in English. (Translation of Akinwumi Isola's Anthology of Yoruba poems: Afaimo ati Arofo Miran). Ibadan, Nigeria: University Press Plc. 2025
- 2013 Three Poems by Akinwumi Isola Translated into English. *Imagine Africa, Volume 2*: New York: Island Position and Archipelago Books
- 2008 Akinwumi Isola's *Ìkìlò* (Warning). Translated into English. *Mandala Literary Journal*, Volume 6.
- 2002 English Renditions of Four Long Poems by Akinwumi Isola. *Metamorphoses*, Volume 10.1. Spring.

• *Encyclopedia Entries and Biographies:*

- 2016b "Names and Naming." In The Yoruba Encyclopedia. Toyin Falola and Akintunde Akinyemi (Editors). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.
- 2016a "Language Pedagogy." In The Yoruba Encyclopedia. Toyin Falola and Akintunde Akinyemi (Editors). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.
- 2015 "Comoros, Federal Islamic Republic of the (The Union of the Comoros)" In Africa: An Encyclopedia of Culture and Society. Toyin Falola & Daniel JeanJacques (Editors). ABC-CLIO and Greenwood, CA: Santa Barbara.
- 2005b Bamgbose, Ayo (b.1932). Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics (Second Edition). Oxford, U.K: Elsevier Ltd. November.

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2005a Crowther, Samuel Ajayi (1806/08-91). Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics (Second Edition). Oxford, U.K: Elsevier Ltd. November.

• **Multimedia Teaching materials:**

2004 - 2006 ÀKÓYE: Yoruba Language Online Learning and Teaching Program (Year One - Three). University of Georgia and the United States Department of Education. <http://www.africa.uga.edu/Yoruba>

2001b Insight into Traditional Religions: Yoruba (Video Recording)
Cullum Lecture Series. Augusta: Augusta State University

2001a African Religion (Video Recording)
Cullum Lecture Series. Augusta: Augusta State University

1997 UGA Laboratory Yoruba Tone Exercises. (Audio tape). University of Georgia: African Languages Program and UGA Language Laboratory.

• **Dissertations:**

2001: Language Beliefs, Attitudes, and Choice: The Case of Self-Identified Bidialectal African-American Undergraduates. Ph.D. Dissertation, Linguistics Program, University of Georgia: 352 pages

Chairpersons: Lioba Moshi and Bill Kretschmar

1997: Incorporation of English Words in Yoruba: A Sociolinguistic and Phonological Analysis. M.A. Thesis, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (DMLL), Cornell University: 165 pages

Chairpersons: Vicki Carstens and Abby Cohn

1991: An Introductory Phonology of Egun. B.A Honors Thesis, Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ibadan: 114 pages

Supervisor: Francis Egbokhare

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

- American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL): Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Tester Training Workshop (29 professional development hours). University of Wisconsin, Madison, Madison, Summer 2005
- National African Language Resource Center (NALRC): Intensive Summer Professional Development Institute in African Languages, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Summer 2001 and Summer 2002.
- Center for Language Education and Research (CLEAR): Materials and Technology Development Workshop. Michigan State University, E. Lansing, MI. Summer 1997.
- Office of Instructional Support Cornell University: International Teaching Assistant Training Program. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Fall 1993.
- Office of Instructional Support Cornell University: Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Program. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Fall 1993 – Spring 1994
- Bida Local Govt., Niger State, Nigeria: Personnel Management Training, July, 1992.

EMPLOYMENT:

- University of Georgia, Comparative Literature Dept. *and* the African Studies Institute:

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- *Professor* 2023
- *Associate Professor* 2011 – 2023
- *Assistant Professor* 2004 – 2011.
- *Academic Professional Associate* 2002 – 2004.
- *Instructor* 1996 – 2002.
- University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, Center for Distance Learning
 - *Visiting Professor* June – August 2009
- University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, IL, Center for African Studies:
 - *Teaching Associate* June – August 2007
- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Department of Asian and African Languages and Literature:
 - *Summer Director, USDE Fulbright Hays Yoruba Group Project Abroad in Nigeria.* June – August 2006 & June – August 2010.
 - *Visiting Assistant Professor.* June – August 2005.
- University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, African Studies Program:
 - *Instructor.* Summer. 2000 and 2001.
- Yale University, New Haven, CT, African Studies Program:
 - *Instructor.* Summer 1999.
- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics:
 - *Language Instructor.* 1993 – 1996.
- Dabot Ventures (Nig.) Ltd., Bodija, Ibadan, Nigeria:
 - *Operations Manager.* 1992 – 1993.
- Supreme Communications, Mokola, Ibadan, Nigeria:
 - *Foreign News Correspondent.* 1990-1991.

TEACHING:

University of Georgia: 1996 – Present

- YORB 1010 and 1020: Beginner Yoruba I & II (annual) 1997 – Present.
- YORB 2010 and 2020: Intermediate Yoruba I & II (annual) 1997 – Present.
- YORB 2030: Yoruba Culture and Civilization (Prev. Yorb 4501) 2021 – Present.
- YORB 3990: Directed Study in Yoruba Language and Culture. 1997 – Present.
- YORB 4001: Yoruba Culture and Civilization 2010 – 2020.
- YORB 4501: Special Topics in Yoruba 2010 – Present.
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT/HIST/RELI/SOCI 2100: Introduction to Africa. 2001 – 2008.
- AFST 2100E: Introduction to Africa (Online) 2016 – 2018
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT 3030: Intro. to African Languages and Cultures. 2004 – 2018.
- AFST 3990: Directed Study in African Studies 2004 – Present.
- AFST 4200/6200: Critical Contemporary Issues in African Development. 2003- 2010
- AFST 4700/6700: Model African Union 2018 – Present
- AFST 4950/6950: Africa Seminar 2018 – Present
- AFST 7010: Graduate Introduction to Africa 2019 – 2023

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- AFST 8960: Directed Reading in African Studies 2019 – Present.
- CMLT 2600: Black Diaspora Literature 2014 – 2016.
- CMLT 3990: Directed Study in Comparative Literature. 2004 – Present.
- CMLT 7000: Master’s Research 2016 – Present.
- CMLT 8980: Readings in Comparative Literature 2006 – Present.
- CMLT 9000: Doctoral Research 2015 – Present.
- CMLT 9005: Graduate Student Seminar 2013 – Present.
- CMLT 9300: Doctoral Dissertation 2015 – Present.
- FRES 1010: Freshman Seminar: 2002 – 2011.
- FYOS: First Year Odyssey: 2011 – Present.
 - Language and Society in Africa Fall 2011; Fall 2017; Spring 2019, Spring 2020; Fall 2021, Fall 2024
 - Documenting Africa: Reflective Engagement of life in Africa through Documentaries Fall 2016
- LING 491: Special Topics in Linguistics – Yoruba I & II 1996 – 1997

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: Summer 2007

- LING 404: Tutorials in Non-Western Languages (Elementary Yoruba I & II)

University of Florida: Summer 2005

- YOR 1121: Beginner Yoruba II

University of Wisconsin: Summer 2000 and 2001

- African Language and Literature 371 & 372.

Yale University: Summer 1999

- Yoruba I @ the Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (SCALI).

Cornell University: 1993 – 1996

- Yoruba I, II, III (annual)

Government Technical College, Eyagi, Bida, Nigeria: 1991 – 1992

- English Language

COURSES DEVELOPED:

Yoruba Language and Culture:

- YORB 1010/1020: Beginner Yoruba I and II
- YORB 2010/2020: Intermediate Yoruba I and II
- YORB 3010/3020: Advanced Yoruba I and II
- YORB 2030: Yoruba Culture and Civilization (prev. YORB 4001)
- YORB 3990: Directed Study in Yoruba Language and Culture.
- YORB 4501: Special Topics in Yoruba

African Studies:

- AFST 2100: Introduction to Africa for the Independent and Distance Learning (IDL) Program, University of Georgia.

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- AFST 2100E: Introduction to Africa (Online course with Ibigbolade Aderibigbe)
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT 3030: Introduction to African Languages and Cultures
(With Seretha Williams and Lioba Moshi)
- AFST 3950 Special Topics in African Studies (With Sandra Whitney)
- AFST 4200/6200: Critical Contemporary Issues in African Development.
- AFST 4700/6700 Model African Union (with Sandra Whitney)
- AFST 4950/6950 Africa Seminar
- AFST 7010 Graduate Introduction to African Studies
- AFST 7950 Directed Research in African Studies
- AFST 8960 Directed Reading in African Studies
- HAUS 1010/1020 Beginner Hausa I & II

ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPED AND/OR PROPOSED:

- Graduate Certificate in African Studies (2018)
- Major in African Studies (2017)
- Minor in African Languages and Literature (2007)
- Minor in African Studies (2001)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- UGA Mandela Washington Fellows Institute FP00034954 (\$246,464). US Dept. Of State NEW AWD, *January 16, 2024 – September 1, 2025*. (Co-PI: Martin Kagel, and Brandy Walker). Awarded November 20, 2024.
- UGA Mandela Washington Fellows Institute FP00028042. (\$225,000). US Dept. Of State NEW AWD, *January 16, 2023 – August 31, 2023*. (Co-PI: Brian Watkins and Brandy Walker). Awarded November 16, 2022.
- UGA Mandela Washington Fellows Institute FP00025375. (\$214,949). US Dept. Of State NEW AWD, *January 12, 2022 – September 14, 2022*. (Co-PI: Brian Watkins and Brandy Walker). Awarded February 23, 2022.
- UGA Mandela Washington Fellows Institute FP00019467. (\$176,022). US Dept. Of State AWD00011613, *January 15, 2020 – September 15, 2020*. (Co-PI: Brian Watkins and Brandy Walker). Awarded April 6, 2020.
- State-of-the-Art Conference Fund Award (\$5,000), Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for convening the 6th International conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (November 13 – 16, 2019). October 2019.
- President's Venture Fund Award (\$2,500), University of Georgia for the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Summer 2019 Socio-cultural Programming. University of Georgia. July 2019.
- UGA Mandela Washington Fellows Institute FP00016080. (\$199,734). US Dept. Of State AWD00010248, *January 15, 2019 – August 15, 2019*. (Co-PI: Brian Watkins and Richard McCline). Awarded April 29, 2019.

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- State-of-the-Art Conference Fund Award (\$5,000), Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for convening the 5th International conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (November 8 – 10, 2017). October 2017.
- Research Fellowship (Release time for 2 courses AY 2015 – 2016), Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia. November 2014.
- President's Venture Fund Award (\$5,000), University of Georgia for the 3rd Annual International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (November 5-7, 2014), University of Georgia. October 2014.
- Willson Center Public Impact Grant (\$4,000), Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia. November 2013
- President's Venture Fund Award (\$2,500), University of Georgia for the 2nd Annual International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (November 13-15, 2013), University of Georgia. October 2012.
- State-of-the-Art Conference Fund Award (\$13,100), Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for convening the International conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (November 8 – 10, 2012). September 2012.
- President's Venture Fund Award (\$12,500), University of Georgia for projects commemorating 25 years of African Studies at the University of Georgia. July 2012.
- Provost's Summer Research Grant (\$5,000), Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Georgia. January 2012.
- President's Venture Fund Award (\$2,000), University of Georgia for preliminary work on the production of an introductory documentary on the Yoruba language, culture and society. June 2010.
- Induction, Tau Chapter, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. Dec. 2010.
- *The PEN Translation Fund Grant (\$3,000), PEN American Center. June 2010. (One of the 11 grants awarded from the 139 proposals submitted).
- Rotary Grant for University Teachers (\$12,500), Rotary Foundation. January 2008
- UGARF Junior Faculty Research Grant in the Humanities and Arts (\$4,000), University of Georgia Research Foundation. October, 2007.
- Faculty Course Development Award (\$1,500), Georgia University System Certificate in African Studies Project (*CIASP*). January, 2007.
- *Research Grant (\$298,000), United States Department of Education Grant Award P017A030073 for the development of Yoruba Online Materials. 2003 – 2007. (Co-Primary Investigator: Lioba Moshi).
- Fellowship, National African Language Resource Center (NALRC), University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. April, 2002.

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- Chancellor's Award (\$1,090), Georgia University System Faculty Development Seminar. March 2002. (Award funds for summer travel to East Africa declined).
- Fellowship, National African Language Resource Center (NALRC), University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. April, 2001.
- Dissertation Research Grant Award (\$500), Institute of African American Studies, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. January, 1999.
- Federal Post-secondary Education Project Award (\$3,500). For the development of teaching modules for African languages (a model project). National Foreign Language Center (NFLC), Washington, D.C. September 1998 - April 1999.
- Humanities Dissertation Research Grant Award (\$500), Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. October, 1998.
- Fellowship, Center for Language Education and Research (CLEAR), Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan (\$500). June, 1997

TEACHING, ADVISING AND SERVICE AWARDS:

- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia. November 2025.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2025-2026 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received one award for one African language- Hausa (Musbahu T. Sani). May 2025
- Distinguished ALTA Member Award. African Language Teachers Association and the National African Language Resource Center, Indiana University. April 13, 2024.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2024-2025 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received four awards for four African languages- Swahili (Eva Msomi), Hausa (Ernest Guleng), Yoruba (Folakemi Ayedun), and Zulu (Sibongakonke Gumedede). May 2024
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, GA, November 2024
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2023-2024 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received four awards for four African languages- Swahili (Prisca Kileo), Hausa (Yau Usman), Yoruba (Gbenga Oyelakin), and Zulu (Buhle Hlatshwayo). May 2023.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, Best Delegation Award, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Albany State University, Albany, Georgia, November 2022
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2022-2023 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received four awards for four African languages- Swahili (Nichesius Godwini), Hausa (Charity Fawe), Yoruba (Aishat Aina), and Zulu (Lindokuhle Sikhonde). May 2022
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, International Model African Union (IMAU). Howard University, Washington, DC. February 25-27, 2022.

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- Faculty Advisor Certificate, Best Delegation Award, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Georgia, November 2021
- Jury Chair, J.A. Atanda Prize for the Best Essay on Yoruba. Babcock University and the Yoruba Studies Review. January 18, 2021.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2021-2022 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received award for one African language- Yoruba (Damilola Adebajo). May 2021.
- Inaugural Jury Chair, J.A. Atanda Prize for the Best Essay on Yoruba. Babcock University and the Yoruba Studies Review. January 27, 2020.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2020 - 2021 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received award for two African languages – Hausa (Abu-Ubaida Sani) and Swahili (Elizabeth Mutunga). May 2020.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, Best Delegation Award, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Kennesaw State Univ., Georgia. November 2019.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2019-2020 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received award for two African languages – Hausa (Shamsuddeen Magaji), and Yoruba (Bukunmi Ogunsola). May 2019.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Kennesaw State Univ., Georgia. November 2019.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2018-2019 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received award for two African languages – Wolof (Ousmane Diallo) and Swahili (Ian Makundi). May 2018
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, Best Delegation Award. University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Savannah State University, Savannah, Ga. Nov. 2018.
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2017-2018 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received award for two African languages – Hausa (Milka Garba) and Yoruba (Olumide Ajayi). May 2017
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, Best Delegation Award, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. November 2016.
- Online Learning Fellowship (\$2,500), University of Georgia, Franklin College and Office of Online Learning 2015-16 Online Learning Cohort-Based Fellows Program. January 2016.
- President's Venture Fund Award (\$3,500), University of Georgia for the 20th Southeast Model African Union simulation, November 3-5, 2016
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Middle Georgia State University, Macon, Georgia. November 2015.

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- International Diversity Award, Office of International Education, Univ. of Georgia for dedication to promoting diversity as part of UGA's Internationalization. April 8, 2015.
- Certificate of Recognition, Career Center, University of Georgia for contributing to the career development of UGA Students. December 8, 2014.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, Best Delegation Award, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Clayton State University, Morrow, GA. November 2014.
- Member (Class of 2014), University of Georgia Teaching Academy. October 2014.
- Certificate of Appreciation, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia for Outstanding Contributions to the Introduction to Africa class as part of undergraduate study of Africa at the University of Georgia. October 2014.
- Senior Teaching Fellow (2014 – 2015), Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), University of Georgia. May 8, 2014
- US State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) 2013-2014 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program (received award for one African language – Hausa FLTA - Jubril Fatima).
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia. November 2011.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, National Model African Union (NAMAU). Howard University, Washington, DC. March 2011.
- Nominee, Russell Undergraduate Teaching Award. Franklin College of Arts and Science, University of Georgia. November 2010.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Augusta State Univ, Augusta, Ga. November 2010.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Mercer Univ., Macon, Georgia. November 2009
- Certificate of Excellence in Undergraduate Instruction about Africa, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. March 2007.
- Outstanding Teacher Award, Student Government Association (SGA), University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. January, 2004.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia. November 2004.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, National Model African Union (NAMAU). Howard University, Washington, DC. March 2004.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. November 2003 (Model Director).
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, National Model African Union (NAMAU). Howard University, Washington, DC. March 2003.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2002.

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- Award of Excellence (for contributions to the learning and teaching of Yoruba Language and Culture in the United States), Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Otto/Ijanikin, Lagos, Nigeria. May 2002.
- Outstanding Service and Contribution (Faculty Advisor), African Students Union, University of Georgia. April 2002.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, National Model African Union (NAMAU). Howard University, Washington, DC. March 2002
- Award of Excellence (in recognition of exemplary service in the promotion of Undergraduate studies, Outreach, and program development in African Studies), African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. February, 2002.
- Outstanding Teacher Award, Student Government Association (SGA), University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. January, 2002.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Fort Valley University, Fort Valley, Georgia, November 2001
- Excellent Service Membership Award, African Language Teachers Association (ALTA). April, 2000.
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, Ga. April, 1999.

INVITED LECTURES:

* has a published counterpart

- Keynote Speaker, 2nd African Knowledge and Languages International Conference, Howard University, Washington, DC. February 21, 2026.

Presentation: "African Indigenous Systems Beyond Nostalgia: Languages, Innovation, and Tenets of the Future"

- Convocation Speaker, 14th Convocation Lecture, Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria. December 7, 2022

Presentation: "Educated Elite Speakers and the Empowerment of Nigerian National Languages."

- Lead Paper Presenter, 6th J.A. Atanda Lectures and Conference., Babcock University, Ilesan-Remo, Ogun State, Nigeria. June 22, 2021.

Presentation: 'Èdèlàsà: Global Yoruba Language Pedagogy Network and the Expanding Yorùbá Diaspora'

- Guest Lecturer, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Ulus Campus, Ankara, Turkey. March 13, 2019

Presentation: "Roles of Language and Indigenous Knowledge Systems in African Development: A Perspective from the Humanities"

- Guest Lecturer, School of Foreign Languages, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Ulus Campus, Ankara, Turkey. March 12, 2019

Presentation: "The Emergent field of African Language Pedagogy in North America: Opportunities for Empowering African Languages on the African continent."

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- Convocation Speaker, 20th Convocation Lecture, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria. May 24, 2016

Presentation: *'Empowering African Languages for Socio-Cultural and Economic Development in the 21st Century: A Case for Our Languages at Home and Abroad.'

- Speaker, 1st Afrophone Caucus of the African Literature Association (ACALA) Luncheon, 2016 African Literature Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Saturday, April 9, 2016

Presentation: 'Promoting African Languages in the Quest for Splendor and Fairness: The Example of the 'Honest Man''

- Lecturer, Faculty of Arts Special Lecture, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria, Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Presentation: 'Pedagogy of Yoruba Language in the United States of America: Retrospect, Prospects and Lessons for Nigeria.'

- Keynote Speaker, Joint International Conference, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University and African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. Ojoo, Lagos, Nigeria, Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

Presentation: '(Re-) Engaging Indigenous African Languages and Oral Traditions for Intellectual Expansion and Innovation in the Humanities.'

- Lecturer, the Osher Lifelong Institute (OLLI), Univ. of GA. Friday, August 29, 2014.

Presentation: 'Yoruba Popular Music: Special Focus on Fuji'

- Distinguished Lecturer, 2014 College of Languages Convocation Lecture, Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Ijanikin, Lagos, Nigeria. April 22, 2014.

Presentation: 'Prospects of African Studies in the International World'

- Speaker, 2008 Global Educational Forum on Culture, Research, & Teaching: Africa Day. Masters Hall, University of Georgia. March 31, 2008

Presentation: *'Language and National Development in Nigeria'

- Cultural Consultant, *The Gods Are Not to Blame* production by the Black Theatrical Ensemble and the UGA Drama Department. September 2005

Presentation on: Elements of Yoruba language and culture in *The God's are not to Blame*.

- Speaker, 7th Annual Series of Understanding Ancient Traditions and Cultures of the World. Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. September 17, 2005.

Presentation: "Yoruba Extended Family Structure in the Era of Westernization."

- Speaker, Language Teaching Workshop for African Language Teachers and Foreign Language Coordinators. The University System of Georgia Certificate in African Studies Project (CIASP). Coastal Center, Savannah, Georgia. March 31, 2005.

Presentations: "Teaching African Languages with Technology" (@11am)
"Local and National Concerns in the Teaching of African Languages" (@2:45pm)

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- Speaker, Department of Comparative Literature department, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. February 6, 2004.

Presentation: *‘‘What is in a name: The Structure and Pedagogical Utility of Yoruba Personal names.’’

- Distinguished Lecturer, Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Distinguished Lecture Series #5, Lagos, Nigeria. Tuesday, May 21, 2002.

Presentation: ‘The Challenges and Methodologies of African Language Instruction in the West/United States.’

- Speaker, Yale University African Council Seminar Series, New Haven, Connecticut, Wednesday, April 24, 2002

Presentation: *‘The Contents and Gendered Depiction of Yoruba Personal Names, Praise Names and Aliases.’

- Guest Poet, University of Georgia Center for Humanities and Arts Lunch-in-Theory. Wednesday, September 12, 2001.

Presentation: Poetry reading from ‘*In Flight*’ a collection of poems.

- Guest Speaker, Cullum Lecture Series on World Religions, Augusta State University, Augusta, Georgia. Monday, March 26, 2001.

Presentations: ‘Aspects of traditional Yoruba Religion’ (@10am)
‘Yoruba traditional ‘*oògùn*’: Medicine, Magic or Religion’ (@ 7pm)

SCHOLARLY PANEL PARTICIPATION:

Chair, Panel E on ‘Language, politics, and closed communities in Africa’ during Conference of the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Georgia, Athens, September 27, 2024.

Chair, Panel H on ‘Language pedagogy material development during Conference of the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Georgia, Athens, September 27, 2024.

Chair, Keynote Plenary Session during Conference of the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Georgia, Athens, September 27, 2024.

Member, Leadership Roundtable on ‘The Future of our Field’ during the 27th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA), Indiana University. April 11 – 13, 2024

Chair, Panel 7 on Comparative Reflections on Teaching English in Africa versus Teaching African Languages in America during Conference of the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 5, 2022

Chair, Panel 7 on Comparative Reflections on Teaching English in Africa versus Teaching African Languages in America during Conference of the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 5, 2022

Chair, ALTA Past Presidents’ Roundtable during the African Literature Teachers’ Association (ALTA) Virtual Annual Conference. 3.50pm Friday, April 23, 2021

Chair, Panel 6 on Pedagogies in African Languages and Linguistics during the Virtual Conference of the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, October 9, 2021.

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- Chair, Virtual Panel 14 on Decolonization in Yoruba Society during the 6th J.A. Atanda Lectures and Conference., Babcock University, Ilisan-Remo, Ogun State, Nigeria. June 22, 2021
- Panelist, Keynote Panel on “Navigating These Peculiar Times” during the Virtual General Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Yoruba (AATY), Zoom Saturday, July 18, 2020.
- Chair, Round-up Session J on Evolving Pedagogical Issues from Contact Situations during the 10th Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Saturday, October 12, 2019.
- Chair, Panel on African Languages and Globalization (2), during the 8th Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Saturday, September 30, 2017.
- Chair and Moderator, panel on “Ifowowewo: Àgbajo owó ni a fi n so àyà” (Best Practices in Yoruba as a second language pedagogy), during One Day Conference, American Assoc. of Teachers of Yoruba (AATY), Atlanta, GA. April 21, 2016.
- Chair, Panel on Indigenous Knowledge System, Culture, Art, and Tourism (2), during the 1st Joint International Conference, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University and African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. Lagos, Nigeria, Wednesday, July 22, 2015.
- Chair, Panel on Indigenous Knowledge System and Religious Studies, during the 1st Joint International Conference, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University and African Studies Institute, Univ. of GA. Lagos, Nigeria, Tuesday, July 21, 2015.
- Panelist, *APEJORO AATY*: Idagbasoke Eko Ede Yoruba ni Amerika: Isoro, Aseyori ati Aba fun Ilosiwaju (Association of American Teachers of Yoruba Panel: Growth of Yoruba Pedagogy in America: Challenges, Successes and Propositions for Development) during the 26th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA), Washington, DC, April 24, 2015
- Chair, Session 1F/110: Strategies for Increased Students’ Use of Target Language in the Classroom (African Language Teaching Methodology) during the 26th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA), Washington, DC, April 24, 2015
- Chair, Session 1F/111: Communicative Language Teaching Method (African Language Teaching Methodology) during the 26th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA), Washington, DC, April 24, 2015
- Chair, Session 2G/134: Language Teacher Credentialing (LCTL, Teacher Training) during the 25th Annual Conference of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL), Washington, DC, April 24, 2015
- Chair, Session 2G/135: Teaching LCT-L Scripts in STARTALK (LCTL, Teacher Training) during the 25th Annual Conference of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL), Washington, DC, April 24, 2015
- Chair, Session 1: Language and Cultural Understanding during the 4th Annual Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Georgia, Athens, GA October 9, 2014
- Chair, panel on ‘Linguistics Rights and Security,’ during the joint conference of the West African Languages Congress (WALC) & the 26th Conference of the Linguistics

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- Association of Nigeria at the Univ. of Ibadan, Nigeria, July 29 to August 2, 2013.
- Chair, panel on ‘Technology and Pedagogy,’ during the International Workshop on the Development and Modernization of Yorùbá Metalanguage at Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria, July 30 to August 3, 2012.
- Chair, panel on “Indigenous knowledge, Traditional Health Care and Ritual Symbols” during the African Studies Institute’s International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora at the University of Georgia, November 10, 2012.
- Panelist, roundtable on “African Language and Literature Teaching: Lessons from the Trenches” during the 3rd Annual Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 13, 2012
- Chair, panel on “New Paradigms in African Language Methodology” during the 13th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 24, 2009.
- Panelist, on “Translating African Literature and African Literature in Translation” during the 2009 Gwendolen M. Carter Conference: African Creative Expressions: Mother Tongue & Other Tongues at the University of Florida, February 28, 2009.
- Member, panel of judges, Graduate Student Poster presentations during the 2009 Global Educational Forum on Culture, Research, and Teaching: Security and Development Issues in Africa and Middle East. Mahler Auditorium, University of Georgia. March 25, 2009.
- Convener and Chair, panel on “The Obama Presidency and the African World” at the APERO Brown Bag Lecture Series, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA on Feb 4, 2009
- Chair, panel on “African Languages and Globalization” during the 12th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 25, 2008.
- Convener and Chair, panel on “Some Socio-Cultural and Economic Implications of the Emergence of Yoruba as a Global Culture” during the Spring APERO Brown bag lecture series at the University of Georgia. April 23 2008
- Chair, plenary session on “EFCC, Accountability and Macroeconomic Reform in Nigeria” during the 19th Annual Conference of the International Association of Nigerian Studies and Development (IANSD) at Clark Atlanta University, September 21, 2007.
- Convener and Chair, panel on “Ogbón Ìkóni, Sísè Ètò Èkó Ède Yorùbá àti Aáyán Lóríi Èdè Ìperí (Methodology, Programming and Metalanguage development for Yoruba language teaching)” during the 11th Annual African Language Teachers’ Association(ALTA) conference at the University of Florida, March 23, 2007.
- Convener and Chair, panel on “Traditional and Non-traditional African language Programming: Practical experiences from the classroom” during the 11th Annual African Language Teachers’ Association (ALTA) conference at the University of Florida, March 23, 2007.
- Panelist, panel on ‘Language Learning and Development’ during Festschrift symposium in honor of Professor David Dwyer’s retirement at the Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan on October 21, 2006
- Chair, panel on “Democracy and Africa: Success and Failure” during the Symposium

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- on Democracy and Culture: African Perspectives at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia on February 16, 2006.
- Panelist, panel on “Hip Hop and Rap in Africa: Breaking Some Divides, Widening Others” during the 65th Annual College Language Association Convention at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia on April 7, 2005.
- Chair, panel on “Successful Year One African Language Teaching” during the Workshop for African Language Teachers and Foreign Language Coordinators. The University System of Georgia Certificate in African Studies Project (CIASP). Georgia Coastal Center, Savannah, Georgia. March 31, 2005.
- Convener and Chair, panel on “A Global Evaluation of the Instructional and Research Activities on Yoruba as either a Foreign Language (FL) or as a Second Language (L2)” during the 36th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia on April 1, 2005.
- Chair, panel on “Yoruba Morphology and Syntax during the 36th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL) at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia on April 2, 2005.
- Conveyer and Chair, panel on “Teaching of Yoruba as a Second Language (L2) in Nigeria: Challenges, Achievements and the Effects of Globalization during the 9th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut on March 19, 2005
- Chair, panel on “Expanding Our Vision for African Language Pedagogy: A Priority for the 21st Century” during the 8th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association at Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI on May 1, 2004.
- Chair, panel on “Web Based Language Materials” during the 7th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana on April 11, 2003.
- Chair and Discussant, panel on “Issues surrounding the use of English and French in Africa” during the Africatalk Brownbag Lecture series at the University of Georgia, Athens on October 16, 2002.
- Mediator, Memorial Roundtable panel on “Mongo Beti: Cameroonian Novelist: His Life, Works and Influences” at the University of Georgia, Athens on October 8, 2002.
- Chair, panel on "African Languages: Pedagogical Challenges and Prospects for the 21st Century: Dictionaries and Online Materials" during the 4th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers' Association at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 17, 2000.
- Chair and Discussant, panel on “African Language Instruction in the United States: Problems, Challenges, and Successes from the Perspectives of Teaching Assistants” during the 2nd Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association at Michigan State University, Michigan on April 24, 1998.
- Chair, panel on “Specific Pedagogical Issues: Case Studies” during the 1st Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin on April 11, 1997.
- Panelist, graduate students’ panel on “Official Languages in Africa: Cultural and Political Implications” During the Institute of African Development’s Special Topic Seminar on Issues in African Development, Cornell, Ithaca, NY on Jan. 23, 1995.

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CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED:

- November 5 – 7, 2025: 9th International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (BICAID 2025), Athens, GA.
Theme: “Africa at the Crossroads of Global Politics: Indigenous Knowledge, Youth Agency, and Diaspora Partnerships.”
Venue: Tate Student Center, University of Georgia, Athens Georgia
Role: Conference Host & Co-Convener
Co-Convener: David Olali , University of Georgia.
- April 28, 2025: “2025 Africa Across Campus Interdisciplinary Forum.” Or
Theme: “Africa at the Crossroads of Global Politics: Indigenous Knowledge, Youth Agency, and Diaspora Partnerships.”
Venue: Walker Room, Dean Rusk Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Role: Symposium Organizer and Host. (Chair, planning committee from CenHTRO, Franklin College of Arts and Science, School of Social Work, College of Engineering, Office of Global Engagement, Institute of African American Studies, and Law School.
- September 27 – 28, 2024: 14th Annual Southeast Africa Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), Athens, GA
Theme: “African Languages, Literatures and Community Building in the Digital Era.”
Venue: Holiday Inn Express Hotel, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602
Role: LOC Planning Committee Member
- November 15 – 14, 2023: 8th International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora (BICAID 2023), Athens, GA.
Theme: “Religion and Sustainable Socio-Cultural and Economic Development within the 21st Century in Africa and Its Diaspora.”
Venue: Tate Student Center, University of Georgia, Athens Georgia
Role: Conference Host & Co-Convener
Co-Convener: David Olali , University of Georgia.
- November 10 – 12, 2021: 7th International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. (BICAID 2021), Athens, GA.
Theme: “Post-Pandemic Prognostic for Africa and Its Diaspora: Lessons and Prospects for African Indigenous Knowledge Systems.”
Venue: Tate Student Center, University of Georgia, Athens Georgia
Role: Conference Host & Co-Convener
Co-Convener: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, University of Georgia.
- November 13 – 16, 2019: 6th International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. (BICAID 2019), Athens, GA.

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Theme: “The African Diaspora: Afrocentrism, Africanity, and Emergence of the Global Africa Agenda”

Venue: Tate Student Center, University of Georgia, Athens Georgia

Role: Conference Host & Co-Convener

Co-Convener: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, University of Georgia.

- November 8 – 10, 2017: 5th International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. (BICAID 2017), Athens, GA.

Theme: “Voluntary or Forced: Migration and the Conceptualization of African Identities and Homeland(s).”

Venue: Tate Student Center, University of Georgia, Athens Georgia

Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener

Co-Conveners: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe & Karim Traore, University of Georgia.

- November 21-25, 2016: 1st ASI (UGA)-ARTS (Unilorin) Conference: First Joint International Conference, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin, Ilorin Nigeria and the African Studies Institute, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, Georgia,

Theme: ‘Topical Issues in Culture and Development in Africa and Its Diaspora.’

Venue: University Auditorium, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara, Nigeria

Role: Member, Conference Planning Committee

Conveners: Professor A.S. Abdussalam and Professor S.T. Babatunde
Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin.

- November 3-5, 2016: 20th Southeast Model African Union, Athens, GA.

Theme: Simulation of the activities of the African Union

Venue: Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA

Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener

Co-Conveners: Karim Traore, Jean Kidula & Sandra Whitney. Univ. of Georgia

- July 18 - 21, 2016: 2nd ASI (GA)-ARTS (LASU) Conference: Second Joint International Conference, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University, Lagos Nigeria and the African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA.

Theme: ‘Migration, Identity and Development: Africa and the Wider World in the 21st Century.’

Venue: Central Language Laboratory, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria

Role: Conference Planning Committee Member

Conveners: Professor Harrison Adeniyi and Professor Danoye Oguntola-Laguda,
Lagos State University

- April 21, 2016: 1st American Assoc. of Teachers’ of Yoruba (AATY) Conference.

Theme: ‘Promoting Yoruba Language Pedagogy in America.’

Venue: Majesty Ballroom III, Holiday Inn, Atlanta Airport North, Atlanta, GA.

Role: Conference Convener

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- October 09 – 11, 2015: 6th Annual Southeast Africa Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), Athens, GA
Theme: ‘The Literature of Language & the Language of Literature in the 21st Century Africa.’
Venue: 285 & 277 Special Collections Library, University of Georgia
Role: LOC Planning Committee Member
- November 11 – 13, 2015: 4th International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. (AICAID 2015), Athens, GA.
Theme: ‘Youth, Technology and the Expansion of Knowledge in Africa and the African Diaspora’
Venue: Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Univ. of Ga, Athens GA
Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener
Co-Conveners: Rose Chepyator-Thomson, Karim Traore & Ibigbolade Aderibigbe.
- July 18 - 21, 2015: 1st ASI (GA)-ARTS (LASU) Conference: First Joint International Conference, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University, Lagos Nigeria and the African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA.
Theme: ‘The Humanities and the Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS) in Africa and Africa’s Diasporas.’
Venue: MBA Complex, Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos, Nigeria
Role: Conference Planning Committee Member
Conveners: Professor Harrison Adeniyi & Professor Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University
- November 5 – 7, 2014: 3rd International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. (AICAID 2014), Athens, GA.
Theme: ‘Gender and Development: Relics and Innovations in the African Realm.’
Venue: Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA
Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener
Co-Conveners: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe, Husseina Dinani & Karim Traore,
- October 10 – 12, 2014: 5th Annual Southeast Africa Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), Athens, GA
Theme: ‘African Languages and African Development in the 21st Century’ *Venue:* 142 of the Tate Student Center, University of Georgia
Role: LOC Planning Committee Member
Other LOC Members: Maganda, D (Chair), Moshi, L & Traore. A.
- November 13 -15, 2013: 2nd International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. (AICAID 2013), Athens, GA.
Theme: ‘Globalization and Africans: Contents and Discontents.’
Venue: Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA
Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener
Co-Conveners: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe & Karim Traore.

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- November 8 -10, 2012: 1st International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. Athens, Georgia.
Theme: ‘Africa and Its Diaspora: Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge’
Venue: Richard B. Russell - Special Collections Library, Univ. of Georgia, Athens.
Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener
Co-Conveners: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe & Karim Traore.
- May 2008: Yoruba Group Project Abroad (YGPA) Pre-Program Teachers’ Workshop
Theme: "Intensive Language Instruction and Continuous In-Class Assessment"
Venue: Institute of African Studies, Obafemi Awolowo Univ., Ile-Ife, Nigeria *Role:* Workshop Organizer & Leader
- April 2008: 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), Athens, GA
Theme: "Linguistic Research & the Plight of Endangered Languages in Africa"
Venue: Georgia Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia *Role:* Conference Organizer & Host
- March 22, 2007: Language Workshop (organized by the National African Language Resource Center- *NALRC*) at the joint conferences of the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA 11) and the Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 38), Gainesville, FL.
Focus: “Standards for Learning African Languages and the Implications for the Classroom”
Venue: Keene Faculty Center, University of Florida
Role: Workshop Co-Leader (Yoruba)
(*Co-Leaders:* Katrina Thompson (Swahili), UCLA (now at Univ. of Wisconsin) Zoliswa Mali (Zulu), University of Iowa (now at Boston Univ.) & Antonia Folarin Schleicher, Director, NALRC, Univ. of Indiana.
- March 31, 2005: Language Teaching Workshop for African Language Teachers and Foreign Language Coordinators organized by the Univ. System of GA Certificate in African Studies Project (*CIASP*). March 31, 2005.
Focus: ‘African Language Teaching and Program Management’
Venue: Coastal Center, Savannah, Georgia.
Role: Workshop Co-Leader
(*Co-Leader:* Lioba Moshi, *CIASP* Director).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS: ^ has published counterpart * invited
“Representation of Women in Akinwumi Isola’s Poetry: A Gendered Gender into five Love Poems” presented at the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Georgia, Athens, September 27, 2025.
“Language Empowerment and Revitalization of African Indigenous Knowledge: Exploring Ethnic Identify and Multilingualism in Africa.” Presented at the Howard University African Indigenous Knowledge and Languages Conference, Howard University, Washington, DC. Friday, February 21, 2025.

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- “Revaluing African Indigenous Knowledge: Practical Insights from Oral Traditions and Indigenous Languages.” Presented at the Howard University African Indigenous Knowledge and Languages Conference, Howard University, Washington, DC. Saturday, February 22, 2025.
- “Language, Society, and Empowerment in Africa and Its Diaspora: A Book Presentation” presented at the Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 5, 2022
- “The Inevitability of Language Empowerment in Contemporary Africa” presented at APERO Africana Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, 217 Holmes/Hunter Academic Building, January 19, 2021.
- “Identifying Principal Constituencies in Yoruba Language Pedagogy in the Southeast Region of the US” presented at the 10th Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Saturday, October 12, 2019.
- “The Engagement of Yoruba Proverbs in Akinwumi Isola’s Poetry” presented at APERO Africana Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, 407 Memorial Hall, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA. September 25, 2019.
- “The Literary Translation of Achebe’s *Things Fall Apart* into Yoruba: A ‘within-to- within’ Approach of its Challenges” presented at the 9th Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia. Saturday, October 6, 2018 (co-presenter: Gabriel Ayoola)
- “Yoruba Personal Names as Pedagogical Sources on Yoruba Culture: Reverberations from the Literature” presented at the 8th Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), UNC, Chapel Hill. Friday, September 30, 2017.
- “Indigenous Knowledge Encapsulated in African Proverbs: The Yorùbá Example” presented at the APERO Africana Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, 480 Tate Center, Univ. of Georgia, Athens, GA. September 16, 2015.
- *”Ibo la ba ise dé” (State of the field) presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the African Lang. Teachers Association (ALTA), Washington, DC, April 24, 2015
- “Beautiful-as-the-dawn: Affectionate Representation of Yoruba Women in the Poetry of Akinwumi Isola” presented at the APERO Africana Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. December 3, 2014.
- ^”Making Transparent the Soul of another Culture: Literary Translation, Cultural Understanding and the Translated Works of Akinwumi Isola” presented at the 5th Annual Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Georgia, Athens, GA, October 11, 2014.
- “Opinions of Language Learners on Effective African Language Pedagogy” presented at the 4th Annual Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 12, 2013.
- “Kíláàsi Ède Yorùbá fún àwon Àjòjì: Orisí àwon Akékòó àti Àsànyàn Ònà Ìkédè Won” presented at the meeting of the Association of American Teachers of Yoruba (AATY) during the 17th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Eaglewood Resort & Spa, Chicago, IL, April 27, 2013.

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- ^”Student types and expectations in an African Language Program (focus on Yoruba)” presented at the 3rd Annual Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 13, 2012
- “*Ibi Gbogbo Nilẹ̀ Ọ̀wọ̀: A Comparative Analysis of the Ifá Festival at Home (Ilé Ifè) and Abroad (Ọ̀yótúnjì Yorùbá Village)*” presented at the International Conference on Traditional Religious Festivals in Yorubaland and in Diaspora: Documentation for Preservation and Protection, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria, Friday, July 29, 2011 (*paper read by a surrogate*)
- *“The Use of Language in the poetry of Akinwumi Isola” presented at the 1st Southeast African Languages and Literatures Forum (SEALLF), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, October 9, 2010.
- “Ìwúlò àti Ànfàní àwon orin Ìdàrayá kékèkèkè nínú u Kíláààsi Ède Yorùbá fún Àjòjì” presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 24, 2010.
- ^*“*Abíníbí* produces the best Ability: Yoruba Language splendor and the Poetry of Akinwumi Isola” Presented at the 2009 Gwendolen M. Carter Conference: African Creative Expressions: Mother Tongue and Other Tongues at the University of Florida, February 28, 2009
- ^“Emergence of Yoruba as a Global Culture: Implications for Classroom Language Instruction” presented at the 12th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 25, 2008.
- ^“Indigenous Languages and National Development: A Case for Language Use and Modernization in Nigeria.” Presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the International Association of Nigerian Studies and Development (IANSD) at Clark Atlanta University, September 21, 2007.
- “Adoption of Learning Strategies in a Zulu language classroom” presented at the 2007 International Society for Language Studies (ISLS) conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Honolulu on April 4, 2007.
- “Language in Education: Challenges with Policy Implementation in Nigeria” presented at the 2007 International Society for Language Studies (ISLS) conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Honolulu on April 2, 2007.
- “Tongues Mystified: Introduction to Rap in Nigeria” presented at the 8th Annual Africa Conference (Popular Cultures in Africa), University of Texas, Austin, Texas on March 30, 2007.
- ^“Learners’ Adoption of Learning Strategies in an African Language Classroom” presented at the Festschrift for Professor David Dwyer, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. October 21, 2006
- “Language and Development in an Emerging African Democracy” presented at the Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. September 6, 2006.
- “Successful and Effective African Language Teaching: Learners’ Perspectives” presented at the 10th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. April 24, 2006

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- “The Gains and Pains of Language Planning in Nigeria” presented at the Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. November 2, 2005.
- “Words Without Action: Language and National Integration in Nigeria” presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the International Association of Nigerian Studies and Development (IANSD), Raleigh, North Carolina. September 23, 2005.
- “Teaching and Learning the Yoruba Language on AKOYE” presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the International Association of Nigerian Studies and Development (IANSD), Raleigh, North Carolina. September 23, 2005. Co-presenter: Kole Ade Odutola.
- “A Confusion of Tongues: Linguistic Limitations on Nigerian Rap” presented at the 65th Annual College Language Association Convention, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. April 7, 2005.
- “AKOYE: Teaching and Learning Yoruba Online” presented at the 9th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut on March 19, 2005.
- “Language Learning and the New Cadre of African Language Learners” presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 30, 2004.
Co-presenters: Semali Adelin and Bheki Zungu.
- “Pedagogical Utility of Yoruba Personal Names” presented at the Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. March 24, 2004.
- “Assessing Students’ Strategy Use in African Language Learning.” presented at the 7th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. April 12, 2003.
- “Students’ Learning Strategies in UGA African Language Classes” presented at the Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. March 24, 2003.
- “English and French as African Languages: Historical Background and Contemporary Challenges” co-presented with Bheki Zungu at the Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. October 22, 2002.
- “The Changing Face of the Nigerian Polity: Traveling Notes of a ‘Federate’ Native” presented at the Brown Bag Lecture Series, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. August 28, 2002.
- ^“Kíkó Àjòji ní Ède Yorùbá ní Ìlú Amérikà: Àkójopò Èrò àti Ìpènjà.” Paper presented (in Yoruba) at the 6th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Ohio University, Athens, OH, March 23, 2002.
- “Integration of traditional proverbs into African language instruction” co-presented with Leonce Rushubirwa at the 5th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 28, 2001.
- “Using alternative materials and methodologies in Yoruba language instruction: Progress Report” presented at the 4th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers’ Association, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 17, 2000.

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- ^“Aspects of a Yoruba Language Learner’s Interlanguage” presented at the 2nd Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Michigan State U., East Lansing, Michigan. April 24, 1998.
- ^“Meeting Students Expectations as a Teaching Assistant in an African Language Program.” presented at the 2nd Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Michigan State University, Michigan. April 24, 1998
- ^“Using WebCt in African Language Instruction” co-presented with Lioba Moshi at the 2nd Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, Michigan State University, Michigan, April 24, 1998.
- "Praise Singing in Contemporary Yoruba Poetry" presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Southern Comparative Literature Association, Athens, Georgia, September, 27, 1997
- "Half a Word is Enough for the Wise: Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication in Traditional Yoruba Society" presented at the 28th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. July 12, 1997.
- "Women and the Nuclear Family Structure: A cross-cultural Analysis" presented at the Annual Conference of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association, Athens, Georgia. April 20, 1997
- ^"Achieving Successful Instruction in Yoruba [SLA] Classrooms: The First Take" presented at the 1st Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin. April 11, 1997
- "Culture and Communication: An Analysis of the Yoruba Family Schema" presented at the Southeastern Speech Communication Conference on Graduate Research, Athens, Georgia. April 7, 1997
- "Aspects of Communication within Traditional Yoruba Society" presented at the Southeastern Speech Communication Conference on Graduate Research, Athens, Georgia. April 7, 1997.
- "Word Incorporation" presented at the 27th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. March 30, 1996.
- "Learning Yoruba as a Second language: A teacher-student perspective" co-presented with Justin Spence at the 27th Annual Conference on African Linguistics, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. March 30, 1996.
- ^"Patterns of Word Incorporation in Yoruba" presented at the Graduate Research Workshop Forum. Linguistics Dept., Cornell, Ithaca, NY. December 15, 1995.
- "Vowel structure and harmony in Ndjuka" presented at the 26th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. University of California, Los Angeles, March 26, 1995.
- "Official Languages in Africa: Cultural and Political Implications" presented at the Seminar Series, Institute of African Development, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. January 23, 1995
- "Phonological processes affecting the syllable structure of Egun" presented first at the Cornell Phonetics Laboratory Talks. 03-16-94 and at the 25th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. March 27, 1994.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:

a. Journals and publishing presses:

Guest Editor, Yoruba Studies Review. Volume 1 Number 1. Spring 2017

• **Editorial Board Member:**

- i. *Ìseakozi*: Journal of Nigerian Languages and Linguistics 2023 – Present
- ii. Editorial Board, University of Georgia Press 2022 – 2025
- iii. Journal of Linguistics and Language in Education. 2013 – Present
- iv. International Journal of Gender & Development Issues. 2013 – Present

• **Editorial Consultant:**

- Southern African Linguistics and Applied Language Studies 2021 – Present
- Critical Inquiry in Language Studies (CILS). 2007 – Present.
- Scientific Journals International (SJI). 2007 – Present.
- Research in African Langs. and Literature (RALL). 1997 – Present.
- Modern Language Journal. 1996 – Present.

b. Editorial Roles in Organizations and Projects:

- **Editorial Consultant (Yoruba language, culture and society) for:**
Yale University Press (Since 2004); Routledge Press (Since 2002); National African Language Resource Center (NALRC), Indiana University (Since 1999); University of Wisconsin Press (Since 2024); Palgrave Macmillan (Since 2024).
- *Chair, Editorial Board*, American Association of Teachers of Yoruba (AATY).
June 2016 – Present.
- *Member and Consultant*, Yoruba Language National Editorial Board on the FIPSE LangNet Project, National Foreign Language Center (NFLC). 1998 – Present

Linguistic Fieldwork:

2025: Southwestern Nigeria: 2-week data collection: Latest Nigerian Language Policy
Facilitators: Office of the Provost and African Studies Institute

2023: Southwestern Nigeria: 2-week data collection: Latest Nigerian Language Policy
Facilitators: Office of the Provost and African Studies Institute

2015: Southwestern Nigeria: 2-week data collection: Yoruba personal names.
Facilitators: African Studies Institute, University of Georgia

Office of the Vice President for Research (academic visit)

2012: Southwestern Nigeria: 2-week data collection: Yoruba personal names.
Facilitators: African Studies Institute, University of Georgia

Office of the Vice President for Research (academic visit)

2012: Southwestern Nigeria: 4-week research travel on the Yoruba society (preliminary work on the production of an introductory documentary on the Yoruba language, culture and society)

Sponsor: University of Georgia President Venture Fund

2009: Southwestern Nigeria: Two months research on YSL (Yoruba Second Language) Instruction in Western Nigeria

Sponsor: Rotary International (Grant for University teachers)

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GRADUATE FACULTY WORK:

Graduate Faculty, University of Georgia Graduate School

Since 2005

- Membership of Graduate Committees:

| Role | Student Name | Department | Status |
|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Major Advisor | Damilola Adebonojo | Comparative Literature | ABD 2025 |
| Major Advisor | Soudabeh Rafieisakhaei | Comparative Literature | M.A. 2021 |
| Major Advisor | Gabriel Ayoola | Comparative Literature | Ph.D. 2019 |
| Member | Ngutor Tembe | Mathematics Education | ABD 2024 |
| Member | Olufemi Abimbola | Religion | Doctoral Student 2023 |
| Member | Blessings Emmanuel (Adewuyi) | Religion | Ph.D. 2026 |
| Member | Samaria Devine | Religion | Ph.D. 2024 |
| Member | Eric Mason | Religion | Ph.D. 2022 |
| Member | Pamela Kimario | Comparative Literature | M.A 2021 |
| Member | Odunayo Sanu | Comparative Literature | M.A. 2020 |
| Member | Hannah Fenster | Comparative Literature | M.A, 2017 |
| Member | Adrienne Washington | Linguistics (Univ. of Pittsburgh) | Ph.D. 2016 |
| Member | Laura Edmunds | Comparative Literature | Ph.D. 2014 |
| Member | Willie Udo Willie | Linguistics | Ph.D. 2011 |
| Member | Randy Beckloff | Adult Education | Ph.D. 2009 |
| Member | Margaret Delong | Comparative Literature | M.A 2006 |
| Member | Antje Meyke | Linguistics | Suspended/ABD |

- International Academic Travels:

Africa: Nigeria; Benin; Ghana; Tanzania; South Africa
Middle East: United Arab Emirate (UAE)
Europe: England; Holland; German; France, Turkey
North America: Canada

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA:

- Director, African Studies Institute, Fall 2011 – Present.
- Member, Advisory Board, Program in Linguistics. Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
- Member, Graduate Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature. 2014 – 2025
- Chair, Advisory Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature. 2011 – 2013

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- Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies.
- Member, Post-Tenure Review Committee: Dorothy Figueira (Comparative Literature, 2025-2026). 2025 till Present.
- Chair, Post-Tenure Review Committee: Tom Cerbu (Comparative Literature, 2023-2024)
- Chair, Advisory, Award and Appeals Committee, Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies (2023-2025)
- Member, Latin American Studies Institute (LACSI) Program Review Team. Fall 2024
- Member, Department of Geography Program Review Team. Fall 2024
- Member, Institute of Women's Studies Program Review Team. Fall 2014
- Member, Advisory Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature. 2017-Present
- Member, Advisory Committee, Department of Comparative Literature. 2016 – Present
- Member, Arabic Search Committee, Dept. of Religion, Spring 2013.
- Member, Swahili Search Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature, Spring 2012.
- Member, International Council, Office of International Education. 2014 – 2016
- Associate Director, African Studies Institute, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011.
- Member, Search Committee for Director of African Studies Institute, Franklin College of Arts & Science, Spring 2009.
- Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Religion, African Studies Institute & Department of Religion, Spring 2008
- Member, *United UGA* (crisis management team charged with formulating a Community Response Manual), Department of Intercultural Affairs and the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. 2007
- Acting Director, African Studies Institute, Summer (2005 and 2007)
- Chair, Curriculum Committee, African Studies Institute, August 2006 – 2012
- Chair, IT Committee, Department of Comparative Literature. 2004 – 2013
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature. 2004 – 2009
- Member, Curriculum Committee, African Studies Institute, July 2002 – July 2006
- Coordinator, Certificate in African Studies. African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. 2002 – 2013. 2017 – Present
- Coordinator, African Languages Program, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. 1997 – Present.
- Co-Coordinator, APERO: Africana Lecture Series. African Studies Institute (Campus wide program) 2006 – 2011
- Coordinator, Africatalk Lecture Series. African Studies Institute. 2002 – 2006.
- Teacher Trainer (New Teaching Assistants), African Languages Program, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Georgia. 1997 – Present.
- Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature. 2004
- Coordinator, Minor in African Studies. African Studies Institute. 2004 – 2005/ 2008

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SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

- Member, Governing Board, Georgia Consortium for African Studies (GCAS), Kennesaw State University. 2022 – Present
- Secretary, University System of Georgia Africa Council (USAC), April 2022 – Present
- Chair, Electoral Committee, Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF),
- Chair, ALTA Past Presidents' Roundtable during the African Literature Teachers'
- Co-Director, Georgia University System African Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU) Conference. November, 2016.
- Member, Board of Directors, Center for Yoruba Language Engineering. Ibadan, Nigeria. 2008 - Present
- Secretary, Nigerian Studies Association, November 2014 – 2016
- Vice President, American Assoc. of Teachers of Yoruba (AATY). 2012 – 2017.
- Delegate, Inaugural Delegate Assembly African Language Teachers Association (ALTA), Friday, April 26, 2013.
- Member, Advisory Board, Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALFF). September 2011 – Present
- External Evaluator, African Languages Initiative (AFLI) Domestic Intensive Summer Program, University of Florida. Summer 2011.
- Summer Director, Fulbright Hays Yoruba Group Project Abroad (GPA) program in Nigeria. Summer 2006.
- Director, Georgia University System African Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU) Conference. 2003.
- Chairperson, Yoruba Language National Working Group (of the African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA)) 2002 – 2010.
- Member, Georgia Board of Regents' Univer. System African Council. 2001 – Present.
- Assistant Editor, LUGHA (Newsletter of the African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA)), 1996 – 2006.
- National Coordinator, National Coordination of African Language Projects (NCALP), Center for Language Education And Research (CLEAR), Michigan State University, January – June, 2001.
- Liaison Officer, National Yoruba Language Teaching Task Force (of the African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA)) 1994 – 2002.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Writer, Producer, and Host of *African Perspectives* on Athens Public Radio (WUGA): Weekly radio show with interviews, discussions and analysis of various African and African-related issues and music. 1997 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, African Graduate Students Forum (AGSF), UGA. 2017 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, African Students Union (ASU), University of Georgia. 2002 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, Model African Union, University of Georgia. 2007 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, UGA Students Helping Orphans Worldwide (SHOW): 2005 – 2011
- Faculty Advisor, UGA Yoruba Club July 2005 – 2012

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- Member, Board of Directors, Samaritan Counseling Center of Northeast Georgia.
2006 – January, 2008
- Conveyer, African Studies Institute’s K–12 Teacher Development Seminar on Africa.
University of Georgia. 2002
- Faculty Advisor, Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU-University of Georgia
Chapter): University of Georgia. 2002- 2007
- Language Line Interpreter: Providing Interpretation services in Yoruba and Nigerian
Pidgin English to individuals, companies and other government agencies. 1998
- 2007.
- Athens Clarke County, Georgia Elementary Schools: Story teller and lecturer on
Yoruba and African issues - outreach program for the African Studies Institute and the
Yoruba language program 1997 - Present
- Member: Junior Chambers International (Jaycees - Nigeria Lom). 1988 - 1993
- National Youths Service Corps (NYSC), Bida & Gbako Local Governments, Niger
State, Nigeria:
 - *Corps Liaison Officer* (supervising over 1000 Corps members that served in
two local governments). 1991 – 1992. ○ *English Lecturer*, Government Tech.
College, Eyagi, Bida. 1991 – 1992.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- 2021 – Present: Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts (SCLA)
2016 – Present: Association of Contemporary African Linguistics (ACAL: Lifetime
Member)
2010 – Present: American Association of Yoruba Teachers (AATY: Founding Member)
2010 – Present: Southeast African Languages & Literatures Forum (SEALFF: Founding
Member).
2005 – Present: International Association of Nigerian Studies & Development (IANSD)
2004 – Present: Nigerian Studies Association (NSA)
2001 – Present: International Society for Language Studies (ISLS: Founding Member)
2000 - Present: Linguistics Society of America (LSA).
1993 – 2016: Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL).
1993 - Present: African Language Teachers Association (ALTA).
1993 - Present: African Studies Association (ASA).
1999 - Present: National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS)

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