

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### RESEARCH AREAS:

- Yoruba Language and Linguistics: Descriptive studies of Yoruba language; Lexical expansion in Yoruba language; Yoruba Onomasiology.
- Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching: Teaching and acquisition of Yoruba as a second language; Use of technology in Yoruba language acquisition; Development of pedagogical materials
- Language, Culture and Society: Yoruba culture and society; Language attitudes and choices of Bi-dialectal African Americans; Language and Nigerian society;
- Poetry: English and Yoruba

### EDUCATION:

- University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Ph.D. Linguistics. 2001.
- University 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:*

- 2003      The Active Yoruba Classroom: In-Class Situations for Yoruba Language Instruction and Practice. Lagos, Nigeria: Harade Associates.
- 2000      In Flight: A Collection of Poems. Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books.

#### *Edited Works and Published Lecture:*

- 2005      Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use). New Jersey: Africa World Press. (Co-Editor: H.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.
- 2004a      Curriculum Implementation and Professionalizing Teaching in Nigeria. Lagos, Nigeria: Central Educational Service. (Co-Editors: A.O.K Noah; Dada Olu Shonibare; Tola Olujuwon).
- 2002      The Challenges and Methodologies of African Language Instruction in the West/United States. Lagos, Nigeria: Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Press.

**Book Chapters:**

- 2007 'Inimitable Population Dispersion: The case of the Somalian Diaspora' In Abdulahi A. Osman and Issaka K. Souare (Eds.). Somalia at the Crossroads: Challenges and Perspectives in Reconstituting a Failed State. London: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
- 2005 Fifi Yoruba We Awon Ede Miiran. In Adeniyi and Ojo (Eds.), Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use). New Jersey: Africa World Press.
- 2004 Africatalk: the Power of Thought Sharing.” In Akinloye Ojo, Vocalizing Africa: Viewpoints on Contemporary Issues of Governance, Education, Resource Management and Health in Africa. California: Platform Press Co.
- 2002 “Forward” In Noah A.O.K and Ayodele A., Youth Management in Nigeria. Lagos, Nigeria: Central Educational Service.

**Biographies and Translations:**

- 2005b Bamgbose, Ayo (b.1932). Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics (Second Edition). Oxford, U.K: Elsevier Ltd. November.
- 2005a Crowther, Samuel Ajayi (1806/08-91). Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics (Second Edition). Oxford, U.K: Elsevier Ltd. November.
- 2002 English Renditions of Four Long Poems by Akinwumi Isola. Metamorphoses, Volume 10.1. Spring.

**Scholarly Refereed Articles:**

- 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 Michale A. Pemberton, 116-120. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project.
- 2005 Meeting Student Expectations in an African Language Program within Euro-American Academic Institutions. Journal of Contemporary Educational Issues. Volume 2, Number 1, November.
- 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). Volume 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. Volume 3, Number 1: 16 – 28. March.
- 2002b What is in a Name: Yoruba Personal Names? The Musical Front. Vol. 2:4.
- 2002a 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.

***Other Works:***

- 2002 "K-12 Teacher Development Seminar on Africa: The Identification of Teachers' Concerns and Challenges in the Incorporation of African Issues into the School Curriculum: Program Report." University of Georgia's African Studies Institute: Community Outreach Program Publication.
- 1999 Yorùbá Omo Odùduwà: Papers on Yoruba People, Language and Culture. University of Georgia African Language Program Online Publication. <http://www.uga.edu/aflang/YORUBA/ODUDUWA.htm>
- 1997 Yoruba Tone Exercises Workbook. University of Georgia: African Languages Program and UGA Language Laboratory.

***Multimedia materials:***

- 2006 ÀKÓYE: Yoruba Language Online Learning and Teaching Program (Year Three). University of Georgia and the United States Department of Education. <http://www.africa.uga.edu/Yoruba>
- 2005 ÀKÓYE: Yoruba Language Online Learning and Teaching Program (Year Two). University of Georgia and the United States Department of Education. <http://www.africa.uga.edu/Yoruba>
- 2004 ÀKÓYE: Yoruba Language Online Learning and Teaching Program (Year One). University of Georgia and the United States Department of Education. <http://www.africa.uga.edu/Yoruba>
- 2002 EDEYEDE Internet Living Yoruba Dictionary (co-editor). Georgia Southern University and the United States Department of Education <http://www.yoruba.georgiasouthern.edu>
- 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
- 1997b Yoruba Hypercard (Computer) Exercises: Beginner to Advance. African Language Program, University of Georgia.
- 1997a 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 Bi-dialectal 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

***Forthcoming (selected):***

Word Integration: A Sociolinguistic and Phonological Analysis of English Words in Yoruba (under contract)

*Scheduled publisher:* Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, London, UK.

Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá: Ìwé Kejì (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use: Book 2).

*Scheduled publisher:* University of Ibadan/Oxford University Press (Summer 2007)

(Co-Editor: H.R. Adeniyi).

Isola's Poesy: Afaimo in English.

(English Translation of Akinwumi Isola's Collection of Yoruba poems Afaimo ati Arofo Miran). Anticipated publisher: University Press Plc. Ibadan, Nigeria, 2007.

'Language Variation and Ethnicity: The case of African American English' to appear in Festschrift for Adetunde Adeniran. Ed. Wole Oyetade. Ibadan, Nigeria: University of Ibadan Press

'Learners' Adoption of Learning Strategies in an African Language Classroom' to appear in African Language Teaching and Learning (Festschrift for David Dwyer).

**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 Univ., 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 Department & African Studies Institute:
  - *Assistant Professor* August 2004 – Present.
  - *Academic Professional Associate* July 2002 – June 2004.
  - *Instructor* 1996 – 2002.
  - *Instructor: Linguistics Program* Fall 1996.
- University of Florida, Department of Asian and African Languages and Literature:
  - *Summer Director, Fulbright Hays Yoruba Group Project Abroad in Nigeria*, June – August 2006.
  - *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.
- Government Technical College, Eyagi, Bida, Nigeria, English Department:
  - *Lecturer*. 1991 – 1992.
- National Youths Service Corps (NYSC), Bida/Gbako LGs, Niger State, Nigeria:
  - *Corps Liaison Officer* (CLO in charge of over 1000 Corps members in two local governments). 1991 – 1992.
- Supreme Communications, Mokola, Ibadan, Nigeria:
  - *Foreign News Correspondent*. 1990-1991.

## **TEACHING:**

University of Georgia: 1996 – Present

- YORB 1010, 1020, 2010, 2010: Beginner I through Intermediate Yoruba II (annual). 1996 – Present.
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT/GEOG/HIST/SOCI 2100: Introduction to Africa 2001 – Present.
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT 3030: Introduction to African Languages and Cultures. 2004 – Present.
- YORB 3990: Directed Study in Yoruba Language and Culture. 1996 – Present
- CMLT 3990: Directed Study in Comparative Literature. 2004 – Present.
- AFST 4200/6200: Critical Contemporary Issues in African Development. 2003 – 2004
- CMLT 8980: Readings in Comparative Literature Spring 2006
- FRES 1010: More than the Naked Tribes (Freshman Seminar). Spring 2005
- FRES 1010: Language and Society in Africa (Freshman Seminar). Fall 2002 (taught jointly with Lioba Moshi)
- LING 491: Special Topics in Linguistics – Yoruba I & II. 1996 – 1997

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), 1993-1996

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

- English Language

## **COURSES DEVELOPED:**

- YORB 1010/1020: Beginner Yoruba I and II
- YORB 2010/2010: Intermediate Yoruba I and II
- YORB 3010/3020: Advanced Yoruba I and II.
- AFST 4200/6200: Critical Contemporary Issues in African Development.
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT 3030: Introduction to African Languages and Cultures (with Seretha Williams and Lioba Moshi)

### **TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS:**

- 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). 2002; 2003 (Program Director) and 2004.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, National Model African Union (NAMAU). Howard University, Washington, DC. 2002; 2003; and 2004.
- Award of Excellence (for contribution 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
- Outstanding Teacher Award, Student Government Association (SGA), University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. January, 2002.
- Faculty Distinguished Participation Certification, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union. November 1999.
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. April, 1999.

### **OTHER AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONORS:**

- Who's Who of Africans in America: 2005 – 2006. NY: US-African Publishing Inc.
- IANSD Spirit Award, International Association of Nigerian Studies and Development. September, 2005.
- Nominee, The Pillar of the Community Award, S.O.A.R Awards, Division of Student Affairs, University of Georgia. April 2004 (1 of 4 Finalists)
- Research Grant (\$298,000), US Dept. of Education Grant Award P017A030073 for the development of Yoruba Online Materials. June, 2003. (Co-PI: Lioba Moshi).
- Fellowship, National African Language Resource Center (NALRC), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Stipend plus meals and board for the Summer Institute for African language instructors and program coordinators. April, 2002.
- Chancellor's Award (\$1090), Georgia University System Faculty Development Seminar. March 2002. (Award funds for summer travel to East Africa declined).
- 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.
- Fellowship, National African Language Resource Center (NALRC), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Stipend plus meals and board for the Summer Institute for African language instructors and program coordinators. April, 2001.
- Excellent Service Membership Award, African Language Teachers Association (ALTA). April, 2000.
- 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, MI. \$500 plus meals and board for the development of computer based teaching materials for Yoruba language instruction. June, 1997.
  - Graduate Student Academic Excellence Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (\$150). February 1994, 1995 and 1996.

### **INVITED LECTURES:**

- Cultural Consultant, *The Gods Are Not to Blame* production by the Black Theatrical Ensemble and the Drama Department, University of Georgia. September 2005  
Presentations on: Yoruba language and culture as contained in Ola Rotimi's *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)
- Speaker, University of Georgia Comparative Literature department, 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 'òdù̀n': Medicine, Magic or Religion' (@ 7pm)

### **SCHOLARLY PANEL PARTICIPATION:**

Convener and Chair, panel on "Ogbón Ìkóni, Síse Ètò Èkó Ède Yorùbá àti Aáyán Lóríi Èdè Ìperí (Methodology, Programming and Metalanguage development for Yoruba language teaching)" during the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Annual African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA) conference at the University of Florida, March 23, 2007.

Chair, panel on "Democracy and Africa: Success and Failure" during the Symposium 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century" during the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 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 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 University, Ithaca, NY on January 23, 1995.

#### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS:**

“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.

“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.

“Tongues Mystified: Introduction to Rap in Nigeria” presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> 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
- “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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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-presented with 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 Ìpèníjà.” 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.
- "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.
- "African 'Juju': Myth or Reality?" presented at the Africana Colloquium Series. Africana Studies & Research Center, Cornell University. November 17, 1993.

## **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:**

### **Editorial Boards:**

- *Executive Editor*, African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA).  
April 2004 – Present.
- *Editorial Consultant*, Journal of Contemporary Educational Issues  
2003 – Present
- *Co-Editor*, Edeyede Internet Living Yoruba Dictionary (USDE funded project).  
Center for Africana Studies, Georgia Southern University, GA. 2002 – Present.
- *Member and Consultant*, Yoruba Language National Editorial Board on the FIPSE  
LangNet Project, National Foreign Language Center (NFLC), 1998 – Present
- *Editorial Consultant*, Modern Language Journal. 1996 – Present.
- *Editorial Consultant*, Research in African Languages and Literature Journal (RALL).  
1997 – Present.
- *Editorial Consultant*, African Studies Quarterly Journal. September 2005 – Present
- *Editorial Consultant*, International Journal of Social and Management Sciences  
(IJOSAMS). 2007
- *Editorial Consultant (Yoruba language, culture and society) for:*  
Yale University Press (Since 2004); Routledge Press (Since 2002); National  
African Language Resource Center (NALRC), University of Wisconsin, Madison,  
WI (Since 1999)

### **Linguistic Fieldwork:**

- 2004: Southwestern Nigeria: 4 week data collection: English words integrated into the Yoruba language.
- 2002: Ibadan, Nigeria: 3 week data collection: Yoruba personal names
- 1996: North America: 3 month data collection (from native Yoruba residents): English words incorporated into Yoruba (MA thesis).
- 1991: Badagry, Nigeria: 4 week data collection: Phonological data on Egun language (B.A (Hon.) thesis).

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA:**

- Chair, Curriculum Committee, African Studies Institute, August 2006 – Present
- Chair, IT Committee, Department of Comparative Literature. 2004 – Present
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature. 2004 – Present
- Member, Curriculum Committee, African Studies Institute, July 2002 – July 2006
- Coordinator, Certificate in African Studies. African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. 2002 – Present.
- Coordinator, African Languages Program, African Studies Institute, University of Georgia. 1997 – Present.
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