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RESEARCH AREAS:

- *Applied Linguistics and Language Pedagogy*: Teaching and acquisition of Yoruba as a foreign language; Use of technology in Yoruba language acquisition; Development of pedagogical materials
- *Yoruba Language and Linguistics*: Descriptive studies of Yoruba language; Lexical expansion in Yoruba language; Yoruba Onomasiology.
- *Language, Culture and Society*: Yoruba culture and society; Language and Nigerian society; Language attitudes and choices of Bi-dialectal African Americans;
- *Yoruba poetry*: Analysis and translation of Akinwumi Isola's poesy.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

- Yoruba Linguistics, Language and Culture
- African Studies

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:

Under Contract: Word Integration: A Sociolinguistic and Phonological Analysis of English Words in Yoruba. Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd, London. 250 pps.

2003: The Active Yoruba Classroom: In-Class Situations for Yoruba Language Instruction and Practice. Lagos, Nigeria: Harade Associates.

2002: The Challenges and Methodologies of African Language Instruction in the West/United States. Lagos, Nigeria: Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Press (*AOCOED Distinguished Lecture Series*).

2000: In Flight: A Collection of Poems. Ibadan, Nigeria: Kraft Books.

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Edited Books:

- To Appear:* Language in Contemporary Religious Expressions in Nigeria. UK: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
(Co-Editors: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Willie Udo Willie).
- To Appear:* Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá. Ìwé Keta (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use. Book 3). Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Linguistic Association of Nigeria.
(Co-Editor: Harrison R. Adeniyi).
- In Progress:* Expressions of Indigenous Knowledge in Africa and Its Diaspora.
(Co-Editors: Karim Traore and Mobolanle Sotunsa).
Anticipated publisher: Cascadilla Press, Somerville, MA.
- 2012: Continental Complexities: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Africa. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing. (Co-Editor: Ibigbolade Aderibigbe).
- 2009b: Language Pedagogy and Language Use in Africa. London, UK: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd. (Co-Editor: Lioba Moshi)
- 2009a: Selected Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference on African Linguistics. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Proceedings Project. (Co-Editor: Lioba Moshi)
- 2005 Ìlò-Èdè àti Èdá Ède Yorùbá. Ìwé Kejì. (Yoruba Linguistics and Language Use. Book 2). Trenton: Africa World Press. (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.
- 2004a Curriculum Implementation and Professionalizing Teaching in Nigeria.
Lagos, Nigeria: Central Educational Service.
(Co-Editors: A.O.K Noah; Dada Olu Shonibare; and Tola Olujuwon).

Book Chapters:

- To Appear* 'Names Brought from Heaven: Religious Expressions in One Category of Yoruba Anthroponyms.' In Ojo, Akinloye, Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Willie Udo Wille. (to appear). Language in Contemporary Religious Expressions in Nigeria. UK: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
- To Appear* 'Expressions of Yoruba Religious Beliefs in Akinwumi Isola's *Àfàìmò*.' In Ojo, Akinloye, Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Willie Udo Wille. (to appear). Language in Contemporary Religious Expressions in Nigeria. UK: Adonis & Abbey Publishers Ltd.
- To Appear* 'An Elder that is patient will thread needles: Poetic Engagement of Yoruba Proverbs in Akinwumi Isola's *Afaimo*.' In Traore, Karim, Akinloye Ojo, and Mobolanle Sotunsa (to appear). Expressions of Indigenous Knowledge in Africa and its Diaspora. Somerville, MA: Cascadilla Press.

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- To Appear* 'Àwón Kókó Èròjà fún Kíko Àjòjì ní Èdè àti Àsa Yorùbá ní Àkóyege.' In Harrison R. Adeniyi and Akinloye Ojo (Eds.) Ilo-Ede ati Eda-Ede Yoruba: Apa Keta. Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Linguistic Association of Nigeria
- 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. (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, pg. .
- 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.

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- 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, 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.

Translations and Biographies:

- To Appear English Renditions of Three Poems by Akinwumi Isola. (*Unwittingly; Lie; & Warning*). In IMAGINE AFRICA, a fledgling publication devoted to contemporary African writing and art. New York, NY: Archipelago Books.
- 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.
- 2008 Akinwumi Isola's *Ìkilò* (Warning). Translated into English. Mandala Literary Journal, Volume 6.
- 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. (*First Words; Be Patient; Without Knowing; and Titilola*) Metamorphoses, Volume 10.1. Spring.

Scholarly Refereed Articles & Scholarly Report:

- To Appear *Yoruba Language National Standards*. Yoruba Standards Writing Task Force/Committee set up by the National African Language Resource Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Document to be included in the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL), Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century. Pp. 1 – 43
- 2008 Learners' Adoption of Learning Strategies in an African Language Classroom In IHAFA: 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*

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Conference on African Linguistics. Ed. Olaoba F. Arasanyin and Michael 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). 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. Volume 3, Number 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.

Book Reviews/Review Essays:

- 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 Olabiya).
- 2009 African Difference: Discourses on Africanity 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).

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- 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 -I: (22 pages). New Jersey: 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)

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

Other Works:

2008. ‘Forward’ In Zinet Oseni, Every Soul: A Collection of Poems. Ile-Ife, Nigeria: ANDKOLAD Publishers.
2005. ‘What is in a Name?’ *The Musical Front*, Vol. 2, No. 4 July. pp. 7-20. The Committee for Pan-African Music, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2002b “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.
- 2002a “Forward” In Noah A.O.K and Ayodele A., Youth Management in Nigeria. pp v – vi. Lagos, Nigeria: Central Educational Service.

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- 1999 Yorùbá Omo Odùduwà: Papers on Yoruba People, Language and Culture. University of Georgia Yoruba 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.

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

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 Department *and* the African Studies Institute:
 - *Associate Professor* 2011 – Present
 - *Assistant Professor* 2004 – 2011.
 - *Academic Professional Associate* 2002 – 2004.
 - *Instructor* 1996 – 2002.

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- 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 2010
 - *Summer Director, USDE 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.
- 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 3990: Directed Study in Yoruba Language and Culture. 1997 – Present
- YORB 4501: Special Topics in Yoruba 2010 – Present
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT/GEOG/HIST/SOCI 2100: Introduction to Africa. 2001 – 2008.
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT 3030: Introduction to African Languages and Cultures. 2004 – Present.
- AFST 4200/6200: Critical Contemporary Issues in African Development. 2003- Present
- CMLT 3990: Directed Study in Comparative Literature. 2004 – Present.
- CMLT 8980: Readings in Comparative Literature Spring 2006
- FRES 1010: Freshman Seminar: 2002 - 2011
 - Language and Society in Africa Fall 2002
 - More than the Naked Tribes Spring 2005
 - What African Dialect do you speak? Fall 2007
 - Language in Africa Fall 2009
 - Language and Society in Africa Fall 2011 (*First Year Odyssey*)
- LING 491: Special Topics in Linguistics – Yoruba I & II. 1996 – 1997

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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 2010/2010: Intermediate Yoruba I and II
- YORB 3010/3020: Advanced Yoruba I and II.
- YORB 3990: Directed Study in Yoruba Language and Culture.
- YORB 4010: Yoruba Culture and Civilization
- YORB 4510: Special Topics in Yoruba

African Studies:

- AFST 2100: Introduction to Africa (*Online course*) for the Independent and Distance Learning Program (IDL), University of Georgia.
- AFST/ANTH/CMLT 3030: Introduction to African Languages and Cultures (with Seretha Williams and Lioba Moshi)
- AFST 4200/6200: Critical Contemporary Issues in African Development.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- Willson Center Public Impact Grant (\$4,000), Willson Center for Humanites and Ars, 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.

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- 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.
- *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.
- 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.
- Graduate Student Academic Excellence Travel Grant, Graduate School, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (\$150 *Received three times consecutively*). February 1996; March 1995; and February 1994.

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TEACHING, ADVISING AND SERVICE AWARDS:

- 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 University, Augusta, Georgia. November 2010.
- Faculty Advisor Certificate, University System of Georgia Africa Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU). Emory 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. April, 1999.

OTHER AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONORS:

- Youth Achiever. Nigerian Tribune Newspaper. May 16, 2009
- Who's Who of Africans in America: 2005 – 2006. New York: US-African Pub. Inc.
- IANSO 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).
- Excellent Service Membership Award, African Language Teachers Association (ALTA). April, 2000.

**INVITED LECTURES:

* has a published counterpart

- Speaker, 2008 Global Educational Forum on Culture, Research, & Teaching: Africa Day. Masters Hall, University of Georgia. March 31, 2008
Presentation on: *'Language and National Development in Nigeria'
- Cultural Consultation, The Gods Are Not to Blame production by the Black Theatrical Ensemble and the Drama Department, University of Georgia. September 2005
Presentation on: Elements of 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)

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- 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 ‘òògùn’: Medicine, Magic or Religion’ (@ 7pm)

SCHOLARLY PANEL PARTICIPATION:

- Chair, panel on ‘Orality, Discourse and Society,’ during the 4th Annual Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALLF), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 12, 2013.
- Chair, panel on ‘Linguistics Rights and Security,’ during the joint conference of the West African Languages Congress (WALC) & the 26th Conference of the Linguistics Association of Nigeria at the Univ. of Ibadan, Nigeria, July 29 to August 2, 2013.
- Co-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.

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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, University of Georgia, Athens, GA on February 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, Síse Ètò Èkó Ède Yorùbá àti Aáyán Lórí 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 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.

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- 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 University, Ithaca, NY on January 23, 1995.

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CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED:

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, University of Georgia, Athens GA

Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener

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

November 8 -10, 2012: International Conference on Africa and Its Diaspora. Athens, GA.

Theme: 'Africa and Its Diaspora: Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge'

Venue: Richard B. Russell - Special Collections Library
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Role: Conference Chief Host & Co-Convener

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

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

Co-Conveners: Lioba Moshi, University of Georgia.

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), University of California, Los Angeles;

Zoliswa Mali (Zulu), University of Iowa (now at Boston University);

& Antonia Folarin Schleicher, Director, NALRC, University of Wisconsin).

March 31, 2005: Language Teaching Workshop for African Language Teachers and Foreign Language Coordinators organized by the University System of Georgia 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).

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SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS: * has a published counterpart ** invited

- “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.
- “Kíláààsì Ède Yorùbá fún àwon Àjòjì: Orísí 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.
- “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 Nilè Òwò: A Comparative Analysis of the Ifá Festival at Home (Ilé Ifè) and Abroad (Òyótúnjì 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 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 kékèkè nínú u Kíláààsì Ède Yorùbá fún Àjòjì” presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the African Language Teachers Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, April 24, 2010.
- **“*Abínibí* 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

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- 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 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-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 Àjòjí 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.

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- “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.

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"African 'Juju': Myth or Reality?" presented at the Africana Colloquium Series. Africana Studies & Research Center, Cornell University. November 17, 1993.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES:

Editorial Boards:

a. Journals and publishing presses:

- *Editorial Advisory Board Member*, Journal of Linguistics and Language in Education (JLLE) May, 2013 – Present
- *Editorial Consultant*, Journal of Contemporary Educational Issues. 2003 – Present
- *Editorial Consultant*, Modern Language Journal (MLJ) 1996 – Present.
- *Editorial Consultant*, Research in African Languages and Literature Journal (RALL). 1997 – Present.
- *Editorial Consultant*, African Studies Quarterly (ASQ). 2005 – Present
- *Editorial Consultant*, International Journal of Social and Management Sciences (IJOSAMS). 2007
- *Editorial Consultant*, Critical Inquiry in Language Studies (CILS). 2007 – Present.
- *Editorial Consultant*, Scientific Journals International (SJI). 2007 – Present.
- *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)

b. Organizations and Projects:

- *Executive Editor*, African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA). 2004 – 2008
- *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

Linguistic Fieldwork:

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)

2007: Southwestern Nigeria: 4 week data collection: Yoruba personal names

Sponsor: University of Georgia Research Foundation (Junior Faculty Research Grant in the Humanities and Arts).

2004: Southwestern Nigeria: 4 week data collection: English words integrated into the Yoruba language.

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2002: Ibadan, Nigeria: 3 week data collection: Yoruba personal names

Facilitator: African Studies Institute, University of Georgia
International Public Service and Outreach (academic visit)

1996: North America: 3 month data collection (from native Yoruba residents): English Words Incorporated into Yoruba

Facilitator: Department of Linguistics & Modern Languages (DMLL)
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (MA thesis).

1991: Badagry, Nigeria: 4 week data collection: Phonological data on Egun language

Facilitator: Department of Linguistics & Nigerian Languages, University of Ibadan, Nigeria ((B.A (Hon.) thesis)

GRADUATE FACULTY WORK:

Graduate Faculty, University of Georgia Graduate School

Since 2005

- Membership of Graduate Committees:

Role	Student Name	Department	Status
Member	Margaret DeLong	Comparative Literature	M.A 2006
Member	Randy Beckloff	Adult Education	Ph.D. 2009
Member	Willie Udo Willie	Linguistics	Ph.D. 2011
2 nd Major Prof.	Laura Edmunds	Comparative Literature	Ongoing
Member	Antje Meyke	Linguistics	Ongoing / ABD
Member	Adrienne Washington	Linguistics (University of Pittsburgh)	Ongoing / ABD

- Academic Exchange Facilitation:

(Secured funding to support the academic visits of the following scholars from sources such as: The Willson Center for Humanities and Arts; the Department of Comparative Literature; the African Studies Institute; the Institute of African American Studies; Umlaut (CMLT Graduate Student Organization) and the US Department of Education):

Visitor	Date	Presentations/Focus of Visit
Dr. Mobolanle Sotunsa Professor of Languages and Literary Studies, Babcock University, Nigeria.	Fall 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visiting Scholar, African Studies Institute• A Compendium of Yoruba Drum Texts
Dr. Harrison Adeniyi Professor of Language and Communication Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria	Spring 2011 Fall 2003 2005 - 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Name Construction as a Reflection of African Worldview: A Study of Edo and Yoruba Personal Names• Vulgarity and African Culture: A Study of Selected Yoruba Proverbs• Work on AKOYE online Yoruba project

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<p>Dr. Yinka Egbokhare Professor of Comm. Arts, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.</p>	<p>Spring 2011</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrayal of the Yoruba Woman - examples from Nollywood • Public Affairs at major research institution such as UGA (worked with UGA office of Public Affairs- Cynthia Hoke, Director).
<p>Dr. Kole Ade Odutola Professor of Yoruba Language and Culture Dept. of Languages, Literatures & Cultures University of Florida Gainesville, FL</p>	<p>2004 - 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on AKOYE online Yoruba project
<p>Dr. Alfred O. Fayemi. Photographer & Professor of Pathology, Hoboken University Medical Center, New Jersey.</p>	<p>Fall 2006 (Oct 12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images of African Women (2006 Willson Center Distinguished Lecturer)
<p>Dr. George Alao. Professor of Yoruba Language & Literature INALCO, France</p>	<p>Spring 2004</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoruba Language Instruction in Europe (and impact of the EU)
<p>Dr. Francis Egbokhare Professor of Linguistics Dept. of Linguistics & Nigerian Language, University of Ibadan, Nigeria</p>	<p>Fall 2004 (Oct 19 – 22):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and Contemporary Issues in Nigeria • Focus on Emai Proverbs and Names • Language and Ethnicity in Nigeria
<p>Dr. Simon Aderibigbe Professor of African Religion, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria</p>	<p>Fall 2004 (Nov 5):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diffused Monotheism: A Demonstration of African Belief in the Supreme Being via Names and Attributes. <i>(Now Professor of Religion at UGA)</i>
<p>Dr. A. O. K Noah Professor of Education, & Provost, Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education (AOCOED), Lagos, Nigeria</p>	<p>Fall 2002</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership, Education and Governance in Africa

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA:

- Director, African Studies Institute, Fall 2011 – Present.
- Graduate Committee, Department of Comparative Literature. 2013 – Present.
- Chair, Advisory Committee, Department of Comparative Literature. 2011 – 2013.
- Member, Arabic Search Committee, Dept. of Religion, Spring 2013.
- Member, Swahili Search Committee, Dept. of Comparative Literature, Spring 2012.

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- 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 – Present
- Chair, IT Committee, Department of Comparative Literature. 2004 – Present
- 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 – 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 – Present
- 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

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

- Delegate, ALTA Inaugural Delegate Assembly, Friday, April 26, 2013
- Vice President, American Association of Teachers of Yoruba (AATY), 2013- Present
- Member, Advisory Board, Southeast African Languages and Literature Forum (SEALFF). September 2011 – Present
- Secretary, American Association of Teachers of Yoruba (AATY), 2011- 2012
- 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 – Present.
- Member, Georgia Board of Regents' University System African Council. 2001 – Present.
- Assistant Editor, LUGHA (Newsletter of the African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA)), 1996 – Present.
- National Coordinator, National Coordination of African Language Projects (NCALP), Center for Language Education And Research (CLEAR), Michigan State University, January – June, 2001.

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- 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
- 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, African Students Union (ASU), University of Georgia. 2002 – Present
- Faculty Advisor, Students Helping Orphans Worldwide (SHOW): University of Georgia. 2005
- Faculty Advisor, Yoruba Club 2005 – 2012
- Faculty Advisor, Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU-University of Georgia Chapter): University of Georgia. 2002- 2005
- Language Line Interpreter: Providing Interpretation services in Yoruba and Nigerian Pidgin English to individuals, companies and other 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
- National Youths Service Corps (NYSC), Bida/Gbako Local Governments, Niger State, Nigeria:
 - *Corps Liaison Officer* (supervising over 1000 Corps members that served in the two local governments). 1991 – 1992.
 - *English Lecturer*, Government Technical College, Eyagi, Bida.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- 2010 – Present Southeast African Languages & Literatures Forum (SEALFF: Founding Member).
- 2005 – Present International Association of Nigerian Studies and Development (IANSD)
- 2005 – Present College Language Association (CLA)
- 2001 - Present International Society for Language Studies (ISLS: Founding Member)
- 2000 - Present: Linguistics Society of America (LSA).
- 1993 - Present: 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)
- 1997 - Present: Southern Comparative Literature Association (SCLA).
- 1999 - Present: Southeast Regional African Studies Conference (SERSAS).
- 1994 - 1996: Organization of Nigerian Professionals (ONP), U.S.A
- 1988 - 1993: Junior Chambers International (Jaycees - Nigeria Lom).

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