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CURRICULUM VITAE.

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EDUCATION

Ph. D. Literature in English, Department of English, University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University -OAU), 1987.

M. A. Theatre Arts, Department of Drama, Leeds University, England, 1979.

P.G.D. (Post Graduate Diploma, Theatre Arts), Univ. of Ibadan Nigeria, 1975.

B. A. French, Department of Modern European Languages, University of Ife, Nigeria, 1973.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Current Position: Professor, Theatre Department and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, University of Kansas, Lawrence, (KU), KS.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. 1989-1990.

Lecturer, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. 1986-1988.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Feminist Theory & Criticism

Literary & Performing Arts of African & African Diaspora Women

Theatre Studies and Critical Theory

Dance and Choreography

ACADEMIC AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Glidden Visiting Professorship, Ohio University, Athens, OH. Winter/Spring	2011.
Fulbright Scholar, Université Gaston Berger, St. Louis, Senegal.	2008-2009.
Women's Hall of Fame	1997
Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) "ROADS" Scholar	1997
Post-Doctoral Mellon Fellow, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.	1988-1989.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Yoruba	Excellent – native speaker
French	Good – spoken and written

German Elementary – spoken and reading knowledge

TEACHING & ADVISING¹

A. Courses Taught

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES.

Theatre History in Western Civilization African Dances and Performance Styles African Women's Studies and Literature Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture Literature in Africa and the African Diaspora Gender, Culture, and Immigration

GRADUATE COURSES.

African Theatre Myth and Drama Post-Colonial Discourse Post-modern / Dramatic Theory and Criticism Feminist Theory and Criticism Ph.D. and M.A. thesis and dissertation supervision

B. Undergraduate Advising

I work with students in the following programs:

- Dean's Scholars and Minority Mentoring.
- College Orientation Programs.
- Ad-hoc basis to Non-Traditional Students, and International / National students.
- Undergraduate Honors Program Research, including.

C. GRADUATE COMMITTEES, GRADUATE, AND POSTGRADUATE ADVISING

COMMITTEE CHAIR: DOCTORAL COMMITTEE CHAIR: MASTERS MEMBER, PHD COMMITTEES

MEMBER, PHD COMPREHENSIVE EXAM COMMITTEES

MEMBER, MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEES

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE COMMITTEES & CONSULTING MENTORSHIP: POSTGRADUATE, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS & FACULTY

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (GTAS).

D. HONORS AND AWARDS FOR TEACHING

Byron A. Alexander Graduate Mentor Award nomination 1999 Excellence in Teaching Award nomination 1995/96

¹ Please see Appendices "Teaching" and "Graduate Advising" for the details and specifics of this section.

PEDAGOGY & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Digital Humanities Workshop	2012, 2013.
"Reacting to the Past," Teaching Technique Workshop, KU	2008
Co-Director, Hall Center Gender Seminar Series	2007-present
Co-Director, Faculty Seminar, Hall Center Faculty Seminar	2000 Fall
"Gender and Nationalism"	
Senior Administrative Fellows Program	2002-2003
Grant Writing Workshop, Hall Center, KU	2003 Spring
Noh Theatre Training Project, Bloomsburg, Philadelphia	2000 Summer
Hall Center Faculty Seminar on	
"Performances: Cultural, Theatrical, Historical"	1998
Technology Workshops and Seminars	1998 & 1997
CLAS (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) Advising Workshop	1996 Fall
Technology Workshops and Library Seminars	

RESEARCH

A. PUBLICATIONS

1. SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- I) BOOKS.
- Reflections: An Anthology of New Works by African Women Poets. Editors: Anthonia Kalu, Juliana Nfah-Abbenyi, and Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka. Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- 2006 African Literature at the Millennium. Arthur Drayton, Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka and Peter Ukpokodu, (eds.), African Literature Association Annual Series, Volume 13, Trenton: Africa World Press, 2006.
- 1998 Yoruba Dance: The Semiotics of Movement and Body Attitude in a Nigerian Culture. Trenton: Africa World Press, 1998.
- JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS AND ANTHOLOGIES REFERRED II)

In Progress for resubmission: "The Grounds of Black Theatre: To Be and Not to Be"

- 2012 "Disobedient Subversions: Anowa's Unending Quest," in Essays in Honour of Ama Ata Aidoo at 70. Editor Anne V. Adams. Oxford, UK: Ayebia Clarke Publications.
- 2011 "Performing Liberation, Performing Identity: The Theatre of Hubert Ogunde 1944-1946." Les littératures africaines: textes et terrains / African Literatures Textwork and Fieldwork", études réunies par Virginia Coulon et Xavier Garnier, pp. 93-107. Paris: Karthala, ISBN 978-2-8111-0437-5, 2011.
- 2010 "Dance," in The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought, Abiola Irele and Biodun Jeyiofo (eds.), 271-275. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. Invited
- "Highlife," in Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora, Carol Boyce-Davies (ed.), Vol. 2, 525-527. 2008 Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2008.
- "A Play, Its Audience, and Its Society: The Social Semiotics of Arélu," in Words and Worlds: 2007 African Writing, Theatre, and Society, Festschrift for Breitinger, Susan Arndt and Katrin Bernd (eds.), 193-206. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2007.
- "Nwapa, Flora." Oxford Encyclopedia Of Women in World History, Bonnie G. Smith (ed.), Vol. 3, 376-377. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- "Sutherland, Efua." Oxford Encyclopedia Of Women in World History, Vol. 4, 181-182. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007. Invited.
- "Transcending The Boundaries of Power and Imperialism: Writing Gender Constructing 2005 Knowledge," in Female Circumcision and the Politics of Knowledge, Obioma Nnaemeka (ed.), 47-77. Westport: Praeger, 2005.
- "Ein Theaterstück, sein Publikum und seine Gesellschaft: Die sociale Semiotik von Àrélu," in Kreatives Afrika: Schriftstelleinnen über Literatur, Theater und Gesellschaft, Susan Arndt and Katrin Berndt (eds.), 276-295. Wuppertal: Peter Hammer Verlag, 2005.
- "Who is Afraid of Agency? Theorizing African Women Out of the Victim Syndrome," in African Women and Globalization, Jepkorir Rose Chepyator-Thompson (ed.), 67-94. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2005.
- <u>Introductory Headliner</u>: "Oya, or The Wind Behind the Lightning," (87-88).
- ____ Translation (Yoruba to English): "Oya is the Wife of Sango, Sango is the Husband of Oya," by Ede Court historians in Women Writing Africa: West Africa and the Sahel, Esi Sutherland and-Addy and Aminata Diaw (eds.), 88-89. New York: The Feminist Press, 2005. Peer-reviewed.
- "The Fashion of Democracy: September 11 and Africa." Signs, 29, 2, #1, Winter 2004, 603-2004 607. Invite & Peer-reviewed.
- "Theatre and Drama: A Historical Analysis," in Yoruba Life and Culture, N. Lawal, M. Sadiku and P. Dopemu (eds.), 613-631. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2004.

- 2003 "Re-Reading Mariama Bâ's So Long A Letter," in Emerging Perspectives on Mariama Bâ, Ada Azodo (ed.), 151-174. Trenton: Africa World Press, 2003. [Reprint - Invited].
- 2002 "Who Can Silence Her Drums? An Analysis of Tess Onwueme's Plays," in African Theatre: Women, Jane Plastow (ed.), 109-121. Oxford: James Currey and Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2002. Invited
- "Gender and Nationalism in Contemporary Literature," in Nigeria in the 20th Century, Toyin Falola (ed.), 819-827. Durham: Carolina Academic Press, 2002.
- 1998 "Kinesics of Fight or Flight: War Performance in Oyo Empire," in War and Peace in Yorubaland 1793-1893, Adeagbo Akinjogbin (ed.), 245-253. Nigeria: Heinemann, 1998.
- 1997 "Negritude, Feminism and the Quest for Identity: Re-Reading Mariama Bâ's So Long A Letter." Women's Studies Quarterly, 25, 3/4, Fall/Winter 1997, 35-52. The Feminist Press at the City University of New York.
- 1996 "Gender and the Revolutionary Ethos in Morountodun," in Femi Osofisan: Interpretative Essays 1, Muyiwa Awodiya (ed.), 88-104. Nigeria: Center for Black Arts & Civilization, 1996.
- "In Contest: The Dynamics of Sacred Dances In Africa," in African Dance: An Artistic and Philosophical Inquiry, Kariamu Asante-Welsh (ed.), 183-202. Trenton: Africa World Press, 1996.
- "Who's Afraid of the Center Stage? Identity, Authenticity and African Arts." Inroads Africa, New York: Arts International, 1996, 31-36. Invited.
- 1995 Phillis Wheatley: A Triumphant Life. A Research and Instructional Notebook History Alive!. Topeka: Kansas Humanities Council Monographs, 1995, 1-6.
- "A Review of African American Theatre: An Historical and Critical Analysis by Samuel A. Hay," Journal of American Studies, Vol. 31, #2, Fall 1995, 186-87.
- "A Review of Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago." Lied Center News, Fall 1995, #7.
- "Black Feminist Criticism and Drama: Thoughts on Double Patriarchy." Journal of Dramatic 1993 Theory & Criticism, Spring 1993, Vol. 7, #2, 161-76.
- 1991 "From His Symbol to Her Icon, A Semiotic Analysis of Women in African Literature." American Journal of Semiotics, Vol. 8, #3, Winter 1991, 31-52.
- 1989 "Aesthetics of Yoruba Recreational Dances as Exemplified in the Oge Dance," in Dance Research Journal, Winter 1989, 1-10.
- 1984 "The Hare and the Tortoise: A Tale of Two Teachers and Their Techniques." Folklore & National Developments, 4th Congress of the Nigerian Folklore Society, Ile-Ife, 640-660, 1984.
- 1983 "Women in Transition: Zulu Sofola's Plays." Nigerian Theatre Journal, 1, 1, 1983.

- 1983 "Communication Through Rhythm and the Human Body," with Yasuko Endo translating to Japanese, in AFRICA: Africa Peoples and Cultures, Junzo Kawada (ed.). Tokyo: Kodansha Institute of Publication, 1983.
- III). RESEARCH REPORTS, PRODUCTION NOTES AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS. - Non-Referred
- 2013 Preface to Engaging the Diaspora: Migration and African Families. Editors: P.A. Uwakwe, J. Rotich, C.O. Okpala. Philadelphia: Lexington Books, 2013.
- ----- Dramaturge Notes to *The Missing Face*. The Gem Theatre, KCMO.
- Report: "Fulbright Year in Senegal." 2010
- "His Royal Highness, A Bashir Albishir Bukar (OON), Visits KASC: Exploring Educational 2008 Partnership with the University of Kansas." Kansas African Studies Center Newsletter, Fall 2008, 6-7.
- Book Review of Oga Tasere; The Celebration of a Colossus Called Tai Solarin, in Ex-Mays Global 2007 Magazine, 2007, 5-7.
- 2005 Written Interview given on Black Women Writers to journalist Prudence Goredema, Yari Yari Pamberi True Love West Africa, January 2005, 55.
- 2004 "A Research Trip to West Africa." News and Notes, University of Kansas Women's Studies Program, Fall 2004, 4-5.
- DAAD Grant Report, "Women's Writing and Liberation Wars," (includes "Peace Has 2001 Come," a short story). Bayreuth University, Germany, November 2001, 1-6; 7-12.
- 2000 Review, "Women's Works 2000," News and Notes, University of Kansas Women's Studies Program, Fall 2000, 1.
- "The Travelogue: Wonders of the African World." West Africa Review, Vol. 1, #2, 2, 1-2.
- "Dramaturge Notes on The Lion and the Jewel." Belknap Theatre, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2000, 2-4.
- "Innovative Traditions, The Women of Itoku and the Tie-Dye Industry." Montage notes for the Women's Works Exhibition, Anthropology Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, Spring 2000.
- "Foreword" in Arise: Portraits of Nigerian Women for Excellence in the USA. Josephine Okworonko-Onor & Ugoo Onyenekwu, eds. London: Roman Print Services, 2000, 5. Invited.
- "Summers Are for Gardening." In Portraits of Nigerian Women for Excellence in the

- USA. Josephine Okworonko-Onor & Ugoo Onyenekwu, eds. London: Roman Print Services.
- 1999. "Dance Theatre Choreography," in KAYODE. London: The Interchange Studios, Winter,
- "Review of Three Books: Axworthy with Nwamuo." The Faces of Nigerian Theatre; Ukpokodu, Socio-political Theatre in Nigeria; Euba, Archetypes, Imprecators and Victims of Fate." Research in African Literatures, Fall 1993, Vol. 24, #3, 141-49.
- "Review, "Urban Bush Women's Performance." Swarthout Society, Vol. XXVII, Spring 1991. 1991
- 1990 "Constructing Gender Through Myths." African Studies Association Conference Proceedings, #1990: 4.
- "Feminine Images in West African Art Forms." The Goddess as Muse to Women Artists, 1989 Conference Proceedings, Tompkins Cortland Community College, Dryden, New York.

2. CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS

I. MAJOR WORKS

I) CHOREOGRAPHY

- 2008 Death and the King's Horseman, Theatre Arts Dept., Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, September-October 2008. Director: Femi Euba.
- Oyedipo at Kolhuni, an adaptation of Oedipus at Colonus by Wole Soyinka; Theban Cycle, XI 2002 International Meeting on Ancient Greek Drama. Delphi, Greece, July 5-12, 2002. Director: Wole Soyinka.
- 2000 The Lion and the Jewel by Wole Soyinka, University of Louisville's Belknap Theatre, Louisville, Kentucky, 2000. Director: Lundeana Thomas.
- Torch Songs by Penny Weiner, Women's Works Exhibition, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, February 2000.
- 1999 The Bacchae of Euripides by Wole Soyinka, Department of Theatre and Drama, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 1999. Director: Femi Osofisan.
- 1997 Many Colours Make the Thunder King by Femi Osofisan, gutherie, too at The Lab Theatre, Minnesota, Winter 1997. Director: Bartlett Sher.
- 1994 An African Antigone by Femi Osofisan, Theatre Emory and African-American Studies Department, Emory College, Atlanta, Georgia, 1994.

- 1991 Langston Hughes Poetry to Duke Ellington's Music (with Willie LeNoire) English Alternative Theatre (EAT), University of Kansas, Black History Month, 1991.
- 1983 The Ritual of Olu-Odo. Dance-Drama by Omofolabo Ajayi, University of Ife, Ile-Ife. Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference on Theatre and Ritual, Kennedy Center, Washington D.C., 1983.
- 1982 Behind The Mask. Epic Poem by Folabo Ajayi, National Theatre, Lagos, Nigeria, 1982.
- 1981-2 Behind The Mask. Epic Poem by Folabo Ajayi, University of Ife, Ile-Ife, 1981-1982.
- 1981 Efunsetan Anivura. A Feature Film. Play Script by Akinwumi Isola, Nigeria, 1981. I was also the Make-Up Designer for this film. Director: Bankole Bello.

II) DIRECTING

- 2013 The Missing Face by Tess Onwueme, The Gem Theatre, Kansas City, MO. May 19, 2013.
- 1996 Sistahs and Brothers In Identity Crisis, by Janice Swinton, Black History Month, Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kansas, 1996.
- 1995 Co-Director with Janice Swinton, High School Summer Project, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, Kansas, 1995.
- 1994 "The Final Four." English Alternative Theatre (EAT), University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1994.
- 1992 "Festival of Renewal" by Omofolabo Ajayi, University Theatre, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1992.
- 1987 Adaptation of "The Graduation Ceremony," by Omofolabo Ajayi for Television Comedy Series, Ogun State Television (OGTV), Abeokuta, Nigeria, 1987.
- 1986 "The Graduation Ceremony" by Omofolabo Ajavi, Pit Theatre, University of Ife, Nigeria.

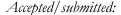
III) PERFORMANCE.

- 2010 (i) "Resident Alien" – short story, and (ii) "Phillis Wheatley – I Too Sing Freedom," Panel on African Women and Performance, at the Celebrating African Women Writers http://theatre.illinois.edu/pages/african-diaspora-festival, Writers from Africa and the Diaspora Festival, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, April 4-11, 2010.
- 2008 'Ms Cardell' (a school teacher) a cameo appearance in *The Light of Education* by Cherisse Williams, Martin Luther King Birthday Committee, Lawrence Arts Center, January 19, 2008. Director, Cherisse Williams.

- I also served as the Artistic Consultant/ and Dramaturge for the production.
- Narrator in *Jocasta* by Michelle Fabien. (Adapted for Ensemble Performance by Paul Lim). 2005 EAT Productions Lawrence Arts Center, April 2005.
- 2001 "Oya and Sango: Marriage Made in Heaven," Lecture/Performance LiteratureWERKStatt, Berlin, October, 30-31, 2001.
 - I wrote and performed the script; later the Lecture version, an original research was published in 2005. See under "Minor Publications" as a peer reviewed work.
- "Resident Alien" short-story for Work Stories series, Women's Works Exhibition, 2000 Anthropology Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 2000. I wrote and performed the story, now submitted to a Collection of Sort Stories. See below "Creative writing".
- 'Miss Leah' in Flying West by Pearl Cleage, Lawrence Community Theatre, Lawrence, Kansas, 1998 1998. Director: Jacqui Gafford.
- 1996-2001 'Phillis Wheatley' a Kansas Humanities Council History Alive! Performance series, 1996-2001.
- Director Sistahs and Brothers In Identity Crisis, by Janice Swinton, Black History Month, 1996 Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kansas, 1996.
- 1994 'Sister Burns,' the Televangelist, in Waiting for The Big One by Penny Weiner, Chameleon Productions, Lawrence Community Theatre, Lawrence, Kansas, 1994.
 - 'Mrs. Sarah' in Sweet Potato Pie by J. Denton, English Alternative Theatre (EAT), University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1994.
- 1991 'Slave Woman' in A Black Woman Speaks by Beah Richards, English Alternative Theatre (EAT), University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1991.

IV) **CREATIVE WRITING**

- 2013 "My Christmas Wish List." and "The Code of Exile" in Reflections: An Anthology of New Works by African Women Poets. Editors: Anthonia Kalu, Juliana Nfah-Abbenyi, and Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 126-128, 2013.
- 2010. "Tonite Fela Performed For Seun, Chip Of the Old Block" Afrobeat Journal Online http://afrobeatjournal.org/en/Issue_1_Fall_2010/1/79/Tonite-Fela-Performed---For-Seunor-Chip-of-the-Old-Block-Poetry-Nigeria-Omofolabo-Ajayi.htm
- "Give Her the Earth to Work." Poem, in Windows to the Soul, Olusegun Fayemi (ed.), 55. New 2003 York: Albofa Press, 2003. Invited contribution.
- "Red Earth, A poetic tribute to Zulu Sofola," in African Literature Association Bulletin, 1996. 1996



"Resident Alien," short story, submitted to a Collection of Short Stories by Immigrant African Women. (African Literature Association annual conferences)

B. Presentations

1. CONFERENCE CONVENER

2011. Symposium on African Literatures in Global Perspectives. October, 27-29, 2011.

2. Public Lectures and Keynote Address.

- 2011 Fela... And His Politics Became Music." Glidden Professorship Lecture, University of Ohio, Athens. May 11. http://www.african.ohio.edu/Events/folabo.html http://www.ohio.edu/compass/stories/10-11/5/Glidden-professor-speech.cfm "Becoming the Married: Gender and Victorian West Africa" SUNY, Binghamton, New York, 2009 December 3, 2009.
 - "A Walk Across the Stage: Considering Women and Theatre(s) in Africa" at the "Mother Africa: African Women and the Arts" symposium, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, April 30, 2009.
 - 2008 "Yoruba Dance: A Microcosm of the Culture." Lecture delivered at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 2006 "Walking Back To the Future: Creativity and Leadership In Africa," Keynote Address at Middle American Alliance of African Studies, St. Louis, Missouri, November 4, 2006.
- "Imagine Nigeria," Public Lecture Linguistics and Languages Departmental Ajasin University, Nigeria 28th June 2006, http://www.ajasin.edu.ng/news_and_event/.
- "African Women and Performance: An Exploration of Tess Onwueme's Works," Public Lecture, followed with classroom appearance, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, April 13, 2006.
- 2005 "Wosiwosi: Bags, Baggage, and Bargains of the Feminist Scholar Artist." Keynote Address at the Association of African and African Diaspora Students, University of Bloomington, Indiana, November 2005.
- "Unsustainable Development: Fictional Realisms and Global Abstractions." Invited 2003 presentation at the Colloquium Series of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, February 20, 2003.

	"Performing Identity: Post-Imperial Othering and Global Diaspora." Featured presentation at the <i>Cultures in Motion: African Connection</i> . University of Tennessee, Knoxville, February 5-9, 2003.
1998.	"Gender Issues and Global Politics in Africa." Keynote address at the 'President's Symposium: Africa in the 21st Century' Conference, on the Southern Regional Consultation, June 26-7, 1998.
	3. SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
2014.	"Amaechina, May the Path never Close" KASC panel on Chinua Achebe, KU March 5, 2014.
	_ "Stripping in War and Peace: Ancient Tactics for Modern Times." Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS), KU. February 19, 2014.
2013.	"Performance <i>In</i> – Laws and the Semiotics of Gendered Narration." <i>African Literature Association</i> (ALA) 39 th annual conference, Charleston, SC. March 20-24, 2013.
2013.	"Redeeming a Gender: Sutherland's Foriwa and the Dissident Agenda." Hall Center/WGSS Symposium "Writing Gendered Bodies." KU, February 23.
2012	"Remembered Forgetfulness: Ama Ata Aidoo and Tess Onwueme's Plays," at the <i>International Conference On Africa And The Diaspora In The New Millennium</i> In St. Louis, Missour. October 30 – November 1. - Discussant for:
	 «Littérature: production et transformation du savoir formel et informel. » "Contribution des Africains et de la Diaspora Africaine à la World Music: Étude de cas des Artistes-Musiciens Camerounais Manu Dibango et Anne-Marie Nzhié." (www.africaandthediaspora-conference.com
	"Efua Sutherland: Staged Resources" at the Mid-American Alliance for African Studies Conference, St. Louis, Missouri November 2-3. http://associations.missouristate.edu/maaas/MAAAS12prog.htm
	"Efua Sutherland." The Gender Seminar, Hall Center, University of Kansas. Sept. 24.
2011	"Dangerous Rhythms: Fela Anikulapo's Music" Discussion Club Talk, KU, November, 14 2011.
	"The Grounds of Black Theatre: To Be and Not to Be" International Colloquium, National Black Theatre Festival, Winston Salem, Aug 1-5. http://www.blacktheatrenetwork.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1 634:2011-nbtf-international-colloquium&catid=12
	_ "Bride-price or Dowry?" Women's Studies Center, Ohio University, Athens. May 12.
	_ "The Asylum" Short Story (continuing series on African women immigrant in the U.S.)

	and "ALA and African Literature In North America In The 21st Century." <i>African Literature Association</i> (ALA) 37 th annual conference, Athens, Ohio, Vermont, April 14-17, 2011.
2010	"Power Relationship and Social Hierarchies in Yoruba Culture: Age, Gender, and Agency." <i>African Studies Association (ASA)</i> Conference. San Francisco, November 18-21.
	"Friends at Kleinville." Panel on "Immigrant Voices in Short Stories." "The Human Trafficking Project: Drama for Education." Panel on Contemporary Human Trafficking in African Literature: Life Writing Radio Plays and Film. At the <i>African Literature Association</i> (ALA) Conference, Tucson, AZ, March 10-14, 2010.
2009	. "Ring-on-the-Mussis (Mrs.): Marriage, Gender and the Cult of respectability in Victorian Nigeria and Ghana" at the Hall Center Colloquium, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas Fall 2009. Colloquium Director: Ann Schofield.
	"Negotiating Gender, Religion, and Education in Senegal" at the Women of Africa and the African Diaspora (WAAD) conference, Abuja, Nigeria, August 3-8, 2009.
	"Mother Is Gold: Gender, Culture and African Feminism(s)" at the <i>Gender Institute</i> , Université Gaston Berger (UGB), St. Louis, Senegal, June, 20, 2009.
2008	"Gender, Youth and the Democratic Experience in Nigeria" – Roundtable Presentation at <i>African Studies Association</i> , Chicago, Illinois, November 13-16. 2008.
	"Postcolonial Petrified: African Literature in the 21 st Century" (and) "Resident Alien:" Panel on Immigrant African Women in the U.S <i>African Literature Association</i> 34 th annual conference. Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, April 22-27, 2008.
2007	"Constructing Subjectivity: Women, Agency and Religion," <i>African Studies Association</i> , New York, October 18-21, 2007.
	"Iwontunwonsi: Theory of Complementarity and Implications in Yoruba Religion," Conference on Religious Freedom, Maryland, October 21, 2007.
2007	"Performing Liberation, Performing Identity: The Theatre of Ogunde, 1944-1950," Hall Center Performance Seminar, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, April 2007. ²
2006	"The Ghost at the Crossroads: If slaves are counted, secrets willOUT." African Literature Association Conference, Accra, Ghana, May 17-21, 2006.
	"Beyond Negritude: Critical Theories, Local Concepts and Global Paradigms." <i>African Literature Association</i> Conference, Accra, Ghana, May 17-21, 2006.
	Convener & Chair of Panel on: "Theory and African Performance & Theatre Presentations," - African Literature Association Conference, Accra, Ghana, May 17-21, 2006.

² Published 2011.





"Gender, Nationalism and Literary Criticism: A Sociological Perspective." Intra-Faculty Professorship Seminar Department of Sociology, University of Kansas, November 13, 1996. 1996 "Re-memorying In A Sea of Words Across the Ocean: Pan-Africanism and Women's Writing." Association of African Literature (ALA) Conference, March 1996. "Strategies of Integration and Survival: Black Women's Clubs 1860-1970," Outreach, Crossing 1995 Boundaries, Kansas Humanities Council, 1995. "African Retentions in African-American Theatre," National Black Theatre Festival conference, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, August 3-9, 1995. "Teaching Africa: Problems & Strategies," African Studies Association (ASA) conference, Toronto, Canada, November 3-7, 1994. "Gender, Exile and the Coloured Mirror of Madness: The Works of Bessie Head." African Literature Association (ALA) international conference, Ghana, West Africa, March 26-April 3, "Getting to know you, Sister of my skin: The Post-Colonial Dilemma of Africans and the African Diaspora," Black Women in the Academy: Defending Our Name, 1894-1994 conference, January 13-15, 1994. 1993 "Shades of Meaning: The 'New Black Theatre," Semiotic Society of America conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 21-24, 1993. "Knowing African Dance," The Nelson Atkins Museum Lecture Series, Kansas City, Missouri, 1993. "Semiotics of Gender Spacing: Power, Bonding and Exclusion," Drinks and Dialogue, 1991 Women's Studies Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, April 23, 1991. Chair, Panel: "Paradoxes of African Renewal: The Arts of Politics & The Politics of "History, Politics and the Ideology of Choice: Theatre in West Africa," Intercultural Performance 1990 conference, The Rockefeller Foundation Center, Bellagio, Italy, February 17-22, 1990. Invited paper. "Double Antidote: Women in Yoruba Theatre," African Literature Association conference, Wisconsin, March 1990. 1989 "Gender Ideology and Body Communication In Nigeria," 4th Congress of International Association of Semiotic Society (IASS), Perpignan, France, April 2-6, 1989. "Cultural Mutation or Imposition: A Case of Double Yoke for Contemporary African Women," Feminisms and Cultural Imperialism: Politics of Difference conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, April 22-23, 1989.

"Nigerian Theatre in Search of Language: A Semiotic Probe," Society of Nigerian Theatre Artists 1987 (SONTA) conference, University of Ife, April 21-24, 1987.

C. GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

1. EXTERNAL GRANTS

Fulbright Scholar Program (Université Gaston Berger, Senegal) Refereed/competitive	2008–2009
DAAD, German Academic Grant, Byreuth University, Germany.	2001 Fall
Kansas Humanities Council Teachers' Seminar "African American Literature, 1960s-1990s."	1994
Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. "Faculty Workshop on Playsyriting and Directing."	1993
"Faculty Workshop on Playwriting and Directing."	1000 1000
Post-Doctoral Mellon Fellowship, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.	1988–1989

2. Internal Grants Awarded

National Symposium on African Literatures in Global Perspectives.	2011.
Hall Center Faculty Seminar on "Gender and Nationalism" Co-Director with Joane Nagel, Sociology Department. University of Kansas	1999
Hall Center Travel Grant. University of Kansas	1997 Fall
Kimbell Theatre Faculty Enrichment Fund.	2000, 1997
Keeler Family Intra-Faculty Professorship, University of Kansas General Research Fund – Reviewed and competitive.	1996 Fall 1995
New Faculty General Research Fund – Reviewed	1991

D. RESEARCH PROJECTS

1) WORK IN PROGRESS.

- i) Trading Women: Traded Women Book manuscript, Co-editor.
- ii) "Efunsetan, Iyalode of Ibadan and Madame Tinubu: Women to the Seventh Power." Book Chapter in Trading Women: Traded Women

- iii) African Dance: A Notebook.
- 2) Current Research Focus.
- i) Gender, Nationalism, and Critical Theory in African Literature: Efua Sutherland.
- ii) Relationship Between African Immigrants in the U.S. and African Americans.
- iii) Immigration, Exile and Writing, African Women Immigrants.

SERVICE

A. UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

DEPARTMENTS

THEATRE (THR)

Tenure & Promotion (T & P), Review, and Curricular Committees Ad Hoc Committees

WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (WGSS)

T & P, Review, Curricular, and Ad Hoc Committees

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Courtesy Professor

KANSAS AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER

Associate Director, 2006-2009

HALL CENTER

Co-Director, Hall Center Gender Seminar Series, 2007-2011. Co-Director, Hall Center, Faculty Seminar, "Gender and Nationalism." 2000 Fall

COLLEGE

Graduate Studies Committee, College Academic Council, and Dean's Scholar's Program

UNIVERSITY

Langston Hughes Visiting Committee, Faculty Senate Research Committee. Sabbatical Committee, and University Governing Council.

B. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY

KANSAS STATE

Member, United Way Board, Douglas County.

2011-current

Member, Women's Transitional Care Services	2006-2008
Secretary, Lawrence City Arts Commission	2000 -2001
Member, Lawrence City Arts Commission	1998-2001

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

I) EDITORIAL MEMBER

African Theatre Annual. United Kingdom.	2011- CURRENT
Theatre Arts Journal University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.	2009 - CURRENT
SAFARA, Revue Internationale de langues littératures et cultures,	2000-current
Université Gaston Berger, (UGB), Senegal.	
CONNECT, Journal of Arts International, New York, NY.	1998–2004
International Journal of African Dance, Temple University, PA.	1992–1996

MANUSCRIPT READER / TENURE & PROMOTION REVIEWER II)

1. <u>University (Faculty Promotion)</u>

Assistant Professor, Tenure and Promotion Appeal Process Department of English Furman University, Greenville, SC	2013
Assistant Professor, Tenure and Promotion Review, Department of African, African Diaspora Studies and Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, TX.	2013
Assistant Professor, Tenure and Promotion Review (Dance) Faculty of Fine Arts at York University, Toronto, Canada.	2010
Associate Professor, Dance Book Manuscript Assessment Smith College, Dance Department, Amherst, MA	2002

Journals, Films, Grants & Publishers

Research Institute of Asian Women Journal - article reviewer current Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism. Sage Open

IV) PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICES

President, African Literature Association (ALA)	2009–2010
Vice President, African Literature Association	2008-2009

Chair, Financial Committee – ALA	2006–2007
Member, Board of African Studies Association (ASA)	1997–1999
Member, Advisory Board, Arts International, New York	1995–1997
Consultant, Los Angeles Art Festival (African Division)	1991–1992
Rural Women Mobilization & Educational Project	1983–1986
Women in Nigeria, Oyo State, Nigeria	

C. HONORS AND AWARDS FOR SERVICE

President, African Literature Association "Kente Citation Certificate"	2009
MOSA - Mayflower Old Student Association Award.	2008
Service Award, African Studies Association	1999
Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) "ROADS" Scholar Award	1997
Women's Hall of Fame Award	1997

TEACHING APPENDIX

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

ThF/ThR 529	Race and the American Theatre (AMS 529/ AAAS 585)
ThF 526	Theatre History in Western Civilization.
ThF 499	Independent Studies
ThF/ThR 429	Postcolonial Theatre and Drama
ThF 302	Production Workshop in African Theatre
ThF 236	African Dance Theatre (AAAS 334, DANC 230)
WGSS 601	Capstone Course. Senior Seminar on "Gender, War and Peace."
WGSS 565.	Gender, Culture and Migration."
WGSS 601	Women's Studies Capstone Course. "Women & Creativity."
WS 560	Race, Gender and Post-colonial Discourse (AAAS 560)
WS 498	Independent Studies
WGSS 396	Body and Appearance
WGSS 330	Women in Contemporary African Literature (AAAS 340)
WS 310	Women of Africa Today (AAAS 310)
AAAS 550	Senior Seminar on African Social and Political Development.

GRADUATE COURSES

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

CLAS	Mini College "African Theatre in World Literature"
ThF 526	Theatre History in Western Civilization
ThR 529	Race and the American Theatre (AMS 529/ AAAS 585)
ThR 626	Myth and the Dramatist
TH/F 702	Post-Modern Theory and Criticism
ThR 826	Seminar in African Theatre
ThF 919	Dramatic Theory Seminar
ThF 998	Investigating & Conferencing
WS 797	Directed Readings Feminist Theory and criticism
WS 696	Post-Colonial Discourse & African Lit. in the Diaspora
WS 696	Intersects of Race, Gender, Power and Identity
WS 601	Women Studies Seminar
WS 560	Race, Gender and Post-colonial Discourse (AAAS 560)
AAAS 690	Investigating & Conferencing: Women in African Politics
KHC	Teachers' Seminar, "Semiotics of Revolutions: Analysis of African-American
	Drama From 1960 until the Present.

II) Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. (2011).

IART 765	"Writing Nation in Global Times: Gender, Culture and Identity in African
	Literature."
IART 891	"Politics of Space and Arts of the African World," [Team Taught course].
	"Performance and the Politics of Music in Nigeria"
IART	"Music in Yorubaland and the Diaspora." <i>Independent Study</i> .

III) UNIVERSITÉ GASTON BERGER, (UGB) SENEGAL (2008/2009

African Literature Masters II Dissertation advisor. Comparative Literature Masters II.

APPENDIX: GRADUATE ADVISING

COMMITTEE CHAIR: DOCTORAL

Name Department		Year of Defense
Joy Wrolson	Theatre Department.	2009 Fall
Sally Shedd	Theatre & Film Department.	1999 Spring

COMMITTEE CHAIR: MASTERS

Name	Department	Year of Defense
Kay Helley	Center for International & Global Studies.	2010 Summer
Maureen Boyd	Theatre & Film	1994 Spring

MEMBER, PHD COMMITTEES

Name	Department	Year of Defense
Mary Mba	French & Italian Department	2013 Fall
Abayomi Animashahun	English Department	2012 Spring
Hun Choi	Theatre Department	2012 Spring
Katie Egging	English	2010 Fall
Sohyun Lee	Film & Communication Studies.	2010 Spring
Angie Gray	Geography & AAAS.	2009 Fall
Paul Prece	Theatre & Film	2007
JaeYoon Park	Theatre & Film	2008
Sarah Smiley	Geography & AAAS	2007 Spring
Ayana Bridges	Communication Studies	2006 Summer
Pearson, Julie Little-Thunder	Theatre & Film	2006
Selbee Ndiaye Diouf	English	2005 Spring
Sharon Sullivan	Theatre & Film	2002
Ann Birney	American Studies	2002 Spring
Carmaletta Williams	English	2001 Spring
Pia Thielmann	American Studies	2000 Fall
Nancy Pennell	Theatre & Film	1998
Mike Johnson	English	1997
Masoud Dekalb	Theatre & Film	1997

MEMBER, PHD COMPREHENSIVE EXAM COMMITTEES

Name	Department	Year of Defense
Lynn Deboeck	Theatre	2013 Fall
Abayomi Animashahun	English Department	2011 Fall
Mary Mba	French & Italian Department	2011 Fall
Katie Egging	English	2008
Jane Irungun	School of Education	2007
Reuben Afagla	American Studies	2006
Julie Little Thunder	Theatre	2002
Betty Cooke	Anthropology	1998-1999.

MEMBER, MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEES

Name	Department	Year of Defense
Lynn DeBoeck	Theatre	2011 Spring
Banks, Elizabeth	Theatre	2010 Spring
Ainehi Edoro	English	2008 Spring
Smith Terrence	Theatre & Film	1997 Spring

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE COMMITTEES

My Role	Name, Degree, University, Year of Defense
Advisor/ Mentor	Dione Ndollane, PhD; Université Gaston Berger, St. Louis, Senegal
Consultant	Sheron Wray, PhD; University of Surrey, Guildford, England.
External Examiner	J. Kapasula, PhD Comparative Literature, U. Binghamton, Fall 2009
Co-Chair	S. Stanley, MPhil Dance, U. West Indies, 2004
Consultant/Mentor	E. Beckers, PhD Postcolonial Studies, U. of Antwerp, 2001
Mentor	F. Akande, Fulbright Researcher to Nigeria, 2003-4
Consultant/Mentor	N. Bang, MA Dance, U. Oslo 2005
Consultant	J. James, MFA Dance, Arizona State, Fulbright Researcher to Nigeria, 2007-8

MENTORSHIP: POSTGRADUATE, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS & FACULTY

Name	KU Department	t Program	<u>Year</u>
Dr. Azim Bayzoev	WGSS	Junior Faculty Development	2006 Fall
		University of Tajikistan.	
Dr. Bolanle Akande	WGGS	New Century Fulbright Scholar	2006Spring
		Fulbright Program /Independent Scholar,	Nigeria.
Prof Shirley Hill	WGSS	KU Keeler Intra-Faculty Professor Sociology, KU	2005 Fall
Dr. Egodi Uchendu	WGSS	Fulbright Researcher University of Nigeria, Nsuka, Nigeria	2000-1

SUPERVISION OF GTAS, WGSS, KU

Liam Lair 2013 Fall Megan Lease 2012

Heather Yates 2009 Fall and 2010 Spring

Ryan Weaver 2008 Spring

Betty Cook 1999 Sally Shedd 1999 Sharon Sullivan 1999

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROGRAM RESEARCH ADVISING

Anne Nzuki, University Scholar Mentorship Biological Sciences.

Lynne Burke, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Honors Thesis.

Blake Bolan, Theatre & Film. Chair Senior Honors Undergraduate Project.

Trenton Wilson Undergraduate Research Program (UGR).

Ashley Depenbusch, Dean's Scholar.

2009 -2011.

2007.

2006.

2004.