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## **Education**

B.A., 1981, Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (Best Graduating Student)  
M.A., 1983, Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (Post-Graduate Scholarship Award and Best Graduating Post-Graduate Student)  
Ph.D., 1993, Philosophy, Wayne State University, Detroit, USA

## **Professional Academic Honor**

2016 Kent State University Outstanding Research and Scholarship Award

## **Current and Prior Appointments, and Experience**

Current Rank: Professor of Philosophy, August 2007 to date, Kent State University.  
Spring 2009, Acting Chair, Department of Philosophy  
2001—2004, Graduate Coordinator, Department of Philosophy.  
August 2001—2007: Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Kent State University.  
August 1997—2001: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Kent State University.  
August 1993—May, 1997, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.  
1985—1987, Lecturer II, Department of Philosophy, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria.  
1983—1985, Assistant Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria.

## **Publications**

### **Single-authored Book**

1. *Philosophical Perspectives on Communalism and Morality in African Traditions* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, April 2006), xi+329 pages.

**Reviews:** (i) *International Journal of African Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2007, pp. 141-146  
(ii) *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. 27, No. 2, April 2007, pp. 119-121.  
(iii) *Dialogue*, Vol. 49, No. 2-3, pp. 74-79  
(iv) *African American Review*, Vol. 41, No. 4, 2007, pp. 807-809  
(v) *Africa Today*, Vol. 54, No. 3, 2008, pp. 129-131  
(vi) *African Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Spring 2008, pp. 1-2  
(vii) *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, Vol. 26, No. 2, 2008, pp. 236-238  
(viii) *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 2, 2009, pp. 255-256

### **Edited Books**

1. *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Justice* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), v+170 pages, with "Introduction" to Text, and Introduction to each Reading.
2. *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Democracy* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), v+174 pages, with "Introduction" to Text, and Introduction to each Reading.
3. *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Libertarianism* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001),

- v+182 pages, with "Introduction" to Text, and Introduction to each Reading.
4. *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Legal Positivism* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), v+214 pages, with "Introduction" to Text, and Introduction to each Reading.
  5. *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Natural Law* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), v+218 pages, with "Introduction" to Text, and Introduction to each Reading.
  6. *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: African Philosophy* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), v+173 pages, with "Introduction" to Text, and Introduction to each Reading.

### **Refereed Articles**

1. "The State: Its Interference With Individual Rights and Liberties," *IRORO: A Journal of the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences*, Bendel State University, Vol. 1, Nos 1 & 2, 1988, pp. 49-61.
2. "The Problem of the State and Religion: The Case of the Religious Violence and Conflict in Nigeria," *International Third World Studies Journal and Review*, Vol. 4, No 2, 1992, pp. 99-108.
3. "African Aesthetics and the Music of Fela Anikolakpo Kuti: A Semiotic Analysis," *The Literary Griot: International Journal of Black Expressive Cultural Studies*, Vol. 6, No. 2, Fall 1994, pp. 1-13.
4. "Cognitive Relativism, African Philosophy, and the Phenomenon of Witchcraft," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 26, No. 3, Winter 1995, pp. 143-160.  
(A discussion by Heikki Saari, "On Believing in Witches," *Philosophical Papers*, Vol. 30, No. 3, 2001, pp. 307-318.)
5. "An Examination of the Universalist Trend Regarding the Nature of African Philosophy," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 27, No. 2, Fall 1996, pp. 187-203.
6. "The Parochial Universalist Conception of 'Philosophy' and 'African Philosophy'," *Philosophy East & West*, Vol. 47, No. 2, April 1997, pp. 189-210.
7. "A Defense of Epistemic Authoritarianism in African Cultures," *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. XXIII, 1998, pp. 417-440.
8. "African and African-American Philosophies," (Course Design and Syllabus) *APA Newsletter on Black Experience in Philosophy*, Vol. 97, No. 2, Spring 1998, pp. 34-38.
9. "Moral Education and Moral Reasoning in Traditional African Cultures," *Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. XXXII, No. 1, 1998, pp. 25-42.  
(A Reply by L. D. Keita, "A Reply to Ikuenobe: Moral Education and Moral Reasoning in Traditional African Cultures," *Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 35, No. 1, 2001, pp. 113-117.)
10. "Colonialism in Africa, Culturally Induced Moral Ignorance, and the Scope of Responsibility," *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, Vol 28, No. 2, June 1998, pp. 109-128.
11. "Cultural Particularism, Relativism, and Incommensurability," *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting*, April 1998, pp. 1-19.
12. "In Search of Human Universality: Context and Justification in Cultural Philosophy," *Humanitas*, Vol. XI, No. 1, 1998, pp. 58-90.
13. "Communitarianism, Liberalism, and an Epistemic View of Critical Thinking," *Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines*, Vol. XVIII, No. 1, Autumn 1998, pp. 73-91.
14. "Moral Thought in African Cultures?: A Metaphilosophical Question," *African Philosophy*, Vol. 12, No. 2, 1999, pp. 105-123. (A Discussion by Kola Abimbola "Spirituality and Applied Ethics: An African Perspective," *West African Review*, Vol. 3. No. 1, 2001).
15. "Procedural Morality and Hart's Separation Thesis," *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting*, April 1999, pp. 13-31.
16. "Internalism and the Rationality of African Metaphysical Beliefs," *African Philosophy*, Vol. 13, No. 2, 2000, pp. 125-142.

17. "Is Begging the Question Really a Fallacy?" *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting*, April 2000, pp. 36-49.
18. "Teaching and Assessing Critical Thinking Abilities as Outcomes in an Informal Logic Course," *Teaching in Higher Education*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2001, pp. 19-32.
19. "Flying and Myth in *Song of Solomon*: African Cultural and Philosophical Foundation," *The International Journal of African Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Spring 2001, pp. 49-78.
20. "Questioning as an Epistemic Process of Critical Thinking," *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, Vol. 33, No. 3, 2001, pp. 325-341.
21. "Cognitive Relativism Without Incommensurability, Truth, and Particularism," *International Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 33, No. 2, 2001, pp. 31-57.
21. "Rationality, Practical Reasonableness, and the Social and Moral Foundation of a Legal System," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Vol. 32, No. 3, 2001, pp. 245-267.
22. "African Tradition, Philosophy, and Modernization," *Philosophical Papers*, Vol 30, No. 3, 2001, pp. 245-259.
23. "Natural Law, Liberal Principles, and the Moral Acceptance of Rules," *Vera Lex*, Vol. 2, Nos 1 & 2, Winter 2001, pp. 133-162.
24. "Moral Epistemology, Relativism, African Cultures, and the Distinction Between Custom and Morality," *Journal of Philosophical Research*, Vol. 27, 2002, pp. 641-69.
25. "The Meta-Ethical Issue of the Nature of Lying: Implications for Moral Education," *Studies in Philosophy and Education*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2002, pp. 37-63.
26. "In Search of Criteria for 'Fallacies' and 'Begging the Question'," *Argumentation*, Vol. 16, No. 4, 2002, pp. 421-441.
27. "Epistemic Foundation for Teaching Critical Thinking in Group Discussion," *Interchange*, Vol. 33, No. 4, 2002, pp. 371-393.
28. "A Natural Law Critique of Liberal Approaches to a Multicultural Consequence of Globalism," *Vera Lex*, Vol. 3, Nos 1 & 2, 2002, pp. 1-37.
29. "Optimizing Reasonableness, Critical Thinking, and Cyberspace," *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, Vol. 35, No. 4, 2003, pp. 407-424.
30. "Culture of Racism, Self-Respect, and Blameworthiness," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 18, No. 1, January 2004, pp. 27-55.
31. "On the Theoretical Unification and Nature of Fallacies," *Argumentation*, Vol. 18, No. 2, April 2004, pp. 189-211.
32. "Logical Positivism, Analytic Method, and Criticisms of Ethnophilosophy," *Metaphilosophy*, Vol. 35, No. 4, July 2004, pp. 479-503.
33. "The Descriptive Procedural Aspects of Aquinas's Natural Law Theory," *Vera Lex*, Vol 5, Nos 1 & II, 2004, pp. 65-89.
34. "Comments on 'Erik Bahre's 'How to Ignore Corruption: Presenting the Shortcomings of Development in South Africa'." *Current Anthropology*, Vol. 46, No. 1, February 2005, pp. 112-114.
35. "The idea of Personhood in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*," *Philosophia Africana*, Vol. 9, No. 2, August 2006, pp. 117-131.
36. "Citizenship and Patriotism," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 4, October 2010, pp. 297-318.
37. "Conceptualizing Racism and Its Subtle Forms," *The Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, Vol. 41, No. 2, June 2011, pp. 161-181.
38. "Conceptualizing and Theorizing about the Idea of a 'Post-Racial' Era," *The Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, Vol. 43, No. 4, December 2013, pp. 446-468.
39. "White-on-Black Racism and Corlett's Idea of Racism," *Journal of African American Studies*, Vol.

- 18, No. 1, March 2014, pp. 108-127.
40. "Traditional African Environmental Ethics and Colonial Legacy," *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*, Vol. 2, No.4, December 2014, pp. 1-21. Reprinted in Brazil in e-book: *Direito e/ao Desenvolvimento: Ensaio Transdisciplinares*, Fernando Danner, Leno Francisco Danner, Marcus Vinicius Xavier de Oliveira (Org) [http://media.wix.com/ugd/48d206\\_2ce5c0e81965429f91d16e761cc78ca2.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/48d206_2ce5c0e81965429f91d16e761cc78ca2.pdf), pp. 202-231.
  41. "An Examination of Zik's Philosophy of Nationalism and His Critique of African Superstition," *Journal of African Philosophy*, Vol. 10, No. 2, December 2014, pp. 79-97.
  42. "Relational Autonomy, Personhood, and African Traditions," *Philosophy East & West*, Vol. 65, No. 4, October 2015, pp.1005-1029.
  43. "Cultural Dynamics, Moral Ignorance, and a Plausible Response to Immoral Acts," *Cultura: International Journal of Philosophy of Culture and Axiology*, Vol. 12, No. 2, December 2015, pp. 7-26.
  44. "Good and Beautiful: A Moral-Aesthetic View of Personhood in African Communal Traditions," *Essays in Philosophy*, Vol. 17, No. 1, February 2016, pp. 125-163.
  45. "The Prospects of Liberal Democracy in Africa: Exorcising the Ghost of Colonialism and Back to Tradition," *The Critique*, September/October 2016. <http://www.thecritique.com/articles/the-prospects-of-western-liberal-democracy-in-africa/>
  46. "The Communal Basis for Moral Dignity: An African Perspective," *Philosophical Papers*, Vol. 45, No. 3, November 2016, pp. 437-469.
  47. "African Communal Basis for Autonomy and Life Choices," *Developing World Bioethics*, September 5, 2017. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.12161/full> DOI:10.1111/DEWB.12161.
  48. "Matolino's Misunderstanding of Menkiti's African Moral View of the Person and Community," *South African Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 36, No. 4, 2017, pp. 553-5677.
  49. "Radical Versus Moderate Communitarianism: Gyekye's and Matolino's Misinterpretations of Menkiti," *Filosofia Theoretica: Journal of African Philosophy, Culture and Religions*, (forthcoming) Vol 7, No 1, February 2018.

#### **Book Chapters**

50. "Libertarianism: An Introduction," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Libertarianism* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 1-6.
51. "Liberty, Welfare, and Consent," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Libertarianism* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 143-160.
52. "African Philosophy: An Introduction," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: African Philosophy* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 1-7.
53. "Legal Positivism: An Introduction," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Legal Positivism* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 1-8.
54. "Legal Positivism, Rules, and Adjudication of Hard Cases," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia: Readings in Philosophy--Legal Positivism* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 88-109.
55. "Justice: An Introduction," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Justice* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 1-6.
56. "Social Justice, Welfare Rights, and Charity," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Justice* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 69-87.
57. "Democracy: An Introduction," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Democracy* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 1-6.

58. "Participation, Rational Inquiry, and the Justification of Democracy," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Democracy* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 137-157.
59. "Natural Law: An Introduction," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Natural Law* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 1-7.
60. "Moral Basis for Social Acceptance of Rules in a Legal System," in Polycarp Ikuenobe, ed., *Symposia, Readings in Philosophy: Natural Law* (Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2001), pp. 147-169.
61. "Diverse Religious Practices and the Limits of Liberal Tolerance," in David Odell-Scott, ed., *Democracy and Religion: Free Exercise and Diverse Visions* (Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 2004), pp. 309-335.
62. "Ethnicity, Colonialism, and Democracy as an Agent of Globalization," in Charles Nieman, ed., *Democracy and Globalization* (Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 2005), e-book: [http://upress.kent.edu/Nieman/Ethnicity\\_Colonialism.htm](http://upress.kent.edu/Nieman/Ethnicity_Colonialism.htm)
63. "Patriotism and the Conflict Between Homeland Security and Liberal Democracy," in Nawal Ammar, ed., *Democracy and Homeland Security: Strategies, Controversies and Impact* (Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 2006), e-book: <http://upress.kent.edu/Ammar/03%20Ikuenobe.htm>
64. "Modernity and African Moral Thought," in Edward P. Antonio, ed., *Inculturation and Postcolonial Discourse in African Theology* (New York: Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 2006), pp. 267-290.
65. "Tradition, Modernity, and Social Development," in Olatunji Oyeshile and Francis Offor, eds., *Ethics, Governance, and Social Order: Essays in Honor of Godwin S. Sogolo* (Ibadan: Zenith BookHouse Ltd, 2016), pp. 43-60.
66. "Tradition and the Foundation for African Renaissance," in Vuyisile Msila, ed., *Decolonising Knowledge for Africa's Renewal: Examining African Perspectives and Philosophies* (Randburg, South African: KR Publishing, 2017), pp. 2-19.
67. "Africa and Philosophy of Democratic Governance," in Adeshina Afolayan and Toyin Falola, eds., *A Handbook of African Philosophy* (London, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan Press, 2017), pp. pp. 571-584, DOI 10.1057/978-137-59291-0\_37
68. "An Examination of Menkiti's Conception of Personhood and Gyekye's Critique," in Edwin Etieyibo, ed., *Method, Substance and the Future of African Philosophy* (forthcoming) (London, UK: Palgrave-Macmillan Press, 2018), pp.
69. "Communalism and Epistemic Authoritarianism," (forthcoming) in Frederick Ochieng'-Odhiambo, ed., *African Culture, History and Civilization*, UNESCO's Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (forthcoming).

### **Book Reviews**

70. Book Review: *African Philosophy: New and Traditional Perspectives*. Lee Brown, ed., New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, 194 pp. *African American Review*, Vol. 39, No. 3, pp. 483-85.
71. *African Philosophy: The Analytic Approach*. Barry Hallen, Trenton, NJ: African World Press, Inc., 2006, viii+361 pp. *African Studies Review*, Vol. 49, No. 3, December, 2006, pp. 176-178.

### **Work in Progress**

1. *Book Manuscript*: "Communalism and the Normative Basis for Democracy in Africa."
2. *Article*: "Moral and Legal Obligations in Aquinas's Natural Law Theory."
3. *Article*: "On the Value of Logical Validity in Arguments."

4. *Article: "Polygamy and the Concept of Love in African Traditions."*
5. *Article: "Rousseau's 'General Will', 'Will of All', and the Distinction between 'Reasonableness' and 'Rationality'."*

#### **Presentations at Professional Meetings**

1. "The Question of African Philosophy: Bodunrin and Wiredu Reconsidered." Presented at a Departmental Seminar, Department of Philosophy, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria, 1983.
2. "The General Will as a Moral Justificatory Ground for Political Obligation in Rousseau's Theory of State." Presented at a Faculty Seminar, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria, 1985.
3. "Euthanasia and the Treatment of Animals Reconsidered, A Moral Case For Animal Liberationists." Presented at a Departmental Seminar, Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria, 1984.
4. "The State and Its Interference With Individual Rights and Liberties." Presented at a Faculty Seminar, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria, 1984.
5. "The State, Privacy, Law, and Obligation." Presented at a Departmental Seminar, Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, Nigeria, 1985.
6. Commentator, National Workshop on the Choice of Democratic Principles for Nigeria, Bendel State University, Ekpoma, 1986.
7. "Resuscitating Rousseau's Democratic Theory of State: Its Relevance to the Quest for a Virile Political Future of Nigeria." Presented at the Seminar on Youths Perspectives on the Political Future of Nigeria, Ekpoma, 1986.
8. "The Dilemma of the Nigerian State and Religion: A Consideration of Rousseau's Prescription as a Solution." Presented at the Conference of the National Association for Religions, Ekpoma, Nigeria, 1986.
9. "The Nigerian State and Economy: Justice and the Morality of Privatization," Accepted for presentation (but could not be presented in person) at the Nigerian Philosophical Association, Calabar, Nigeria, 1987.
10. "The Problem of the State and Religion: The Case of the Religious Violence and Conflict in Nigeria." Presented at the 15th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 8-10, 1992.
11. "An African Aesthetics of Music and A Critique of Formalism: A Semiotic Analysis of the Music of Fela Anikolakpo Kuti." Presented at the Pan-African Conference, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, April 15-17, 1993.
12. "Cognitive Relativism, African Philosophy, and the Phenomenon of Witchcraft." Presented at the 16th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 7-9, 1993.
13. "Deterministic Social Causation and Liability in Law: A Cross-Cultural Exploration." Presented at the Pan-African Conference, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, March 31-April 3, 1994.
14. "The Implausibility of the Separation Thesis of Legal Positivism." Presented at the Wisconsin Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 23, 1994.
15. "Morality, Moral Education, and Moral Reasoning in Traditional African Cultures." Presented at the 17th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 13-15, 1994.
16. "Questioning as a Tool for Teaching Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills in the Humanities." Presented at the National Association for the Humanities Education Conference, Cincinnati,

- Ohio, March 30-April 1, 1995.
17. "Using Literature in Teaching Philosophy and Using Philosophy in Teaching Literature." Presented at the 1995 Preparing Future Faculty Spring Literature Conference at Marquette University, April 28, 1995.
  18. "A Defense of Epistemic Authoritarianism in Traditional African Cultures." Presented at the 18th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 12-14, 1995. (R)
  19. "Communitarianism, Colonialism, Two Publics, and the Responsibility of Corrupt African Leaders." Presented at the 19th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 10-13, 1996.
  20. Member, Panel Discussion on "The Concept of 'Third World' and Its Appropriateness," 19th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 10-13, 1996.
  21. "Relativism, Moral Epistemology, and Wiredu's Distinction Between Custom and Morality," Presented at the 20th National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 9-11, 1997.
  22. "Moral Validity of a Legal System and the Scope of 'Necessity' in the Separation Thesis," Presented at the Department of Philosophy, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, on October 17, 1997.
  23. "'Necessary Connection' Between Morality and Law and Modality De Re and De Dicto," Presented at a Faculty Colloquium, Dept. Of Philosophy, Kent State University, on October 24, 1997.
  24. "Cultural Particularism, Relativism, and Incommensurability," Presented at the Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, April 4, 1998.
  25. "Circle of Colonialism, Development, and the Problem of Conservation in Africa," Presented at the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Council Symposium, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, April 4, 1998.
  26. "Cognitive Relativism Versus Cognitive Universalism in African Philosophy," Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for African and African Diaspora Philosophy and Studies, Towson State University, Towson, Maryland, April 24-26, 1998.
  27. "African Thought System, Colonialism, and Environmental Ethics," Presented at the 21st National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 8-10, 1998.
  28. "African Oral Tradition, Philosophy, and Moral Reasoning," Presented at the World Conference of the Black Expressive Cultural Studies Association, at Kent State University, Kent, OH, November 19-21, 1998.
  29. "Human Rights and Justice" An invited presentation at a Panel Discussion for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, at Unitarian Universalist Church, Kent, Ohio, December 10, 1998.
  30. "Procedural Morality and Hart's Separation Thesis," Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting, Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio, April 10, 1999.
  31. "African Cultures, Polygamy, and a Conception of Love," African Studies Association Meeting, Philadelphia, November 13, 1999.
  32. "Is Begging the Question Really a Fallacy?" Ohio Philosophical Association Meeting, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, April 1, 2000
  33. "Liberal Democracy in Nigeria and the Rights of Minority Cultures," African Studies Association Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, November 19, 2000.
  34. "African Philosophy, Modernity, and Criticisms of Ethnophilosophy," African Studies Association Meeting, Houston, Texas, November 16, 2001.
  35. "Liberal Education, Humanities, and Particularism in African Philosophy," presented at a

Symposium: *Cultivating Humanity: African Philosophy in World Context*, John Carroll University, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, February 8, 2002.

36. "Colonialism in African, Inability Thesis, and Responsibility," presented at Eastern Illinois State University, Charleston, Illinois, March 21, 2002.
37. "Diverse Religious Practices and the Limits of Liberal Tolerance," presented at the Third Annual Kent State University Symposium on Democracy, Kent, OH, April 30, 2002.
38. "Ethnicity, Colonialism, and Democracy as an Agent of Globalization," presented at the Fourth Annual Kent State University Symposium on Democracy, Kent, OH, April 28, 2003.
39. "The Cultural and Ethical Dimensions of Globalization," presented at the Honors Colloquium, Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio, on February 18, 2004.
40. "Patriotism and the Conflict between Homeland Security and Liberal Democracy," presented at the Fifth Annual Kent State University Symposium on Democracy, Kent, OH, April 26, 2004.
41. "The Place of African Philosophy in the Teaching of African Studies," A Workshop Organized at Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, on April 30, 2004.
42. "Liberalism and the Role of Reasonableness in Public Forum," presented at the Seventh Annual Kent State University Symposium on Democracy, Kent, OH, May 3, 2006.
43. "The Idea of Global Studies: An Epistemological Foundation," A Public Lecture, College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 10, 2008.
44. "The Inability Thesis, Colonialism, and Development in Africa," presented to the Department of Philosophy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 11, 2008.
45. "African View of Personhood in Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart," A Public Lecture, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, February 19, 2009.
46. "Culturally Induced Moral Ignorance and Blameworthiness," Presented to the Department of Philosophy, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, February 20, 2009.
47. "Environmental Ethics and Traditional African Thought," Presented at the African Studies Association Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 21, 2009.
48. "The New Faces of Racism," A Public Lecture, University of Cincinnati, March 12, 2010.
49. "On the Nature of Racism and Its Subtle Manifestations," A Public Lecture, Ohio University, Athens, April 7, 2011.
50. "Moral Blindness, Cultural Principles and Blameworthiness," Presented to the Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, February 10, 2012.
51. "Moral Ignorance, Culture, and the Scope of Responsibility" Presented to the Department of Philosophy, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, March 6, 2012.
52. "Communalism, Metaphilosophy, and the Nature and Existence of African Philosophy," Presented to the Faculty of Humanities, University of Botswana, Gaborone, October 12, 2012.
53. "Identifying the Poor, Cultural Context, and African Communalism," presented at the Notre Dame University Center for Ethics and Culture Conference on Poverty, South Bend, Indiana, on October 31, 2014.
54. "African Communalism, A Moral View of Selfhood, and Relational Autonomy," **A Keynote Address**, The International Human Science Research Conference, Trondheim, Norway, August 12-15, 2015.
55. "The Scientific Method and A Foundation for Azikiwe's Nationalist Philosophy," presented in Pan African Colloquium, Cave Hill, Barbados, January 12-16, 2016.
56. "Western Conception of Romantic Love and Criticisms of Polygamy in African Cultures," presented at the 23rd International Society for African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS) Conference, at the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, July 9-10, 2017.



### **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

1. 1994: Alverno College Institute Summer Research Grant, to do research on “Questioning as a Means of Teaching Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills”: (\$1,500); **Principal Investigator.**
2. 1994: Pew Charitable Fellowship for Humanities, to work on improving the teaching of interdisciplinary humanities at Alverno College: (\$750); **Collaborative Investigation.**
3. 1995: Alverno College Institute Summer Research Grant, to do research on “Teaching Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills Through Informal and Formal Logic”: (\$1,500); **Principal Investigator.**
4. 1996: Alverno College Institute Summer Research Grant, to do research on “The Universalist and Particularist Debate on the Nature and Existence of African Philosophy”: (\$1,300); **Principal Investigator.**
5. 1997: Alverno College Institute Summer Research Grant, to do research on “Wiredu’s Distinction Between Culture and Morality Regarding Moral Epistemology in African Cultures”: (\$ 750); **Principal Investigator.**
6. 1998: Kent State University Research Council Summer Grant, to do research on “Cultural Particularism and Relativism without Incommensurability”: (\$6,500); **Principal Investigator.**
7. 2000: Provost Fellow, Summer Teaching Institute on Human Development.(\$ 500); **Participant**
8. 2002: Kent State University Research Council Summer Grant, to do research on: “Liberalism, Multiculturalism, and Emerging Democracies” (\$6,500); **Principal Investigator.**
9. 2007: Kent State University Research Council Academic Year Research and Creative Activity Appointment for Spring Semester, 2008.
10. 2008: Kent State University Research Council Travel Grant. (\$2,500)

### **Other Grants Applied For**

1. 1998/9: Open Society Institute Individual Project Fellowships Program, for the amount of Fifty two thousand dollars (\$52,000): **Not Funded.**
2. 2003/4: American Council of Learned Societies’ (ACLS) Sabbatical Fellowship, for the amount of thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000): **Not Funded.**
3. 2003/4: American Philosophical Society’s (APS) Sabbatical Fellowship, for the amount of thirty eight thousand dollars (\$38,000): **Not Funded.**

### **Other Scholarly or Professional Activities**

1. Reviewer: *Understanding Arguments: An Introduction to Informal Logic* (5<sup>th</sup> edition) by Robert Fogelin and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong: Harcourt Brace.
2. Reviewer: Jerry Cederblom and David W. Paulsen, *Critical Reasoning*, Wadsworth, 5<sup>th</sup> edition.
3. Reviewer: *Journal of Social Philosophy*
4. Reviewer: *Journal of African Philosophy*
5. Reviewer: *Philosophical Papers*
6. Reviewer: *Africa Today*
7. Reviewer: *Philosophia Africana*
8. Reviewer: *Current Anthropology*
9. Reviewer: *Journal of Philosophical Research*
10. Reviewer: *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*
11. Reviewer: *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*
12. Reviewer: *South African Journal of Philosophy*

13. Reviewer: *Nodic Journal of African Studies*
14. Reviewer: *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*
15. Reviewer: *Acta Academica*
16. Reviewer: *Diametros: An Online Journal of Philosophy*

### **New Course Development**

1. PHIL 31070/PAS 30010: *African and African American Philosophies*
2. PHIL 31075: *Philosophy and Multiculturalism*
3. PHIL 32091: *Seminar: Love and Friendship*

### **Graduate Courses Taught**

1. Graduate Seminar; Focus: "Kymlicka: Liberalism, Multiculturalism, and the Rights of Minority Cultures"
2. Graduate Seminar; Focus: *The Nature of Law, Adjudication and the Hart/Dworkin Debate.*
3. Philosophy of Law.
4. Social Philosophy.
5. Special Topic: African and African-American Philosophies.
6. Special Topic: Philosophy and Multiculturalism.
7. Philosophy's Methods
8. Graduate Seminar, Focus: *Patriotism*

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Philosophy of Law	Search for Meaning
Social Philosophy	American Philosophy
Philosophy and Justice	Studies in Ethics: Theory and Applied
African and African-American Philosophies	Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy and Multiculturalism	Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Love and Friendship	Philosophy of Literature
Introduction to Ethics	Philosophy of Development
Principles of Thinking	Ancient Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy	Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Introduction to Logic	Modern Philosophy

### **Humanities Courses**

1. Cross-Cultural Explorations: Philosophical Perspectives On Responsibility
2. Perception of Person.
3. Expression and Interpretation of Human Experience.