

Anthony Adeola Olorunnisola

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Film/Video & Media Studies
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Education

Ph.D. in Mass Communication, Howard University, Washington, D.C. **1994**

M.A. Communication & Language Arts, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, **1985**

B.A. (honors) Communication & Language Arts, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, **1983**

Administrative/Academic Engagements

Associate Dean of Graduate Programs & Research, Penn State University
July 1, 2020 to date

Head, Department of Film-Video and Media Studies, Penn State University
Fourth Term: July 1, **2017** to **2020**
Third Term: July 1, **2014** through June 30, **2017**
Second Term: July 1, **2009** to June 30, **2014**
First Term: July 1, **2006** to June 30, **2009**

Professor of Communications, **with Tenure**: College of Communications, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.
May, **2012** – date

Visiting Professor, Department of Communication & Language Arts, University of Ibadan Nigeria
July 1 **2013**-June 30 **2014** [Visiting Professor, Sabbatical Engagement];
May 23-August 22, **2012** [Visiting Professor; Bridge Session]

Visiting Associate Professor, School of Communication, Lagos State University, Lagos Nigeria
July 1, **2005** – July 30, **2006** [Sabbatical Engagement as Fulbright Fellow]

Associate Professor of Communications, with tenure: College of Communications, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania
July 1, **2002** – May, **2012**.

Assistant Professor of Communications: College of Communications, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

July 1, 1996 – June 30, 2002

Visiting Assistant Professor of Communications: College of Communications, Pennsylvania State University

August 17, 1994 – June 30, 1996

Administrative Responsibilities as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs & Research

- Member Executive Committee. Participates in the policy-making functions of the Dean-led group
- Oversees all in-residence graduate degrees offered by the College, ensuring programs conform to Graduate School and College policy
- Oversees the recruitment process for RI graduate programs with an emphasis on diversity and increasing academic excellence in cohorts
- Assigns graduate assistantships and fellowships, working closely with academic leadership across the College
- Works closely with department heads and faculty to schedule appropriate courses for the graduate curriculum
- Oversees the College's research portfolio, working closely with staff and faculty to support the development of externally funded research; involvement in intercollege and institute-related programs; the allocation of resources and administration of related policy
- Provides operational leadership on the mentoring, review, and promotion and tenure of faculty members
- Monitors and maintains annual review process for faculty; monitors and evaluates faculty workload policy; and tracks and reports data on faculty promotion and career ladder development across all sectors of the college's faculty (tenured, tenure-track, fixed-term)
- Coordinates and oversees the review of proposals for sabbatical leaves
- Manages aspects of the College's strategic plan pertinent to Graduate Programs & Research
- Serves as liaison with various University internal and external committees, offices and organizations pertinent to Graduate Programs, Research & Academic Affairs
- Maintains a record of teaching and/or research in relevant areas of expertise.

Administrative Responsibilities as Department Head

- Responsible to the Dean for the day-to-day administration of department's academic staff (17 full-time; 1 part-time + 5 adjuncts) and students (250 majors; 2000+ Gen-Ed Students)
- Member Executive Committee, College of Communications. Participates in the policy-making functions of the Dean-led group

- Budget Administrator of all Departmental Funds: Unbroken record of efficient fund-management
- Oversees development and implementation of Strategic plans; Reports, Proposals and other Department-related projects
- Initiates and chairs meetings of the department's faculty
- First contact-person in the resolution of problems and grievances of faculty and students (as well as between students and faculty)
- Supervises departmental faculty hiring and mentors the scholarly and creative development of faculty members
- Conducts faculty Annual Reviews and Promotion and Tenure (P&T) evaluations
- Represents the Department to external constituencies, including Alumni Society Board
- Member COMM Summit, consortium of Department Heads of Communications programs across Commonwealth campuses

Areas of Research Interest

- **International Communications**
- *Comparative Media Systems*
- **Media and Democracy [Media in Nations-in-Transit]**
- *Media and Social Movements*
- **Applied Communication**

Research & Creative Accomplishments

Publications

I: Edited Book Volumes & Special Issues

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2013). (Lead Co-Editor with Aziz Douai): *New Media influences on Social and Political Change in Africa*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing, (24 chapters; 496 pages). [**Co-Editor was 2008 Doctoral Graduate, now Associate**

Professor & Associate Dean at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada] Contribution: 75%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2011). (Lead Co-Editor with Keyan G. Tomaselli): Political Economy of Media Transformation in South Africa. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press, Inc. (11 chapters; 314 pages). Contribution: 80%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2010) (Guest Editor): Special Issue on Media, Politics, and Democratic Culture in Nigeria and Zimbabwe. International Journal of Social and Management Sciences, Volume 3, Number 2 (117 pages). Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009) (Guest Editor): Special Issue on Media and Democracy in Africa. Journal of Communication & Language Arts, Volume 3, Number 1. (107 pages). Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009). (Editor): Media and Communications Industries in Nigeria: Impacts of Neoliberal Reforms between 1999 and 2007. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, (8 Chapters; 296 pages). Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2006) (Editor): Media in South Africa after Apartheid: A cross-media assessment. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press (8 Chapters; 336 Pages). Contribution: 100%

II: West Africa Applied Communication (Intervention) Projects

Director / Co-Producer (with Nadhir Muntaka, **Doctoral Candidate in Penn State's College of Education; Adjunct Instructor, Media Studies**), African Brainworks – STEM Subject Series – 42 Video Lessons across Mathematics and English Language using WAEC Curriculum – On YouTube Channel, 2018/19. [National failure rate rose up to 80% in this foundational subjects within last decade].

Director / Co-Producer (**with Nadhir Muntaka**), African Brainworks – Footsteps Series – 12 Retrospective Videos – On YouTube (2017)

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with Mathematics in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Taofeek Ibn-Mohammed [Male, Nigeria; EPSRC Research Associate, the University of Sheffield].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with English Language in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Taofeek Ibn-Mohammed [Male, Nigeria; EPSRC Research Associate, the University of Sheffield].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with Mathematics in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Yewande Abraham [Female, Nigeria; PhD Candidate in Architectural Engineering, Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with English Language in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Yewande Abraham [Female, SW Nigeria; PhD Candidate in Architectural Engineering, Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with Mathematics in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Saratu Terreno [Female, NW Nigeria; PhD Candidate in Architectural Engineering, Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with English Language in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Saratu Terreno [Female, NW Nigeria; PhD Candidate in Architectural Engineering, Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with Mathematics in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Faisal Katib [Male, NC Nigeria; Undergraduate Engineering, Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with English Language in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Faisal Katib [Male, NC Nigeria; Undergraduate Engineering, Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with Mathematics in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Mohammed Ennin [Male, Ghana; PhD Candidate, Work Force Education Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with English Language in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Mohammed Ennin [Male, Ghana; PhD Candidate, Work Force Education Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with Mathematics in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Kevin Thomas [Male, Sierra Leone; Associate Professor, Sociology, Demography & African Studies at Penn State University].

Retrospective Video Interview about experiences with English Language in West African Secondary Schools. Featuring Kevin Thomas [Male, Sierra Leone; Associate Professor, Sociology, Demography & African Studies at Penn State University].

III: Book Chapters & Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Anthony A. Olorunnisola, Wunpini Fatimata Mohammed & Sarah Moore (2020): Community Radio in Contemporary South Africa – Deconstructing Complexities in Demarginalization, Journal of Radio & Audio Media, DOI: 10.1080/19376529.2020.1801688

Nwachukwu Egbunike & Anthony Olorunnisola (2015) “Social media and the #Occupy Nigeria Protests: Igniting or damping a Harmattan storm?” [Co-author is **Doctoral**

Candidate at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria) *Journal of African Media Studies* 7, 2: 141-164.

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2014). "Publishing Internationally as Scholarly Conversation 2.0: The Value of Literature and Theory-driven Research Questions." *Special Contribution to Journal of Communication and Language Arts*, 5, 1: 157-180.

Aziz Douai & Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2013). *New Media and the Question of African Democracy*. In Anthony Olorunnisola & Aziz Douai (Eds). *New Media influence on Social and Political Change in Africa* (p. 1-14). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing. **[Co-author is former Bellisario Grad]**

Brandie Martin & Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2013). Use of new ICTs as "liberation" or "repression" technologies in Social Movements: The need to formulate appropriate media policies. In Anthony Olorunnisola & Aziz Douai (Eds). *New Media influence on Social and Political Change in Africa* (p. 257-272). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing. **[Co-author is former Bellisario Grad]**

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Ayobami Ojebode (2013). *Public Opinion on Nigeria's Democracy: Why the Arab Spring stopped in the Dessert*. *New Media influence on Social and Political Change in Africa*. In Anthony Olorunnisola & Aziz Douai (Eds). *New Media influence on Social and Political Change in Africa* (p. 336-356). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing. **[Co-author was Visiting Scholar to the Bellisario College; now Head, Department of Communication & Language Arts]**

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2013). *Of New Media influence on Social and Political Change in Africa: Introspects, Retrospectives and Futuristic Challenges*. In Anthony Olorunnisola & Aziz Douai (Eds). *New Media influence on Social and Political Change in Africa* (p. 423-440). Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing.

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Brandie Martin (2013). "Influences of Media on Social Movements: Problematizing hyperbolic influences about impacts." *Special Issue of Telematics and Informatics*, [Digital Turn in Radio: Understanding Convergence in Radio News Cultures], Vol. 30, 3: 275-288. [Most downloaded Telematics & Informatics article in 2013] **[Co-author is former Bellisario Grad]**

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Lian Ma (2013) *Contemporary Sino-African Relations: Interpenetration of history of relations with the West, ideology and comparative media frames*. *Ecquid Novi: African Journalism Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 3: 41-61. **[Co-author is former Bellisario Grad]**

Anthony A. Olorunnisola, Keyan G. Tomaselli & Ruth Teer-Tomeselli (2011). *Political Economy, Representation and Transformation*, (p. 1-12). In Anthony Olorunnisola & Keyan G. Tomaselli (Eds.), *Political Economy of Media Transformation in South Africa*. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press. Contribution: 50%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & George Lugalambi (2011). A Continental Perspective on the Transformation of South Africa's Media and Communication Policies (p.13-44). In Anthony Olorunnisola & Keyan G. Tomaselli (Eds.), Political Economy of Media Transformation in South Africa. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press. [**Coauthor is 2006 Bellisario Grad; currently Media Capacity Development Officer with Multi-National Resource Governance Institute, Kampala Uganda**] Contribution: 75%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Keyan G. Tomaselli (2011). Political Economy of Media Transformation in South Africa and the Next Frontier, (p. 261-284). In Anthony Olorunnisola & Keyan G. Tomaselli (Eds.), Political Economy of Media Transformation in South Africa. Cresskill, NJ: Hampton Press. Contribution: 95%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2011). Tabloid Journalism in South Africa (Herman Wasserman): A Book Review. Newspaper Research Journal, Vol. 32, No 1: 111-114. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2010). African Émigrés in the U.S.: Negotiating Ethnic Identities, Majority-Minority Statuses, and Negative Media Co-Representation (p. 95-126). In E. Yehwah and D. Togunde (Eds). Across the Atlantic: African Immigrants in the United States Diaspora. Champaign, IL: Common Ground Publishing, LLC. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2010). 'Media as Nexus for Politics and Culture: African Nations and the Challenges of Democratic Governance. International Journal of Social and Management Sciences, Vol. 3, 2: pp. 1-14. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Ayo Ojebode (2010). "The Press and Politics of Constitutional Reforms in Nigeria." International Journal of Social and Management Sciences, Vol. 3, 2: pp. 15-34. [**Co-author was Visiting Scholar to Bellisario; now Head, Department of Communication and Language Arts**] Contribution: 55%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009). "Guest Editor's Note" Journal of Communication & Language Arts, 3, 1: 7-10. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009). "Democratization, Mass Media, and Civil Society: A Discourse of Interlocking Paradoxes." Journal of Communication & Language Arts, 3, 1: 79-104. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009). "Neo-liberal reforms, Media and Communications in a Nation-in-Transit." In Anthony A. Olorunnisola (Ed.), Media and Communications Industries in Nigeria: Impacts of Neo-liberal Reforms between 1999 and 2007 (pp. 1-29). Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009). "GSM Telephony in Nigeria's Political, Socio-Economic and Geo-Cultural Landscapes." In Anthony A. Olorunnisola (Ed.), Media and Communications Industries in Nigeria: Impacts of Neo-liberal Reforms between 1999

and 2007 (pp. 103-155). Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2009). “Neoliberal Reforms of Communications as ‘Adoption of Innovation’: Is there space for Policy Adaptation?” In Anthony A. Olorunnisola (Ed.), *Media and Communications Industries in Nigeria: Impacts of Neo-liberal Reforms between 1999 and 2007* (pp. 223-261). Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Osadebe Amadi (2007). “Radio in Lagos Nigeria: Globalization, Context and Dominance of Foreign Music,” *Journal of Communication & Language Arts*, 2, 18-43. [**Co-author was MA advisee at the Lagos State University’s School of Communication (LASUSoC); now sub-Editor at Vanguard Media Ltd.**] Contribution: 65%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2007). “Publishing Internationally as Scholarly Conversation: The Value of Literature and Theory-driven Research Questions.” *Special Contribution to Journal of Communication and Language Arts*, 2, 113-135. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2006). “Understanding media in African transitional democracies,” (p.1-36), In: Anthony A. Olorunnisola (Ed.), *Media in South Africa after apartheid: A cross-media assessment*. Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2006) “Racism in the media and news frames of a public investigation,” (p. 163-206), In: Anthony A. Olorunnisola (Ed.), *Media in South Africa after apartheid: A cross-media assessment*. Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2006). “Media inquiries in South Africa: Continuities and Discontinuities,” (p. 207-230), In: Anthony A. Olorunnisola (Ed.), *Media in South Africa after apartheid: A cross-media assessment*. Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola & Tunde M. Akanni (2005). “Radio, TV and Politics: Broadcast Media in Nigeria” (lead author with T.M. Akanni) (p. 99-114). In: A. Cooper-Chen (Ed.), *Global Entertainment Media*. Mahwah, New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum. [**Co-author was colleague and SNR Lecturer at Lagos State University’s School of Communication (LASUSoC)**]. Contribution: 65%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2005). “African media, information providers and emigrants as collaborative nodes in virtual social and knowledge networks.” *The University of Ibadan, Nigeria: The 30th Postgraduate School Research Discourse Lecture & Monograph Series*. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola, Srividya Ramasubramanian, Chris Russell and Josephine Dumas (2003). "Case Study Effectiveness in a Team-Teaching and General Education Environment." *Journal of General Education*, 52, 3: 176-199. [**Coauthors were Graduate Teaching Associates and 2003/2004 Doctoral Graduates – all senior academics in U.S. and Canadian universities**]. Contribution: 45%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2002) *Media and Culture: An Introduction to Mass Communication*, 3rd Edition by Richard Campbell – A Book Review (Bedford/St. Martin's). Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2002) *Media Galaxy: A Practical Introduction to the Media* by Brian Williams & Charles C. Self – A Book Review (McGraw-Hill). Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2002). "Community radio as participatory communication in post-apartheid South Africa." *Journal of Radio and Audio Media*, 9, 1, 126-145. [Listed as one of the most read articles by Taylor & Francis' *Journal of Radio & Audio Media*]. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2001). *Introduction to Mass Communication* by John V. Pavlik -- A Book Review (New York: Pearson/Allyn & Bacon/Longman). Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (2000). "African media, information providers, and emigrants as collaborative nodes in virtual social networks." *African Sociological Review*, 4, 2, 46-71. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (1998). *Press freedom and communication in Africa* by Festus Eribo and William Jong-Ebot – A Book Review. *Journal of International Communication*, 5, (1&2), 241-243. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (1997). "Paradigm lost: Local press coverage of Nigeria's aborted transition." *Journal of African Rural and Urban Affairs*, 4, 1, 59-86. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (1997). "Radio and African rural communities: Structural strategies for social mobilization." *Journal of Radio Studies*, 4, 242-257. Contribution: 100%

A.A. Olorunnisola (1997). "Political ideology and news selection in local versus foreign press coverage of a domestic political event." *Ecquid Novi: African Journalism Studies*, 18, 2, 247-263. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (1996). "When tribal wars are mass mediated: Re-evaluating the policy of non-interference." *International Communication Gazette*, 56, 2, 123-138. Contribution: 100%

Anthony A. Olorunnisola (1995). "Communication Technologies for Development: The Broadcast Media," (p. 277-290), In: P. Nwosu, C. Onwumechili & R. M'Bayo (Eds.), *Communication and the Transformation of Society*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America. Contribution: 100%

Research Work and Intervention Projects in Progress

Theme I: Turns in Decolonization and Demarginalization

- a. "Media Transformation in Africa". Manuscript under contract with Oxford University Press. New York.
- b. "Fighting for the Man in the Blue Overalls: Daily Sun as a Project in Demarginalization" [with Honor's student Jennifer Castoe, 2020 Grad]; Under publication review *Equid Novi: African Journalism Studies*
- c. "Entertainment for the Marginalized – Taking Dagbanli out of Linguistic and Filmic periphery" [with Wunpini F. Mohammed. To be submitted to *International Communication Gazette*]
- d. Decolonizing Global Research and Knowledge Building: Unifying the Conversations (Book manuscript under preparation)

Theme II: West Africa Intervention Project – Interrogating Solutions

- e. "When Change-Agents are mutually non-communicative: An Applied Communication & ICT4D (West Africa) project" [with Nadhir Muntaka, PhD candidate, Education Technology]
- f. Multiple research papers a development with Akshaya Sreenivasan (PhD, 2016); Fatima Mohammed (2019 PhD)

Invited Expert Presentations, Workshops & Competitive Conference Presentations (Selected)

Respondent to Keynote Speaker, "Africa's Development, Strategies and Challenges in The Era of Globalization", 2nd Pan-African Professional Alliance Conference, April 21, 2018. [Keynote Speaker: Dr. Julianne Malveaux, former President Bennett College for Women]

Moderator, Being African in Today's America. A CECR/PANAPA Symposium. Foster Auditorium, Nov 16, 2017.

Panelist, The Ambassador Experience. One-Day Fulbright Conference. The Penn Stater, April 6, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, Mediated paths out of the morass of mass failure in Math & English amongst West African Examination Council examinees." New Nigeria Foundation, Victoria Island Lagos, July 18, 2016.

Respondent to Keynote Speaker, “The Diaspora and Africa’s Future: Making a Difference through Research”, 1st Pan-African Professional Alliance Conference, April 1, 2017. [Keynote Speaker: Molefi K. Asante, Temple University]

Panelist, “Enhancing International Students’ Success in Graduate School”, African Students Association at Penn State. HUB-Robeson Symposium, April 22, 2016.

Guest Speaker, Penn State’s African Studies Program’s Kente Cloth Graduation Reception, May 8, 2015.

Invited Speaker, “African Media Research: The Quantity, the Quality and the politics.” Presented at the African Studies’ Brown Bag Lecture Series, College of Liberal Arts, Penn State University, March 27, 2013.

Keynote Speaker, “International Publications: The Roles of the Individual and the University. Lagos State University School of Communication Seminar Series, August 17, 2012.

Keynote Speaker, “International Publications: The Quality, the Quantity and the Politics. University of Ibadan Faculty of Arts Seminar Series, August 16, 2012.

Workshop Facilitator, Senior Staff Research Development Workshop IV, Department of Communication and Language Arts, University of Ibadan Nigeria. Workshop participants represented 15 Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics. (August 10, 2012).

Plenary Discussant, “Education, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development.” Third Centre for Sustainable Development Summit. The University of Ibadan, Ibadan Nigeria, (August 8, 2012).

Keynote Speaker, “Joining the Global Scholarly Conversation: Roles of the Individuals and University.” Delivered (July 30, 2012) at the Osun State University College of Humanities and Culture’s International Seminar Series, Ikire Osun State.

Seminar Facilitator, “Research and Scholarly Writing for Doctoral Students.” Two Day Workshop hosted by the Research Management Office, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; July 24-25, 2012.

Keynote Speaker/Seminar co-Facilitator, Research Skills Enhancement Workshop. Two Day Conference hosted by the Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo State Nigeria; July 23, 2012.

“Public Opinion on Nigeria’s Democracy: Why the Arab Spring stopped in the Desert. Paper presented (July 15, 2012) to the Political Communications Section of the International Association for Mass Communication Research (IAMCR) Durban South Africa, (Co-authored with Ayo Ojebode).

Workshop Facilitator, Senior Staff Research Development Workshop III (July 13, 2012), Department of Communication and Language Arts, University of Ibadan Nigeria. Workshop participants represented 15 Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics.

Workshop Facilitator, Senior Staff Research Development Workshop II (June 15, 2012), Department of Communication and Language Arts, University of Ibadan Nigeria. Workshop participants represented 15 Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics.

Workshop Facilitator, Senior Staff Research Development Workshop I (May 25, 2012), Department of Communication and Language Arts, University of Ibadan Nigeria. Workshop participants represented 15 Nigerian Universities and Polytechnics.

Keynote Speaker/Facilitator, “Unfamiliar Territory: HIV/AIDS and Biotech Research in South Africa. Presented to South Africa bound Spelman College G-STEM Scholars, March 22, 2012.

Keynote Speaker/Facilitator, “South Africa: Expanding the Geography of your mind. Presented to South Africa bound Spelman College G-STEM Scholars, March 22, 2012.

Scholarship via Service – Global

Service to the Profession

i. Miscellaneous Peer Reviews

External Reviewer – Candidate for Promotion to full Professor – The University of Lagos, Nigeria, 2020 -

Doctoral External Examiner, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, 2019 -

Member, Curriculum Committee [1 of 7] International Institute for Education of Students (IIES), 2017-2020.

Member, Board of directors of the Penn State, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and University for Development Studies Collaborative Research Consortium (PKUCRC), 2017-Date.

External Reviewer – Candidate for Promotion to Associate Professor – School of Journalism & Mass Communication, University of Iowa, 2017.

External Reviewer – Candidate for Promotion to Associate Professor – Centre for Film & Media Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2017.

Independent Peer Reviewer, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF), Scholarly Publishing Unit, 2016 – Date

Peer Reviewer, South Africa National Research Foundation (SANRF), 2015 – Date

Doctoral External Examiner, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2014 - Date

Doctoral External Examiner, University of Lagos, Nigeria, 2006 – Date

Doctoral External Examiner, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg South Africa, 2003 - Date

ii. Journal Editorial Work

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of MEDIA and Communication Review, 2015 - date

Member Reviewer Board, SAGE Open – ScholarOne, 2012 to date

Member, Editorial Board, Journalism and Society, 2011 to date

Member, Editorial Board, Critical Journal of Media Communication, 2010-date

Member, Editorial Board, Center Point: International Journal of Humanities, 2010 to date

Member, Editorial Board, International Journal of Social and Management Sciences, 2006 to 2012

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Communication and Language Arts, 2006 to date

iii. Manuscript Review

Manuscript Reviewer, Equid Novi [African Journalism Studies] 2010 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Social Problems, 2012 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Acta Academia, 2012 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, SAGE Open – ScholarOne, 2012 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Information Policy, 2011 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Critical Arts, 2008 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Global Mass Communication, 2008 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Radio Studies, 2005 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Communication, 2004 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, Journalism and Mass Communication Educator, 2004 to date

Manuscript Reviewer, African Studies Review, 2003 to date

Special Issue Manuscript Reviewer, Communication Quarterly, 2002

Special Issue Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Health Communication, 2000

Manuscript Reviewer, Howard Journal of Communication, 1997 to date

Serial Reviewer, Journal of African Communications, 1995-2007

Service to the University

University-Wide Committees & Advising

Faculty Advisor, Pan-African Professional Alliance [PAN-APA], 2016 – date

Member, University Global Programs' Planning Committee "Global Penn State Conference, 2012/13

Member, University Fulbright Consortium, 2010 – date

Member University Global Programs' Travel Grants Committee, 2010 – 2016

Co-author, Office of Global Programs Strategic Plan for 2008-2013

Faculty Mentor, Summer Research Opportunity for Minority Students, 2000-date

Faculty Mentor, FAST-START – Faculty-Staff-Alumni Mentoring Triad, The Pennsylvania State University, 2000 – to date
Faculty Adviser, African Students at Pennsylvania State University (Official / Unofficial) 1994 - date

Outreach Service – Institutional Partnership & Academic Linkages

Study Tour Program Director and Course Instructor, Media and Democracy in South Africa, 2001, 2002, 2003; 2015; 2017; 2018, 2019, 2020
Group Leader, Pennsylvania State University Delegation to Rhodes University, Grahamstown South Africa, September 2000
Group Leader, Pennsylvania State University Delegation to the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg South Africa, March 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

Service to the College

Member, Executive Committee, College of Communications; 2006-date
Head of Department, Film/Video & Media Studies; 2006-date
Lead author, Department of Film/Video & Media Studies Strategic Plan for 2008-2013
Co-facilitator, Post-Graduate Teaching Academy, 1999-2004.

Participation in Student Research Committees (Selected)

Independent Studies and Honors Theses Supervision

Giuliana Sorce (2017 PhD)
Azeta Hatef (2017 PhD)
M. Nadhir Muntaka (2017, PhD)
Fatimata Mohammed (2018, PhD)
Wanqian Li (2018, BA)
Ellis Stump (2018, BA)
Shayna Fermelant (2019 honors)
Meghan Shiels (2019)
Jason Schwartz (2020)

Master's Theses/Committee Membership

Carson Wagner, M.A. (1998 Grad) Penn State University
Diem Chau H.P. Ngo, M.A. (1999) Penn State University
Aaron Marshall, M.A. (2000 Grad) Penn State University
Veena Raman, M.A. (Co-Chair; 2001) Penn State University
Rukiya Eaddy, M.A. (2002 Grad) Penn State University
Jennifer Hernandez, M.A. (Chair 2003) Penn State University
Sojourner-Ruth Marable, M.A. (2003 Grad) Penn State University
Michelle Early, M.A. (2004 Grad) Penn State University
Nalova Westbrook, M.A. (2004 Grad) Penn State University
Joy Nadee M.A. (2005 Grad) Penn State University
Osa Amadi, M.Sc(Chair; 2006 Grad) Lagos State University, Lagos Nigeria
Michele Early, M.A. (Chair; 06Grad) Penn State University
O. Kuye, M.Sc (Chair; 2006 Grad) Lagos State University, Lagos Nigeria

Tunde Rahman, M.Sc (Chair; 2007 Grad) Lagos State University, 2006/2007
India Brown, M.A. (Chair; 2010 Grad) Penn State University
Ashanti Ishakara, M.A. (2010 Grad) Penn State University
Modupe Adekola, M.A. (Chair, 2013 Grad) University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Nwachukwu Egbunike, M.A. (Chair, 2013 Grad) University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Dupe Kuku, M.A. (Chair, 2013 Grad) University of Ibadan, Nigeria
Aya Katib, MA (Chair, 2019 Grad) Penn State University

Doctoral Dissertation/Committee Membership/Visiting Scholars

Alison Plessinger (2000 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Gabeba Baderoon (2000) University of Cape Town/Penn State Joint Program
Kim Sunghae (2005 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
George Lugalambi (2006 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Sandhya Bhattarcharya (2007 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Ayobami Ojebode (2008) Visiting Scholar, University of Ibadan
Rafael Diaz-Torres (2010 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Yong Tang (2012 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Brandie Martin (Research Advisor) (2013 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Caryn Winters (2013 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Lian Ma (2014 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Akshaya Sreenivasan (2016 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Juyoung Lee (2016 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Giuliana Sorce (2017 Grad) Pennsylvania State University
Fatimata Mohammed (2019 Grad) Penn State University
Bumgi Min (2020 Grad) Penn State University
Nadhir Muntaka (2020 Grad) College of Education, Penn State University
Nanre Nafziger-Maiyegun (2020 Grad) College of Education, Penn State
Pechulano Ngwe-Ali (2021 Grad) Penn State University

Funded Projects

Total Grant in Support of Research, Teaching and International Academic Linkages
= \$380, 161.00

Grant in Support (2019/20) COMM 419(h) Study Abroad Program: Office of Dean
College of Communication + Office of International Engagement, Schreyer Honors
College at Penn State. \$40, 000

Grant in Support (2018/19) COMM 419(h) Study Abroad Program: Office of Dean
College of Communication + Office of International Engagement, Schreyer Honors
College at Penn State. \$40, 000

Grant in Support (2017/18) COMM 419(h) Study Abroad Program: Office of Dean College of Communication + Office of International Engagement, Schreyer Honors College at Penn State. \$39, 000

Seed Grant in support of “Applied Communication” Field Work in West Africa: Office of the Dean, College of Communications + Office of Director Page Center + University Office of Global Programs. \$19,000

Grant in Support (2016/17) COMM 419(h) Study Abroad Program: Office of Dean College of Communication + Office of International Engagement, Shreyer Honors College at Penn State. \$30, 000

Research Grant in support of summer [May 18 – July 3] 2015 “Applied Communication” Field Work in South-West Nigeria. Office of the Dean, College of Communications. \$10,000

Grant in Support (2014/15) COMM 419(h) Study Abroad Program: Office of Dean College of Communication + Office of International Engagement, Shreyer Honors College at Penn State. \$30, 000

Grant in Support of (2012-2013) Collaborative Engagements with African Institutions. Grantor: Office of Dean College of Communications, July 2011. \$16, 000

Institute for Emerging Leaders in Online Learning. Grantor: Office of Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and Outreach, June 2010. \$2,495

Summer Research Opportunity Grant in Support of work with Minority Students. Grantor: Office of Vice Provost for Educational Equity, summer 2007; summer 2008. \$5, 000

Seed Grant, African Acculturation Rating Scale Survey, London, UK. Grantor: Office of Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Faculty Development, August 2007. \$5,000

Research Grant, in Support of Manuscript Development – Political Economy of Media Transformation in South Africa. Grantors: Office of Dean, College of Communications, March 2006. \$5,000

Sabbatical Supplemental Teaching Grant, Office of Vice Chancellor, Lagos State University, Lagos Nigeria; June-July, 2006. \$10, 000

William J. Fulbright Fellowship – (Host Institution: Lagos State University, Nigeria; engagement as Teacher, Researcher and Cultural Ambassador); 2005/2006. \$62,000.

Grant to participate in African-International Research Stakeholders’ Symposia. Grantor: Addis Ababa University School of Journalism and Communication, October 2005. \$5,000

Study Abroad Supplement (Democracy and Media Transformation in South Africa COMM 498H); A Study Tour of South Africa (Summer 2003). Sponsor: Schreyer Honors College Ambassador Travel Grant, Penn State. \$10,000

Growing Apart: Democratization and media transformation in Nigeria and South Africa (2002) Summer Research Grant, Office of Dean, College of Communications, Penn State. \$1,000

Study Abroad Supplement (Democracy and Media Transformation in South Africa COMM 499H): A Study Tour of South Africa (spring 2002). Sponsor: Schreyer Honors College Ambassador Grant, Penn State. \$27,000

Study Abroad Supplement (Democracy and Media Transformation in South Africa COMM 499H): A Study Tour of South Africa (Spring 2002). Sponsor: Office of Educational Equity, Penn State University. Supplemental Grant to support Minority Students' participation. \$3,000

Summer Research Grant (Case Study Survey: Media & Society COMM 100 Project). Sponsor: College of Communications, Penn State Grant summer, 2000/2001. \$1000

Institutional Partnership & Academic Linkages with South African Universities – Sponsor: Penn State Office of International Programs. Seed Grant defrayed cost of air travel, lodging, meals and meeting with three universities (Witswatersrand, Cape Town, Western Cape) in South Africa, 1999/2000. \$10,000

Share Fellow Mentorship Grant. Sponsor: Penn State Office of International Programs. Grant supported travel to conferences with South African Share Fellow, fall, 1999. \$7,666

Global Fund: Sponsor: Penn State Office of International Programs. Fund supported travel to present papers at international conferences in Israel, Scotland, Nigeria and South Africa, 1998-2000. \$1500

Minority Faculty Development Grant: Sponsor: Penn State Office of Minority Faculty Development. Grant defrayed cost of travel to present papers in Israel and Scotland. 1998. \$500

Awards and Honors

Invited to the Curriculum Review Panel, International Institute for the Education of Students Abroad [IIES], 2017

Selected as Independent Peer Reviewer, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAF), Scholarly Publishing Unit, 2016 – Date

Selected as South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF) Peer-Reviewer, 2015

Commencement Speaker, African Studies Program at Penn State University, May 2015

Lead co-author, Most Frequently Downloaded journal article; Science Direct [Telematics & Informatics], 2013

Author, Taylor & Francis [Journal of Radio & Audio Media] Most Read Articles, 2012

Keynote Speaker, Lagos State University School of Communication Faculty Seminar Series, 2012

Keynote Speaker, "International Publications: The Quality, the Quantity and the Politics. University of Ibadan Faculty of Arts Seminar Series, August 16, 2012

Keynote Speaker, Osun State University College of Humanities and Culture's International Seminar Series, Ikire Osun State, 2012

Keynote Speaker, Emmanuel Alayande College of Education, Oyo Nigeria, 2012

Professional Affiliations

Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (AEJMC)

International Association for Media & Communication Research (IAMCR)

African Studies Association (ASA)

Association of Communication Scholars & Professionals Nigeria

South African Communication Association