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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Master of Arts, German as a Foreign Language 2003 – 2005

Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany

- **Study emphases:** Applied linguistics, German for special purposes, multilingualism and intercultural communication, Aspects of literary and cultural studies in second language teaching.
- **Title of Master's thesis:** "Vermittlung kommunikativer und interkultureller Kompetenz in einem zielsprachen- und zeltkulturfremden Deutschunterricht: Das Beispiel Nigeria" ("Imparting communicative and intercultural competence in a German classroom far away from target language and culture: The Example of Nigeria")
- **Supervisor:** Professor Hermann Funk
- **Final Grade:** 1,9 (good)

Bachelor of Arts, German 1995 – 1999

Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, Nigeria

- **Study emphases:** German language and linguistics, German literature, cultural studies and translation
- **Title of Bachelor's thesis:** "Liebe und Selbstmord im Goethes Roman *Die Leiden des jungen Werthers*: Ein Vergleich zwischen nigerianischen und deutschen Wahrnehmungen dieser Begriffe" („Love and Suicide in Goethe's novel „The Sorrows of Young Werther“: A Comparison between Nigerian and German Conceptions of both Ideas)
- **Supervisor:** Mr. Doxie Okafor
- **Grade:** A (very good)
- **Equivalence Year Abroad Program (EYAP)** 1998
Goethe Institute, Lagos
 - Sat and passed the Goethe Certificate B1
 - Conducted library research in preparation for the Bachelor's thesis
- **Bachelor's Degree Final Grade:** 2,1 (Second Class Upper Division)

RELEVANT WORK/ RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

— Teaching/Research Experience (Nigeria)

Associate Lecturer for German and Integration Studies 2023 – present

Department of European and Integration Studies, University of Lagos

Adjunct Lecturer for German Equivalent Year Abroad Programme 2020 – present

Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Lecturer II in Germanic Studies 2012 – present
Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Graduate Assistant in Germanic Studies 2001 – 2003
Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Assistant German Teacher 2000
Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

- Member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)
- Assisted in teaching German in the Bachelor of Arts Program

— **Teaching/Research Experience (Germany)**

Research Assistant June 2006 – June 2007
*Humanities Collaborative Research Centre (SFB/FK 560),
 Institute of African Studies/Linguistics, University of Bayreuth*

- Assistant to Professor Dymtr Ibrizmwow conducting primary and secondary source research
- Collected and analysed data for the collaborative project “Language, Rituals and Cognitive Structure in Nigeria”

German Teacher (Compulsory Teaching Practice in the Masters German Program)
*Society for Social Services, Asylum Seekers
 and Contingent Immigrants Centre, Jena* September 01– November 30, 2004
Schulerhilfe Zentrum, Bayreuth 2005

— **Academic Service**

Member of the Faculty Board 2001 – present
Faculty of Arts, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Member of Academic Committee 2012 – present
Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Coordinator of Examinations and Time Table 2016 – 2018
Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Chairman of Library Committee 2014 – 2016
Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

Member of the Faculty Board 2012 – 2013
Faculty of Education, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

- As representative of the Department of Foreign Languages

SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS

— **Max Kade Fellowship**

- Ph.D Germanic Studies Program,
 University of Illinois, Chicago August 16, 2023 – May 15, 2024

— **DAAD/German Academic Exchange Service**

DAAD Scholarship 2018

- to attend the “FaDaF Conference and Training on Analysis and Production of Teaching Material for German as Foreign Language, *University of Mannheim, Germany*

DAAD Scholarship 2015

- to attend the “2nd African Urban Youth Language Conference”

- Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya*
- DAAD Scholarship** 2013
- to attend the “FaDaF Annual Conference/ Seminar on Methods of Teaching German as a Foreign Language in the Universities”, *Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg, Germany*
- DAAD Scholarship** 2012
- to attend the “GANAA Summer School on Multilingualism and Language Policies in Africa”, *Bondo University College, Bondo, Kenya*
- DAAD Scholarship** 2003 – 2005
- to pursue an “International Master’s German as a Foreign Language”, *Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany*
- DAAD Scholarship** 1998
- to take part in the Equivalent Year Abroad Program of Nigerian Universities, *Goethe-Institut, Lagos, Nigeria*

— Goethe Institute

- Scholarship of Goethe Institute** August 15 – August 20, 2022
- to attend the “17th International Conference of German Teachers (IDT)”, *University of Vienna, Austria*
- Scholarship of Goethe Institute** July 31 – August 13, 2016
- to attend a seminar on “Advanced Training Course for Teachers of German”, *Goethe Institute, Göttingen, Germany*
- Scholarship of Goethe Institute** August 04 – August 24, 2002
- to attend a seminar for “Young Teachers of German on Didactics, Methods and Cultural Studies”, *Goethe Institute, Munich, Germany*

PUBLICATIONS

“*Orpheus-Mythos: Tod und Erinnern im Werk von Ingeborg Bachmann*, Forthcoming from Journal of Nigerian Association of Teachers of German, NAToG.

with Jakob Mache). “Prosecution of the Female Body in Colonial Configurations of Marlen Hauhofer’s *Die Wand*”. In *LASU Journal of Portuguese Studies*, Vol.1, 23-24, 2018.

“Literatur im Dienst des Nigerianischen Deutschunterrichts“. In *Ife Journal of Foreign Languages (IJOVOL)*, *Special Edition*, Vol.8, 231-245, 2012.

Die Fremdsprache Deutsch in Nigeria: Zur Vermittlung kommunikativ-interkultureller Kompetenz in einem zielsprachen- und zeltkulturfernen Deutschunterricht. Saarbrücken: Akademikerverlag, 2011.

“What mental images reveal about religious lexemes in English and Yoruba in present-day Nigerian churches” In Eric A. Anchimbe and Mforteh Stephen A. (eds.). *Postcolonial Linguistic Voices: identity Choices and Representations*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter: 233-345, 2011.

“Language, rituals and cognitive Structures in Nigeria.” In Akin Alao (ed.). *Ife Journal of Cultural Studies*. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Special Edition, 207-228, 2011.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Wozu braucht man Deutsch in Afrika?: Zur Entwicklung des Fachs Deutsch als Fremdsprache seit dem 1960er Jahren in Nigeria“, XVII. Internationale Tagung der Deutschlehrerinnen und Deutschlehrer (IDT), University of Vienna, August 15–20, 2022.

“Representation of Women as Death: A Cross-Cultural Perspective”, Nigerian Association of Teachers of German (NAToG) Conference, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa, Nigeria, July 14-15, 2021.

“Urban Youth Language in Nigeria”, 2nd African Urban Youth Language Conference”, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, 2015.

“Foreign Language Teaching and the Question of Intercultural Language Studies in Nigeria”, 1st International Conference of Portuguese Teachers in Nigeria, Conference Center, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, November 22-23, 2011.

“The Foreign Language Teachers as Cultural Mediator: Theoretical and Pedagogical Reflections”, Nigerian Association of Teachers of German (NAToG) International Conference: Germanistik in Sub-Subsahara Afrika: Herausforderungen und neue Perspektiven, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, April 20, 2010

RESEARCH INTEREST

My primary research interests are in the representation of gender and relationships in German and Yoruba literature.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (ASUU)

Member, Der Internationale Deutschlehrerinnen- und Deutschlehrerverband e.V. (IDV)

Member, National Association of Nigerian Teachers of German (NAToG)

Alumni German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Member, German-African Network of Alumni and Alumnae (GANAA)

Member, Humanities Collaborative Research Centre (SFB/FK 560), University of Bayreuth, Germany, 2006 – 2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Founder and Co-Director 2013 – present

Deutsches Haus Initiatives, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

- *Coordinating Nigerian-German cultural Exchange*
- *Facilitating students internship from Germany aimed at Nigerian-German intercultural encounters*
- *Organizing regular Open Mic (poetry, spoken words, music, dance) and Debates for Students of German*

SKILLS

Computer: Proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel and PowerPoint

Languages: Yoruba: native, English: fluent, German: fluent

REFEREES

Professor Jakob Maché, former DAAD-lecturer, Department of Foreign Languages, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria jakob.mache@unilisboa.pt

Professor Adeyemi Adegoju, Department of English, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria yemiadegoju@oauife.edu.ng

Mr. Olanrewaju Okuseinde, Department of European Studies, University of Ibadan, Nigeria o.okuseinde@ui.edu.ng