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EDUCATION

NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Philosophy in Epistemology

Awka, Nigeria

March 2019 – September 2024

- Research Assistant (RA) to Prof. Ifechi J. Ndianefoo | Research Seminars and Workshops
- Departmental 2023 & 2024 UNESCO World Philosophy Day Conference Committee Member

AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in Philosophy

Zaria, Nigeria

April 2015 – June 2017

- Student Mentor | Research Assistant (RA) to Prof. Marcel Onyibor
- Departmental Academic & Social Events committee member

ADEKUNLE AJASIN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (Magna Cum Laude)

Akungba, Nigeria

September 2009 – August 2012

- Graduated 1st Runner-up Best Student in the Department of Philosophy
- President, National Association of Philosophy Students | Executive of the Year – Treasurer, Faculty of Arts Students' Association (FASA) | Head of Tutorial Committee

EXPERIENCE

EXCELERATE (VIRTUAL/REMOTE)

Project Management Intern

Awka, NGA

August 2025 – September 2025

- Supported the planning and execution of project management simulations, applying PMBOK-based frameworks to real-world case studies.
- Collaborated with a diverse, international team to design project charters, schedules, and risk management plans.
- Developed stakeholder management strategies and progress reports, enhancing communication and organizational skills.
- Gained hands-on experience with project planning tools and methodologies in a professional training environment.

ANAMBRA STATE GOVERNMENT

Executive Assistant to the Governor on Education

Awka, NGA

May 2022 till Present

- Provided strategic support to the Governor and Commissioner for Education in shaping key education policies, including the Anambra State Schools' AI and Robotics Initiative, impacting over 86 core public pilot schools statewide; used tools like Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, and policy analysis frameworks to design and track implementation strategies.
- Assisting in the development and implementation of transformative educational policies, leveraging digital tools to enhance effectiveness and reach.
- Represented the Commissioner in education committee meetings, ensuring consistent alignment with government priorities and contributing to the successful rollout of two major statewide STEM programs.

ANAMBRA STATE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ICT/Digital Lesson Coordinator

Awka, NGA

October 2021 till Present

- Led the statewide digitization of education, integrating ICT tools like Google Workspace for Education, Microsoft Teams, and YouTube into school curricula and training over 1,000 educators, resulting in a 30% increase in digital learning adoption across public schools.
- Developed and maintained Ministry of Education websites using tools like WordPress, HTML/CSS, and Google Analytics, improving site accessibility and increasing monthly user engagement by 45% within six months.
- Conduct monthly data collation, analysis, and evaluation of school enrollment figures using tools like Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets, and basic statistical methods. This effort supports the monitoring of the Governor's Free Education Initiative, contributing to Anambra State achieving the lowest out-of-school children rate in Nigeria, less than 2.9%, as reported by UNESCO.
- Generated actionable policy insights at the intersection of technology and education governance, contributing to three major State policy frameworks on EdTech integration and digital equity.

Senior Executive Officer

Aug 2020 till Present

- Supported administrative coordination and policy implementation under the Commissioner for Education by managing schedules, drafting official correspondence, and tracking project milestones using tools like Microsoft Excel, Trello, and Google Workspace,

contributing to a 25% improvement in policy rollout timelines.

- Assisted department directors in strategic planning and operational efficiency initiatives, including the development of annual work plans, KPI dashboards, and budget tracking sheets, leading to a 15% increase in inter-departmental collaboration and goal alignment

Administrative Assistant to the Honourable Commissioner for Education

November 2020 till Present

- Provided executive-level secretarial and administrative support, streamlining daily operations and improving team efficiency by 25% through optimized workflows
- Managed correspondences, scheduling, and documentation to support executive operations.

Personal Assistant to the Honourable Commissioner for Education

April 2014 – August 2020

- Provided executive-level secretarial and personal support.
- Managed correspondences, scheduling, and documentation to support executive operations.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

ANAMBRA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Awka, NGA

NYSC Trainer for data Collation and Analysis

September 2018 till present

- Deliver monthly training sessions to National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members on Anambra State Schools' data collation, analysis, and evaluation using tools such as Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets, and basic statistical methods, enhancing data literacy for over 50 participants annually.
- Guide trainees in collecting and interpreting education-related metrics to support evidence-based decision-making for the Ministry of Education and Anambra State Government, contributing to improved accuracy in state education reports and planning, and to monitor students' enrollment rate across the State.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- **Member, Nigerian Philosophical Association (NPA)** *October 2020 till present*
- **Member, Conversational Society of Philosophy (CSP)** *January 2022 till present*
- **Africa Indigenous Knowledge Research Network (AIKRN)** *January 2026 till present*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- **Anambra State Education Desk Officer** *October 2024 till present*
Nigeria Human Capital Opportunities for Prosperity and Equality (HOPE – GOV) World Bank Project Member, Nigerian
- **Secretariat Member, Education Law Review Committee** *August 2024 till present*
Member of the 2024 Anambra State Committee on Education Law review of '1991 Revised Education Law' and '1995 Education Law Edict'.
- **Secretariat Member, The Anambra State Education Advisory Council** *December 2022 till present*
Nigerian
- **Panel Secretary, Teachers' Recruitment Exercise** *August 2022 – February 2023*
Member of the 2022 Anambra State's 5,000 Teachers Recruitment Exercise
- **National Examination Supervision/Monitoring** *May 2020 till present*
Supervising and Monitoring of May/June West Africa Senior Schools Certificate Examination (WASSCE), Anambra State.
Supervising and Monitoring of June/July National Examination Council (NECO), Anambra State.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- **Peer Reviewer, Taylor & Francis (Routledge) Journal of African Identities** *December 2025 till present*

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Long Essay, Thesis and Dissertation

- Omogunwa, I. J (2012). *Juxtaposition of Western Epistemology and African Concept of Testimony*, (B.A Long Essay) Department of Philosophy, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba – Akoko, Ondo State.
- Omogunwa, I. J (2017). *A Philosophical Justification of Oral Testimony in African Epistemology* (M.A Thesis) Department of Philosophy, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State.
- Omogunwa, I.J (2024). *An Appraisal of the Epistemic Foundations of Democracy in Nigeria*, (PhD. Dissertation), Department of Philosophy, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State.

Books

- Omogunwa, I. J, (2014). *Juxtaposition of Western Epistemology and African Concept of Testimony*, Saarbrücken: Lambert Academic Publishing.
- Omogunwa, I. J, (2020). *Who is A Nigerian? A Philosophical Evaluation of the Nigerian socio-political Life and search for National*

Identity, independently published

Journals Articles

- Omogunwa, I. J, (2011). Metaphysics, the Study of Ultimate Reality: A Critical Evaluation, *Cogito Ergo Sum Vol. 1, No.1*, 2011.
- Omogunwa, I. J, (2011). Jean Jacques Rousseau's Political Theory as an Offshoot of Communism, *Cogito Ergo Sum Vol. 1, No.1*, 2011.
- Omogunwa, I. J, (2018). The Carpenter as a Philosopher-Artist; A critique of Plato's Theory of Mimesis, *Philosophy Pathways – Issue 222 – 28th April 2018*, <https://philosophypathways.com/newsletter/issue222.html>
- Oyekunle, B.S & Omogunwa, I.J (2018), Lockean Memory Theory of Personal Identity: A Critique, *FALSAFA: Journal of the Department of Philosophy*, Vol. 1. pp 183 – 193
- Omogunwa, I. J, & Marcel, I.S.O (2019), Justification of Oral Testimony in Igbo and Yoruba Epistemology. *Sapientia: Journal of Philosophy*, Vol.10.
- Omogunwa, I. J (2024) Evaluation of Testimony and the Reliability of a Yoruba-African Oral-based Epistemology *ESTAGA*, Vol. 1, No. 3, 2024
- Omogunwa, I. J, & Ndianefo I. J (2024), Towards an Epistemic Foundations of Democracy: An Inquiry, *ESTAGA*, Vol. 1, No. 2, 2024
- Omogunwa, I. J. (2025). *From Information to Belief: The Epistemic Gap in AI Testimony*, *FALSAFA: Journal of the Department of Philosophy*, Vol. 2.
- Omogunwa, I. J. (Forthcoming). *The Epistemic Boundaries of Artificial Intelligence: Examining Validity and the Nature of Understanding beyond Correlation*. (Research Proposal).

Presentations & Workshops and Conferences

Presenter

- Ahmadu Bello University Postgraduate Students Conference, 23rd and 24th November, 2016. Paper Presented: *The Need for Dialogic Relationship between the Supervisor and Supervisee for Timely graduation of Students in Ahmadu Bello University Post-Graduate Programme*, Zaria.
- 2nd African Philosophy World Conference at the University of Calabar, Nigeria 12th – 14th October, 2017, and Paper presented: *Evaluation of Testimony and the reliability of Oral African Epistemology*, Calabar.
- Belfast Workshop 2017, Exclusion amid Inclusion?: How Power Sharing Engages Non- Dominant Communities 9th - 10th November 2017, Queen's University Belfast. Paper presented: *Who is a Nigerian? A Philosophical Evaluation of the Nigerian socio-political development and its search for National Identity*. <https://sites.google.com/site/eaidilemma/belfast-2017/paper-abstracts>
- Two-Day Capacity Building Seminar for Private School Educators, organized by the Anambra State Ministry of Education, Nigeria, 17th - 20th June, 2025. Lead Presenter: *Transformative Leadership and Administrative Mastery: Strategies for Sustainable School Management*.
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- *Epistemic Trust and Prejudicial Acceptance in Uncooperative Information Environments*. Presented at the Responsible Trusting Without Prejudice First Workshop, online, March 20–21, 2026. Organized by the University of Stirling and the University of Edinburgh (project led by Crispin Wright and Aidan McGlynn; supported by the Royal Society of Edinburgh). https://crispinwright.com/rtwp_workshop/

Attendee

- 2nd International Conference of *History & International studies*, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, on Africa and the Question of Leadership, 22nd – 24th November, 2017.
- International Conference on *Epistemic Oppression and Decolonization*, 29th May – 31st May, 2024, at Université du Québec à Montréal, Online participation - <https://www.youtube.com/@EpistemicOppressionandDecoloni>
- International Conference on *The Sense of Metaphysics/Ontology: Object, Method, Concept, Grounds, Criticism*, 6th – 7th June, 2024, organized by University of Occupational Safety Management in Katowice, Poland and Online, <https://www.wistocierzeczy.pl/conference-the-sense-of-metaphysics-ontology/>
- International Conference on *The Epistemology of Ancient Embryology*, 1st – 3rd July, 2024, organized by the British Society for the History of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, in-person and online. <https://theepistemologyofancientembryology.wordpress.com/>

Proceedings

- Omogunwa Ilemobayo John (2016), *The Need for Dialogic Relationship between the Supervisor and Supervisee for Timely graduation of Students in Ahmadu Bello University Post-Graduate Programme*, Proceedings of The Ahmadu Bello University

Workshops

- A-two-day *Elsevier Science Direct Database Training* on 18th October, 2016 at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Kaduna State
- One-week Executive Training on *Fundamentals of Office Administration for Effective Leadership in Organization*, 26th February – 2nd March 2018 at New Keffi Hotel, Nasarawa, by Fagna Training & Consultants Ltd.
- One-week Training Workshop on *Digital Lesson Production and Delivery*, 7th June – 9th June, 2021 at National Teachers' Institute Learning Centre, Kaduna, by The Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja, in collaboration with National Teachers' Institute, Kaduna - Nigeria.
- One-week Workshop on *Perspectivism and Realism in Science and Mind (PRISM)*, June 4th to 11th, 2024. Online. <http://www.embody.group/prism2024/>
- Workshop on *CEKAS 'Ambition, Social Recognition and Prestige*, 27th June, 2024, organized by The School of Divinity, History, Philosophy & Art History, in University of Aberdeen, in-person and online. <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/sdhp/events/20585/>

Research Interests

- Epistemology of Testimony, Ethics, African Philosophy, Critical Thinking and Logic, Democratic Theory, Digital Transformation in Education, Public Policy and Development.

ADDITIONAL

- **Skills:** Critical Thinking, Web development, Philosophical research, Policy Analysis and Development, Public Speaking, Strategic Communication, Digital Education Tools
- **Languages:** Fluent in English and Yoruba