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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ethics/Environmental Philosophy), University of Port Harcourt, Choba, Rivers State, 2024.

- *Martin Heidegger on Techne: Implications for Environmental Sustainability in the Niger Delta.*

Master of Arts (Philosophy), University of Port Harcourt, Choba, Rivers State, 2018.

- *Immanuel Kant on Duty: Implications for Corporate Social Responsibility in Nigeria*

Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy), University of Port Harcourt, Choba, Rivers State, 2010.

- Second Class Upper Division
- Subject Prize Philosophy (Best Graduating Student in Philosophy)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ethics
- Environmental Ethics
- Philosophy of Technology
- Existentialism
- Phenomenology
- Digital Humanities
- Environmental Philosophy

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa, Nigeria (2013–Present)

- Conducting research in ethics, existentialism, environmental ethics, and the philosophy of technology and its influence on contemporary society.
- Examining Martin Heidegger's philosophy of technology and its relevance to artificial intelligence and sustainability.
- Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate research projects in the philosophy of technology, ethics, and environmental philosophy, etc.

- Publishing scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals and contributing book chapters on scientific explanation, duty ethics, and corporate social responsibility.
- Engaging in interdisciplinary collaborations that explore the intersection of philosophy, technology, and national security.

DOCTORAL RESEARCHER, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria (2020–2024)

- Developing a dissertation on ethics and environmental ethics perspectives on sustainability, with a focus on human agency and ethical considerations.
- Investigating the ethical challenges posed by AI and technoscientific ideologies in Nigerian and global contexts.
- Presenting research findings at academic conferences and contributing to discussions on fallibilism, technology, and national security.

PEER REVIEWER

- Conducting peer review activities for the *Journal of Business Ethics*, assessing scholarly contributions in applied and corporate ethics.

AREAS OF TEACHING EXPERTISE

- **Medieval Philosophy**—Philosophical thought from Augustine to Aquinas, including scholasticism and the synthesis of faith and reason.
- **Epistemology**—Theories of knowledge, justification, scepticism, and the role of perception and reason.
- **Modern Philosophy**—Exploring knowledge, justification, skepticism, and the dynamic relationship between perception and reason.
- **Research Methodologies**—Qualitative and quantitative research methods in philosophy, critical analysis, and argumentation strategies.
- **Environmental Ethics**—Ethical frameworks addressing ecological concerns, sustainability, and human responsibility toward nature.
- **Introduction to Philosophy and Science**—Foundational concepts in the philosophy of science, scientific explanation, and the interplay between scientific and philosophical inquiry.
- **Introduction to Philosophy and Logic**—Principles of logical reasoning, argument structure, informal and formal logic, and their applications in philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Bayelsa, Nigeria (2013–Present)

- Medieval Philosophy (PHL 226, Undergraduate Level)
- Epistemology (PHL 317, Undergraduate Level)
- Modern Philosophy (PHL 319, Undergraduate Level)
- Research Methodologies (PHL 326, Undergraduate Level)
- Environmental Ethics (PHL 426, Undergraduate Level)
- Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Science (PHL 111, Undergraduate Level)
- Introduction to Philosophy and Logic (PHL 212, Undergraduate Level)

GRANTS

Tertiary Education Trust Fund, Staff Development Grant (PhD), 2020.

AWARDS / DISTINCTIONS

- *Subject Prize Philosophy (Best Graduating Student in Philosophy, 2011).*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS / ORGANIZATIONS

- Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Nigeria (2013-Present)
- International Chair in Bioethics (International Forum of Teachers), Porto, Portugal (2019–Present)
- British Ecological Society, London, UK (2024–Present)
- Philosophical Society of England, Newcastle, UK (2022—Present)
- Society for Philosophy and Technology, Enschede, Netherlands (2022–Present)
- Association of Professional Philosophers of Nigeria, Nigeria (2018—Present)
- Python Software Foundation, Fredericksburg, Virginia, USA (2020–Present)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY / SERVICE

- Departmental Examinations Officer (Part-time) (2021–Present)
- Departmental Examinations Officer (Full-time) (2024–Present)
- Supervisor, Undergraduate Projects (2015–Present)

- Member, Departmental CCMAS Committee (2022–2023)
- Secretary, Departmental Board (2020–Present)
- Department Chair, Curriculum Development Committee (2022–Present)
- Departmental Timetable Officer (2023–Present)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Association of Philosophy Professionals of Nigeria (APPON) Annual National Conference, Makurdi, Benue State, 2019.
- Association of Philosophy Professionals of Nigeria (APPON) Annual National Conference, Benin, Edo State, 2021.
- Association of Philosophy Professionals of Nigeria (APPON) Annual National Conference, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Ekperi, M.** (2024). *“To Live or Not to Live: An Existential Dilemma.”* *The Root Journal of Humanities, Education & Social Sciences*. DOI: [10.6084/m9.figshare.27481344](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.27481344)
- **Ekperi, M.** (2024). *“Martin Heidegger on Technology: Implications for Artificial Intelligence.”* *South-South Journal of Humanities and International Studies*. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.13911577](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13911577)
- **Ekperi, M.** (2024). *“Martin Heidegger on the Notion of “Dwelling”: Implications for Environmental Sustainability.”* *Niger Delta Journal of Gender, Peace & Conflict Studies*. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.13911621](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13911621)
- **Ekperi, M.** (2023). *“The General Concept of Scientific Explanation: A Critical Review.”* In *Selected Themes in The Philosophy of Science*. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.13911741](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13911741)
- **Ekperi, M. & E. S. Udisi** (2021). *“Fallibilism and Technoscientific Ideology in System Building in Nigeria.”* In *Philosophy and National Security: Interrogations in a Distressed Nation*. ISBN: 978-978-52613-8-7. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.13914859](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13914859)
- **Ekperi, M.** (2020). *“The Kantian Concept of Duty and Corporate Social Responsibility in Nigeria.”* *Sapientia: Journal of Philosophy*. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.13915030](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13915030)
- **Ekperi, M. & E. S. Udisi** (2019). *“Religion and Morality: A Comparison Between Contemporary, Western and Traditional Izon World Experiences.”* *Wilberforce Island Review*. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.13915161](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13915161)
- **Ekperi, M. D., & Osife-Kurex, P. O.** (2024). *“The role of symbols in African epistemology.”* In G. Lawrence-Hart & B. S. Deeza (Eds.), *The power of symbols in African religion and philosophy*. University of Port Harcourt Press.

REFERENCES

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