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RELIGION • SOCIETY • STUDENT RELATIONS

WORLD CHRISTIANITY • AFRICAN INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS • AFRICAN RELIGIONS IN THE
DIASPORA • LECTURES & DISCUSSIONS • RESEARCH

PROFILE

- Multilingual (Hausa, Idoma & English) leader with excellent academic credentials and solid expertise in delivering lectures and instruction to maximize student interest and comprehension.
- Extremely well-versed in theories of religions and African indigenous religions.
- Committed to actively promoting educational mission and vision, student advocacy, and diversity.
- Continuously build, nurture, and maintain a respectful environment conducive to academic success and a positive school reputation.
- Able to forge unified community relationships to advance and support success of students.
- Adept at connecting with, motivating, and educating people from all cultures and backgrounds.
- Effectively integrate technology into curricular initiatives to enhance delivery and impact.
- Advanced knowledge of concepts related to adult learning, instructional leadership, curriculum development, and performance measurement.
- Technical acumen includes modern cartographical and data analysis software.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021

Teaching Assistant

- Taught 'Understanding Research Methods, Techniques and Data Analysis'.
- Generated discussions among students with an emphasis on critical thinking, acceptance, open-mindedness, and innovation.
- Introduced students to ethnographic works featuring broad-scope cultures, personalities, and ideas.

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2016 to 2019

Research Assistant

- Reviewed materials prepared by team members and conducted literature searches.

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2019

Teaching Assistant

- Delivered readings on 'Latin American Liberation Theologies'.
- Presented lecture, 'Reflections: Christianity in the Land of the Ancestors'.
- Taught 'Vitality of Indigenous Religions of sub-Saharan Africa'.

University of Jos, Department of Religious Studies, Nigeria, 2019; 2016; 2015

Teaching Assistant

- Participated in teaching 'The Supreme Being in African Religion' course.
- Taught 'Introduction to Comparative Religion' to students and answered questions.
- Presented 'African Religion in Western Scholarship' and distributed assignments.
- Delivered survey to explore and collect data on African traditional religion.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

PhD, Religion and Society, Princeton Theological Seminary

MSc, Religious Studies, New College, University of Edinburgh

MA, Interaction of Religions, Religion and Philosophy, University of Jos

BA, Religious Studies, Religion and Philosophy, University of Jos

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publication: "Fading Boundaries: Religion and Spatial Mapping of Nigeria's Jos North Urban Centre." Journal of World Christianity 10, no. 1 (2020): 68-83.

Book Chapter: "Religious Buildings and Ideological Conflicts: Broken Religious Sites and Unbroken Spatial Attachments in Jos North, Nigeria," in Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities, ed. Day Katie and Elise M. Edwards, Routledge

Book Chapter: "Jos is the Epicenter of Christianity:" Ancestral Land Rights and the Concerns of De-spatializing the Identity of Jos North, Nigeria" in World Christianity and Interfaith Relations, ed. Richard Young Fox, Afe Adogame and Raimundo Barreto, Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, (Forthcoming)

Co-authored with Umaru Adamu Dauda. "African Traditional Religion, Morality, and Society." In The Palgrave Handbook of African Traditional Religion, edited by Aderibigbe S. Ibigbolade and Toyin Falola. USA: Macmillan, (Forthcoming)

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2021 Academic Reading Isichei, Jos Oral History and Literature Texts (1981). Presented at World Christianity Concepts, Theory, Methodology PhD Seminar, under the sub-theme "World Christianity's Thematic Particularities Conversion & Christianization," Princeton Theological Seminary

2020 Faith and Topography: A Remote Sensing Analysis of Religious Interaction in Jos North, Nigeria, "accepted for presentation" at the 2020 SSSR+RRA annual meeting October 23-25, Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh

2020 Faith and Topography: A Remote Sensing Analysis of Religious Interaction in Jos North, Nigeria. Presented at the session of Conceptualizing Religion and Rethinking Methods in the Sociology of Religion. Sociology of Religion Unit's Religion 2020 AAR 2020 online AAR Annual Meeting, November 28-30

2020 Ancestral Land Rights, Indigeneity and the Concerns of De-spatializing the Identity of Jos North, Nigeria." Presented at the session Methodology in the Study of Space, Place, and Religion! Space, Place, and Religion Unit AAR 2020 online AAR Annual Meeting, November 29-30

2019 "Jos is the Epicenter of Christianity:" Ancestral Land Rights and the Concerns of De-spatializing the Identity of Jos North, Nigeria. Panel presentation at "Currents, Perspectives, and Ethnographic Methodologies for World Christianity: An International, Interdisciplinary Conference organized by The World Christianity and History of Religions Program," Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

2018 Fading Boundaries: Religion, Violence and Spatial Mapping of Nigeria's Jos North Urban Centre. Presented at Religion and Power: The Creation, Reproduction and Deconstruction of Social Order SSSR 2018 Annual Meeting October 26-28 Las Vegas, Nevada.

2018 Fading Boundaries: Religion, Violence, and Spatial Mapping of Nigeria's Jos North Urban Center. Presented at Currents in Sociology of Religion in Africa and the African Diaspora Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion 2018 AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 17-20

2018 Take My House, Not the House of God: Broken Religious Sites and Unbroken Spatial Attachments in Jos North Urban Center, Nigeria. Presented at the African Religions Unit 2018 AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 17–20 AAR Denver

2017 Assessing Structure and Themes. Review Panel on The Wiley Blackwell Companion to World Christianity, eds. Lamin Sanneh and Michael J. McClymond (Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2016). Panelists: Thomas Seat, Briana Wong, Shalon Park, Amid Elabo; Respondents: Lamin Sanneh, Michael J. McClymond. Presented at the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity Conference, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

2014 From Living Together to Living Apart: Over Three Decades (1980-2013) of Ethno-Religious Conflicts and Spatial (Re) configuration of the Urban Centers of Jos and Kaduna. Workshop Presentation at School of Divinity, New College, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

HONORS & AWARDS

Doctoral Student Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2016 to Present

Student Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2020 to 2021

MEMBERSHIPS

International Sociological Association

American Academy of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Steering Committee, AAR Sociology of Religion Unit

VOLUNTEER

World Christianity Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2018, 2019, 2021

Symposium Co-Organizer

- Merged sharp planning, coordination, multi-tasking, and interpersonal skills to orchestrate and execute annual symposium.

SKILLS/TECHNOLOGY

ArcGIS Spatial Analysis Software | Google Earth Pro | QSR International's NVivo 12 Plus |

Data Analytic (Python Seaborn, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib) | Web Scraping | Data Mining | Data Cleaning | MySQL | SQL | Power BI | Tableau | Dashboarding | Microsoft PowerPoint | Advanced Excel (Pivot Tables, Graphing, Tables, Calculations & Automation)