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PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE PROFILE

- ☞ *An accomplished Administrator, Teacher, Educator and Researcher, with expertise in higher and tertiary education and demonstrated success in student academic and professional development*
- ☞ *Extensive experience in the creation and design of successful student programs, curriculum and attendant positive student outcomes*
- ☞ *As Chair of Department, achieved placement of the Social Work program in the 5th position among 35 [out of 150 surveyed] Best Value American Christian Colleges with CSWE-accredited Programs in 2015*
<http://www.socialworkdegreeguide.com/best-value-christian-colleges-cswe-accredited-bsw-msw-2015/>
- ☞ *Proven ability to build innovative, epistemological programs and coursework that foster and enhance pedagogy and learning that meet the needs of a diverse classroom and learning environment*
- ☞ *Adept at crafting efficacious grant letters with a high percentage of procurement.*
- ☞ *Chaired a department, administered annual budget and supervised tenured, track tenured faculty and administrative personnel*
- ☞ *Recognized for consistently meeting or exceeding annual student progress goals, outcomes and institutional milestones*
- ☞ *Implemented alternative educational programs at the graduate level with a high rate of success*
- ☞ *Hired and trained faculty, staff members, coordinated services, supervised activities and assigned in-service and external programs*
- ☞ *Serves on several departmental and university-wide committees [including Rank, Tenure & Promotion] that enhanced student, faculty, administration and university outcomes*
- ☞ *Serves as external universities examiner for doctoral dissertations*
- ☞ *Serves as external universities assessor/examiner to rank, tenure and promotions*
- ☞ *Chaired and successfully coordinated several national, international, Diasporic and transnational mercy and non-profit organizations and events that enhance individual, group and national capacities*
- ☞ *Nominated for the 2013 University-wide Achievement in scholarship Award*
- ☞ *Awarded the 2013 University-wide achievement in research/scholarship*
- ☞ *Accomplished writer and journal contributor of many journal articles*

- ☞ *Co-Editor of two books- Settlers in transition: Pathways and roadblocks to settlement and citizenship of New Comers in New Homelands; & Strangers in New Homelands: The Social Deconstruction and Reconstruction of “Home” among Immigrants in the Diaspora*
- ☞ *Co-Founder, “Strangers in New Homelands Annual International Conference” University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada*
- ☞ *Editor-in-chief, Associate Editor, Editorial Board member and Peer-Reviewer of several international journals*

EDUCATION & TRAINING

McGill UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA 2002-2007

Ph.D. [Double Major--Interdisciplinary Ad Personam]

Major: Social work

Major: Integrated Studies in Education

McGill UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA 2000 -2001

Master of Social Work {M.S.W.}

McGill UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA 1999 -2000

Bachelor of Social Work {B.S.W.} Summa cum laude

Accomplishment:

- Life-membership Investiture/Induction, Golden Key International Honor Society, for outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence

UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA, NIGERIA 1975-1979

Bachelor of Science {B.Sc.} Hon. Sociology & Anthropology

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE OF NIGERIA {ASCON}, NIGERIA 1988

Merit in Human Resources qualifying course & final examination

FEDERAL RADIO CORPORATION OF NIGERIA
{FRCN} TRAINING SCHOOL, Nigeria 1983

Radio Broadcasting & Production Course

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS, JOLIET, ILLINOIS 2008-

HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING, PRACTICE & ADMINISTRATION

Professor of Social Work

Chair, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work 2014-2018

College of Arts & Sciences

Summary of Roles & Responsibilities:

- ☞ Advise the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences on all departmental academic policies, curricular matters, faculty personnel, fiscal [budgetary] and instructional policies
- ☞ Coordinate all departmental affairs - assists the Dean of the college to plan, organize, coordinate, manage, and administer the affairs of the department
- ☞ Supervise and coordinate the responsibilities and activities of the Directors of the BSW, MSW programs as well as the Director of Field Practicum
- ☞ Represent faculty and staff of the Department of Social Work

Role specificities:

- ☞ Meet biweekly with the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and regularly meet with the Social Work Department faculty on any pertinent matters
- ☞ Conduct and coordinate monthly meetings of the Department of Social Work
- ☞ Prepare, coordinate, monitor and administer the department budget in concert with the office of the CFO & Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences
- ☞ Advise the Dean of the College of Art & Sciences on proposals to add, revise or delete a course
- ☞ Advise the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences regarding specific course offerings that fulfill general education requirements
- ☞ Provide resolution to student grievances that are not related to Title IX
- ☞ Coordinate all course offerings of the department, including preparing the two-year cycle of courses
- ☞ Assign course offerings to faculty members in the department and perform periodic suitability review
- ☞ Coordinate all advising endeavors of the department, including initial interviews with majors, assignment of faculty advisors, and coordination of records with the Registrar
- ☞ Initiate and coordinate the annual department assessment with the department faculty
- ☞ Initiate and coordinate the systematic review of each program-BSW & MSW every five years in cooperation with the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences
- ☞ Coordinate accreditation and reaccreditation activities for the program, including writing progress reports as required by the accrediting bodies, arrange/coordinate site visit activities, participate in specialized, regional and national accreditation activities as appropriate, edit self-study reports as needed, and serve as the liaison between the program and the external accrediting body for the program under review
- ☞ Cooperate with appropriate personnel in the preparation of the University Catalog
- ☞ Responsible for staffing recommendations (full-time and adjunct) to the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, including but not limited to: hiring, review, retention, promotion and termination
- ☞ Evaluate faculty for tenure, retention, promotion, professional advancement, and annual review of tenured faculty and tenure track faculty; termination for cause, make recommendations to the Dean, which shall be provided to the University Rank, Tenure and Promotion Committee/s as appropriate

- ☞ Communicate with all new Social Work faculty about course content and the teaching mission as related to the department
- ☞ Advise the Curriculum Committee, when requested, regarding proposals to delete, revise, or add a program of study
- ☞ Review teaching effectiveness with the Social Work department faculty member at least once a year (Often includes class visitation and observation)
- ☞ Coordinate department activities related to the promotion of the academic program and the recruitment of students
- ☞ Ensure civil and effective communication among full-time, part-time and adjunct faculty and promote and encourage their professional development
- ☞ Assist the Admissions Office in the recruitment and advising of new students (phone calls and visual interactions& on-campus consultations with prospective students); when necessary, hold special events to attract new students
- ☞ Assist Institutional Advancement Office, when requested, in the writing of grants
- ☞ Perform other duties as assigned by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

Teaching Courses

Graduate Level:

- ☞ Social Policy I: Analysis & Practice
- ☞ Social Policy II: Ethics in Social Welfare
- ☞ Ethics: Ethical Issues in Contemporary Social Work
- ☞ Issues of Domestic Violence: Families at Risk
- ☞ Practice and Policy Issues in Child Abuse and Neglect
- ☞ Crisis Intervention in Family Centered Practice
- ☞ Forensic Social Work {Legal & Ethical Issues in Social Work}
- ☞ Forensic Practice Skills Lab
- ☞ Seminar in Family Law
- ☞ Seminar in Criminal Law
- ☞ Field Practice Integrated Seminar III
- ☞ System Approach to Serving Older Veterans
- ☞ Independent Study
- ☞ Military Social Work: Social Work Practice with Servicemen, Veterans, & Their Families

Undergraduate Level

- ☞ Social Policy I & II
- ☞ Field Instruction & Seminar II
- ☞ Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- ☞ Readings in Social Work

University Service

General Education Committee-Member	2019-
Faculty Affairs Committee- Member	2017-2018
Faculty Compensation Committee	2017-2018

Rank, Tenure and Promotion Committee of the University-Member	2016-2017
Psychology Department Search Committee- Member	2013-
Faculty Affairs Committee- Member-	2010-2013
International Advisory Committee- Member-	2010-
Diversity Council of the University-Member	2010-2016
Educational Standards Committee-Member	2013-2015
International Students Community-Advisor	2009-
Advisory Board-Brother 2 Brother-Member	2009-
Department of Social Work Search Committee- Member	2009-

McGill UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA 2006-2008
Sessional Lecturer, School of Social Work

Teaching course

- ☞ Community Skills Lab
- ☞ Any other courses and duties as may be assigned

Taught Bachelor of Social Work [Advanced Specialist program], involving previous graduate students from the Social Sciences disciplines, who were interested in obtaining a professional degree in Social Work

CHILDREN’S AID SOCIETY OF OTTAWA, OTTAWA, CANADA 2001-2008

Social Worker, Child & Youth Protection

- Intervened with families within the mandate of the Ontario Child and Family Act
- Counseled families in crises within the framework of the Child Protection Act
- Referred families to community resources-psychoactive addictions programs/counseling, child and partner abuse programs, to maintain children in stable home environments
- Liaised with the Society’s various publics-police, the legal system, community organizations, schools, hospitals, in creating safe environments for children and their families
- Prepared court affidavits and child protection applications on behalf of abused children or those at risk for physical, sexual and emotional abuse
- Presented expert witness testimonies in court, on behalf of the Children’s Aid Society in the case of subpoenas, child abuse-related apprehensions and foster care placement

BLACK STAR BIG BROTHER PROJECT, MONTREAL, QUEBEC 1999-2001

Project Coordinator {Matched Young Boys to Adult Male Role Models}

- Established community outreach and recruited adult male role models
- Matched adult male role models to boys residing with single mothers/widows
- Liaised with Black Star’s various publics for youth crime prevention-drug abuse prevention, treatment, school dropout and referrals

DOUGLAS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, MONTREAL, QUEBEC 2000

Residential Services Practice animator {Desi Pradel Discharge & Semi-Independent Home}

- Intervened with 8 recovering mental health patients-semi-independent living
- Stimulated semi-independent mental health patients into engaging in routinal activities

- Provided Individual counseling to recovering mental health patients at Desi Pradel
- Motivated recovering mental health patients to integrate in mainstream society
- Engaged recovering mental health patients in employment re-insertion activities, Community relationships and family

PAVILLON FOSTER ALCOHOL/DRUG

REHABILITATION CENTER, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

2000 -2001

Substance Use and Concurrent Disorder {Therapist/Individual & Group Counselor-Internship}

- Facilitated group sessions with adults dealing with addictions to alcohol and mono and polysubstance and psychotropic dependence, withdrawal syndrome, cravings and relapse prevention
- Challenged addicts' Destructive Defenses during group and individual sessions
- Facilitated Catharsis and Developed Insight in addicted program participants
- Established a Chemically Free Sense of Identity in participants or individuals
- Provided psychotropic dependents with individual therapy, behavior modification techniques and vocational counseling, including referral to Narcotics Anonymous-NA, Alcoholics Anonymous-AA
- Provided and encouraged family therapy for such affected families within the family systems theory
- Referred potential addiction program participants for detoxification in Community hospitals and clinics
- Referred and liaised with doctors in structured opioid programs involving Methadone maintenance
- Provided Aftercare planning phase I: Post-Inpatient Treatment/Support Plan
- Provided Aftercare planning phase II: Implementing Post-Inpatient Treatment/Support Plan

BATSHAW YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES {YOUNG OFFENDERS}, Montréal. 1999-2000

Social Worker-Internship {Probation Officer & Youth Delegate}

- Intervened with youths and their families in contravention of the Young Offenders Act
- Scripted and defended predecisional or predispositional reports to assist juvenile court Judges in determining case orientations
- Facilitated the Alternative Measures Program in culpable young offenders
- Provided Individual counseling to youths and families in contravention
- Facilitated and moderated group sessions with culpable young offenders
- Referred youths and families with dual crime and psychotropic dependence to community resources to prevent recidivism
- Counseled youth addicts in contravention of the Young Offenders Act

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE {R.C.M.P.}, MONTREAL, QUEBEC 1998-2001
Translator

- Listened to and transcribed audiotapes to assist law-enforcement investigation, conviction and crime prevention
- Listened to and translated law enforcement audio tapes recorded in a non-Canadian, non-English Language-Igbo

CKUT RADIO 90.3 {FM}, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA 1996-2001
Producer/Presenter and Host

- Produced and presented of “Basa Soukou Sounds”, a critique of African music and musical artistes on the mainland and the Diaspora
- Discussed and analyzed Africa’s current and unfolding socio-political and economic events
- Raised team-based funds annually for the radio station’s projects

Accomplishment

- Achieved and exceeded the \$50,000 fund-raising target for the community radio station for 1997 and 1998

LES PRODUCTION CITÉ OUVERTE 2002
{Open City Productions 2002}, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA 1994–1997

Human Resources, Community Liaison & Public Relations Officer

- Researched and canvassed for professional art animators
- Received, perused, screened and assessed the suitability of candidates
- Interviewed and hired successful candidates
- Liaised with community centers and Open City’s various publics
- Placed advertisements and press releases in the media
- Deployed, supervised and evaluated resident art animators and instructors in schools and community organizations
- Revitalized cabarets for the homeless in shelters, community centers, residential and addictions and mental health treatment facilities
- Formulated arts residency proposals in liaison with Principals/staffs of schools in the Catholic and Protestant School Boards of Montreal

Accomplishment

- Successfully stimulated and arranged media activities for the Montréal 1997 United Nation’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
<http://www.montrealmirror.com/ARCHIVES/1997/032097/news4.html>

ENUGU STATE EDUCATION COMMISSION, NIGERIA 1980 - 1993

High school [Senior secondary] Teacher-Social sciences

{Political science & government} 1980 - 1989

Assistant Chief Education Officer- Personnel Management Department 1989 – 1993

- Supervised headquarters 300 staff of the Personnel Department

- Prepared and defended briefs raised to the Commission on behalf of teachers and personnel
- Delegated and supervised sub-unit heads
- Recruited and deployed the state's High School teaching staff and Principals
- Provided on-the-job training for Commission's personnel
- Reinstated officers rejoining the Commission after approved study leave
- Seconded Commission's staff to other ministries

Accomplishment

Standardized a comprehensive and reliable staff list of the over 18,000 High School Teachers of the State, reducing by 85 % compensation to and litigation from aggrieved personnel

FEDERAL RADIO CORPORATION OF NIGERIA {FRCN}, NIGERIA 1980 - 1984
Producer- Features & Outside Broadcasts {OB}

- *The Week in Review* - analyzed events of each ending week
- *Matters of the Moment* - presented and analyzed topical issues
- Moderated ministerial briefings and other political debates
- Presented various Classical and Rock and Roll artists
- *Looking Back* – presented a retrospective analysis of topical events of the year
- *BRICA Mailbag* – questions and answers session for various target audiences on social, cultural, political, economic issues, current-affairs
- Auditioned prospective broadcasters, newly-hired officers and guest-artists
- Provided on-the-job training for new and aspiring broadcasters
- Assigned to presidential, ministerial, dignitaries, external and internal entourage
- *Talk Back*-presented live broadcast of audience questions
- *Outside Broadcast {OB}*-covered and broadcast live events and activities

Accomplishment

- Successfully assembled and supervised a team of broadcasters and media personnel during the visit of Pope Saint John Paul II to Enugu, Nigeria in 1982.

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

October 30, November 1, 2019: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic titled: **Exhuming the problematic of transnational migration, negotiated cultures and multiple identities: Are Diasporic Africans and Ethnic minorities paying an untenable premium for their migrational experience?**

October 31, November 1 & 2, 2018: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic titled: **Black, ethnic migrant & Title IX: Should college professors of ethnic origins in North American educational institutions worry about implicit bias in the era of the #Me-Too Movement?”**

November 1, 2 & 3, 2017: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “Steadying the hands that rock the cradle: **Exploring the roles of African grandmothers in the stability and sustenance of Diasporic African families”**

October 13 & 14, 2016: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “**Stuck in the middle of nowhere?” Deconstruction and reconstruction of identities among 1.5 generation African immigrant youth in North American Societies: Dilemmas & Challenges”**

November 5 & 6, 2015: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “**Reconsidering the concept of social exclusion: The future impact of Latino youth population growth in the sociopolitical dynamics of the United States.”**

October 23-24, 2014: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled: **Breaking the Glass Ceiling: The perceptions of Minority academics in the Diaspora of systemic barriers to academic progress in Western academia**

October 17 and 18, 2013: Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “**Re-constructing lay visibility into official invisibility: The plight of racial minorities in Canada in employment and access to services.”**

July 6-8, 2013: University of Oxford [Oxford University]- Mansfield College, Oxfordshire, England, United Kingdom-6th Global Conference entitled: *Diasporas: Exploring Critical Issues- Organized by Inter-Disciplinary.Net*
Lead [Co-presenter] and workshop coordinator
Topic: *Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Identities among the first and the one-and-a half immigrant population groups in Diaspora settings: Dilemmas and Challenges.*

November 1 and 2, 2012: Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “**We Who Are Strangers: Insights into How Diasporic Nigerians Experience Bereavement Loss.**”

November 3 and 4, 2011: Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “**Who Says we are Dumb? Identification of the Causes of Learning Difficulties Encountered by Immigrant Learners in the Adaptation to the Canadian Classrooms**”

November 12 and 13, 2010: Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation Topic entitled “**Nice CV! You will hear from us: Canadian Labor Market and the Phenomenology of the Marginalized Professional Migrant.**”

November 13, 2009: Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. “Strangers in A New Homeland: Deconstructing & Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora” Presentation entitled “**Are we there yet? Articulating the social construction of “Home and the politics of integration amongst Quebec resident Nigerian immigrants: Nirvana or Perpetual Limbo.**”

November 27 & 28, 2008: Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada: Strangers In A New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing of Home In Canada. My presentation was entitled “**I Must Be Interred with My Ancestors: Dialog & Challenges in the Social Construction of Home Amongst Diaspora Africans with Nigeria As a Backdrop.**”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & VISITING PROFESSOR ACTIVITIES

2020

University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois in collaboration with the University Ministry & College of Arts & Sciences

January 30, 2020: Lecture/Presentation: Theme: The Ethics of Arts & Sciences
Sub theme & Title: *Social Work: A profession guided by ethics*

2019

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg Canada

**October 29, 2019: Guest Lecture: Faculty of Social Work 521 Tier Building
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2**

Title of Lecture: *In pursuit of social, economic & sustainable community development: The 1967 Arusha Declaration-The Ujamaa Experiment [postulated by President Julius Nyerere] Tanzania, Africa.*

Sub-Theme: *Social Work Perspectives on Practice with Networks, Neighborhoods, and Communities*

October 28, 2019: Guest Lecture: Faculty of Social Work 521 Tier Building University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2

Title of Lecture: *White Supremacy: A precursor to hate crimes in America?*

Sub-Theme: *Anti-Oppressive Public Policies [Acts] & Social Work practice paradigms against bigotry & hate.*

Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario, Canada

Balsillie School of International Affairs

February 4, 2019: Guest Lecture: Balsillie School of International Affairs. 67 Erb St W, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 6C2, Canada

Title of Lecture: *Steadying the hands that rock the cradle: Exploring the roles of African grandmothers in the stability and sustenance of Diasporic African families.*

https://www.balsillieschool.ca/events/?action=tribe_photo&tribe_paged=9&tribe_event_display=past&tribe-bar-date=2020-01-22

https://www.balsillieschool.ca/events/?action=tribe_photo&tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=past

https://www.balsillieschool.ca/venue/balsillie-school-of-international-affairs-%e2%80%a2-room-1-43/?tribe_venue=balsillie-school-of-international-affairs-%E2%80%A2-room-1-43&tribe_event_display=past

Tshepo Institute for the study of Contemporary Africa, Brantford, Ontario, Canada

2019 Nelson Mandela Winter Lecture Series.

February 5, 2019: Guest Lecture: Tshepo Institute for the study of Contemporary Africa. 73 George St, Brantford, ON N3T 2Y3, Canada. Brantford – Odeon Room: OD 110, 50 Market Street, Brantford, Ontario, Canada

Title of Lecture: *Searching for resiliency amidst conflicts, child soldiering and emigration: The case of the Nigerian Civil War-1967-1970*

https://adc.wlu.ca/activedata/EventList.aspx?view=EventDetails&eventidn=4370&information_id=13297

<https://allevents.in/brantford/nelson-mandela-lecture-ft-dr-buster-ogbuagu/20002636690703>

<https://icause.com/brantford/nelson-mandela-lecture-ft-dr-buster-ogbuagu/20002636690703>

2018

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

Visiting Professor: Invitation to teach Graduate & Doctoral Social Work Courses

Monday, October 29, 2018-6:00 PM-8:50 PM-Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

SWRK 6040: Anti-Oppressive Approaches to Social Work Practice.

Lecture Topic: *Working Together Across Difference: Social Work & Social Justice*

Tuesday, October 30, 2018-2:30 PM-5:15 PM-Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

SWRK 7660: Advanced Social Work Practice with Communities, Networks & Groups.

Lecture Topic: *Community Practice with Immigrant & Refugee Communities*

2015

University of St Francis

**August 15, 2016: University wide Opening Day-
Member Panel Discussion on “Civic Engagement”**

- Develop awareness of local and global civic issues and engage collaboratively with diverse communities to interrogate and address these issues in light of Catholic Social Teachings.

Presence St Joseph Medical Center, Joliet

**August 22, 2015: Presence St Joseph Medical Center, Joliet [Chicago], Illinois
Guest Speaker/Presenter-Social Work & Case Management: Critical Role for Safe Transitions.** Approved by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Presentation titled-**Ethics in the therapeutic relationship: Assessing professional roles, boundaries and interrogating practice behaviors**

2014

University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois

December 3, 2014: Undergraduate, Graduate and Degree Completion Graduating students, University of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois.
Guest Speaker/Presenter-Multicultural colloquium/reception

October 30, 2014: Pluralistic Society Course, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois.

Guest Speaker & Lecturer, Presentation Topic: Presentation Topic: Multicultural perspectives & diversity issues and paradigms with African & other ethnocultural Minorities-Cultural Competency Practice methods and paradigms with Diasporic Africans in western cultures and societies.

Ohuhu Development Union International-ODUI-Houston, TX

May 23, 2014: Ohuhu Development Union International-ODUI
Guest Speaker/Lecturer: Walking in the shadow of giants: Building a united Diasporic political front in the Nigerian post Okpara era. Lecture delivered at the 11th International Convention of the Ohuhu Development Union International-ODUI, Houston, Texas.

2013

University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois

October 2, 2013: USF Presidential Inauguration [Arvid Johnson] lecture series, University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois.

Inaugural Guest Speaker: Presentation topic entitled “Leading our community by serving immigrants’ children: Identity struggles of minority and racialized youth in North American societies.”

2012

January 20, 2012: University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois. Black History Month

Guest Speaker: The W.E.B. DuBois Scholar Lecture Series, "More than Just an American: Understanding MLK's Footprint on Global Non-Violent Conflict Resolution."

November 15, 2012: Department of Social Work, University of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois

Guest Speaker & Lecturer, Pluralistic Society Course, Department of Social Work, University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois. Presentation Topic: **Immigrations and Transnational Movements.**

2011

Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee

Visiting Professor

December 8 & 9, 2011: Modern Languages Department, Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee.

Convocation Guest Lecturer and Speaker “*Cannon Fodder for Neo-colonialism: Resiliency Amidst Conflict, Child Soldiering and Emigration-The Case of the Nigerian Civil War-1967-1970.*”

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

Visiting Professor

November 10, 2011: School of Social Work, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

Guest Lecturer “*Migration, Human Right and Social Justice: The Case of the Nigerian Civil War and Narratives of Child Soldiering, 1967-1970.*”

2009

University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois

April 2009: University of St. Francis Fieldwork Instructors Annual Spring Meeting.
Guest Speaker: “Ethics and Social Justice” Lecture [with Call C.]

2008

University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois

December 2008: University of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois.
Discussion and Dialogue leaders [with Call, C.] for the University of St. Francis
Workshop “**Men Stand-up to end violence against women.**”

2005

Ottawa Rape Crisis Center, Ottawa, Ontario Canada

2005: Ottawa Rape Crisis Center, Ottawa, Ontario Canada:
Guest Speaker and Workshop: Exploring the impact of Child Protection investigation (Children’s Aid Society’s intervention) on Female victims of rape and domestic violence”.

Publications

Book Editorial

Baffoe, M., L. Asimeng-Boahene & **B.C. Ogbuagu**, (Eds.), (2015). *Settlers in transition: Pathways and roadblocks to settlement and citizenship of New Comers in New Homelands*. New York: Linus Learning.
<https://linuslearning.com/product/settlers-in-transition-pathways-and-roadblocks-to-settlement-and-citizenship-of-new-comers-in-new-homelands/>

Baffoe, M.; M. Cheung; L. Asimeng-Boahene; & **B.C. Ogbuagu**, (Eds.), (2012). *Strangers in New Homelands: The Social Deconstruction and Reconstruction of "Home" among Immigrants in the Diaspora*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, New Castle upon Tyne, UK. ISSN (10): 1-44438-4136-6, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-4136-8.
<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/strangers-in-new-homelands-14>
<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/download/sample/60534>
<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/>
<https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/10341212>
<https://catalog.princeton.edu/catalog/8978862>

In Progress Edited Book

Baffoe, M., Asimeng-Boahene, L. & **Ogbuagu, B.C.** (Eds.). From Forest to Faculty: *Experiential Narratives of "Third World" Scholars in the Diaspora*

Ogbuagu, B.C. (Ed.). *Same pain, different stories: Exploring multicultural perspectives on bereavement loss and resiliency construction in the age of digital & social media*

Sub Title: Practice Handbook on Multicultural bereavement?

Ogbuagu, B.C. (Ed.). *Gender, race, ethnicity & Title IX: Towards a framework for understanding the fate of university professors in the era of the Me-Too Movement*

Monograph/Book In Progress

Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). *The 40th emperor of the polarized parallel: Exploring the Contributions and implications of Ronald Reagan's politics and policies in the sunset of global conservatism*

Book Chapters

Ogbuagu, B.C. (2018). Cultural, ritualistic and pedagogical symbolism of the Morse Codes of Ancient Africa in diverse learning environments: The *Ikoro* & *Ekwe* as typologies and agencies of non-verbal communication among the Igbo of Eastern Nigeria. In L. Asimeng-Boahene & M. Baffoe (Eds.), *African traditional oral literature and visual cultures as pedagogical tools in diverse classroom contexts*. (Chapt.8, Pp.115-135). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

<http://www.infoagepub.com/products/African-Traditional-Oral-Literature-and-Visual-Cultures-as-Pedagogical-Tools-in-Diverse-Classroom-Contexts>

Ogbuagu, B.C., & M. Baffoe (2015). Reconstructing lay visibility into official invisibility: The plight of racial minorities in Canada in employment and access to services. In Baffoe, M., L. Asimeng-Boahene & **B.C. Ogbuagu**, (Eds.), *Settlers in transition: Pathways and roadblocks to settlement and citizenship of New Comers in New Homelands* (Pp.95-105). New York: Linus Learning.

<https://linuslearning.com/product/settlers-in-transition-pathways-and-roadblocks-to-settlement-and-citizenship-of-new-comers-in-new-homelands/>

Ogbuagu, B.C. (2012). "Are we there yet? Articulating the Social Construction of "Home" and the Politics of Integration Amongst Quebec Resident Nigerian Immigrants: Nirvana or Perpetual Limbo? In M. Baffoe.; M. Cheung; L. Asimeng-Boahene; & **B.C. Ogbuagu**, (Eds.), *Strangers in New Homelands: The Social Deconstruction and Reconstruction of "Home" among Immigrants in the Diaspora*, (Chapt. 16, Pp.193-203). Cambridge Scholars Publishing, New Castle upon Tyne, UK. ISSN (10): 1-44438-4136-6, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-4136-8.

<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/strangers-in-new-homelands-14>

<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/download/sample/60534>

Book Reviews

Pre-Publication

Shannon R. Lane, Elizabeth Palley, and Corey Shdaimah (2017). *Social Policy in a Changing World*. SAGE Publications. 2455 Teller Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. Sage Publications.

Review and recommendations [on behalf of Sage Publications] for publication & adoption of prospective book

eBook Chapter

Ogbuagu, B.C., & M. Baffoe. (Online). *Am I African or American? Challenges and Dilemmas of Deconstruction and Reconstruction of Identities Among African Immigrant Youth in North American Societies*. eBook Inter-Disciplinary.Net Publishing, Oxford, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom.

http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/bOgbuagu_wpaper.pdf

Dissertation

Ogbuagu, B.C. (2007). *In Search of Communal Identity: The Role of the Black Community in Identity Formation Among Nigerian Youth*. (Doctoral Dissertation). Montreal, Quebec, Canada: McGill University.

https://books.google.com/books/about/In_Search_of_Communal_Identity.html?id=jy3VPgAACAAJ

<https://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/thesescanada/vol2/002/NR50969.PDF>

Selected Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

[Buster C Ogbuagu - Google Scholar Citations](#)

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=iJwK7moAAAAJ&hl=en>

- Ogbuagu, B.C. (2018). Black, Young & Conduct Disordered: Extrapolating Scott Henggeler's Multisystemic Psychotherapy Paradigm for the Attenuation of At-Risk Behaviors of Black Youth in North America. *European Scientific Journal* 14(20), 89-120.
<https://eujournal.org/index.php/esj/article/view/11021>
- Ogbuagu, B.C. & Baffoe M. (2015). "Stuck in the middle of nowhere?" Deconstruction and reconstruction of identities among 1.5 generation African immigrant youth in North American Societies: Dilemmas & Challenges. *European Scientific Journal* 11(17), pp.16-29. ISSN: 1857-7881, e-ISSN: 1857-7431
<https://eujournal.org/index.php/esj/article/view/5790>
- Baffoe, M., L. Asimeng-Boahene, & **B. C. Ogbuagu** (2014). Their Way or No Way: "Whiteness" as Agent for Marginalizing and Silencing Minority Voices in Academic Research and Publication. *European Journal of Sustainable Development [EJSD]* 3(1), 13-32. ISSN: 2239-5938. Doi: [10.14207/ejsd.2014.v3n1p13](https://doi.org/10.14207/ejsd.2014.v3n1p13)
<https://ecsdev.org/ojs/index.php/ejsd/article/view/108>
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (2013). Remittances and in-kind products as agency for community development and anti-poverty sustainability: Making a case for Diasporic Nigerians. *International Journal of Development and Sustainability* 2(3),1828-1857. Online ISSN: 2168-8662 – www.isdsnet.com/ijds ISDS Article ID: IJDS13052905
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- Ogbuagu, B.C., and C.C. Ogbuagu. (2013). Who Says We are Dumb?: Identification of the causes of learning difficulties encountered by new immigrant learners in their adaptation to the Canadian classrooms *Journal of Educational and Social Research* 3(2), 75-95. Doi:10.5901/jesr.2013.v3n2p75; ISSN 2239-978X
<http://www.mcser.org/journal/index.php/jesr/article/view/146>
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (2013). "Diasporic Transnationalism": Towards a framework for conceptualizing and understanding the ambivalence of the social construction of "Home" and the myth of Diasporic Nigerian homeland return. *Journal of Educational and Social Research* 3(2), 189-212; Doi:10.5901/jesr.2013.v3n2p189; ISSN 2239-978X.
<http://www.mcser.org/journal/index.php/jesr/article/view/157>
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (2013). Wuz Up Wit Dat?: Exploring the colonizing properties of the standard English language and its implications for the denudation and denigration of Black survivalist and stylistic language, syntax and phonology. *Academic Journal of*

Interdisciplinary Studies 2(1), 135-154. E-ISSN 2281-4612, ISSN 2281-3993.
Doi:10.5901/ajis/2013.v2n1p135.
<http://www.mcser.org/journal/index.php/ajis/article/view/71>

Ogbuagu, B.C. (2013). Constructing America's "New Blacks": Post 911 Policies and their Impacts on and Implications for the Lived Experiences of Arabs, Muslims and "Others." *Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences* 4(1), pp.469-480; ISSN 2039-9340. mjss.2013.v4n1p469
<http://www.mcser.org/index.php/38-archive/mjss-archive/mjss-2013/618-mjss-vol-4-no-1-2013-3>

Ogbuagu, B.C. (2012). Domestic conflicts and marital violence in Diasporic Nigerian Families: Is it time for a paradigm shift in cultural ways of thinking and acting? *Journal of Alternative Perspectives in the Social Sciences* 5(1), 1-27
<https://www.japss.org/JAPSSDEC12.html>

Ogbuagu, B.C (2012). Nice CV! You will hear from us: Canadian labor market and the phenomenology of the marginalized Ethnic professional migrant. *Journal of Social Sciences* 8(1),1-12. Sage Publications
DOI: 10.3844/jssp.2012.1-12, ISSN 1549-3652.
<http://thescipub.com/abstract/10.3844/jssp.2012.1.12>
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Ogbuagu, B.C. (2011). We who are strangers: Insights into how Diasporic Nigerians experience bereavement loss. *Journal of African American Studies* 16(2), 300-320.
DOI 10.1007/s12111-011-9187, Springer Publications.
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12111-011-9187-9>

Journal Articles and Work in Progress

Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Press). Gender, Race, immigration status & language: Interrogating subjectivity labels that trigger, heighten, promote & sustain the risk & perpetration of Intimate Partner Violence against refugee, immigrant and undocumented immigrant women.

Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Black, male, ethnic migrant & Title IX: Should college professors of ethnic origins in North American educational institutions worry about implicit bias in the era of the #Me-Too Movement?

Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). They call me all sorts of names: Evaluating the impact of nomenclatural assignments and imposition of new values on Black Youth identity and their implications for Black Community cohesiveness.

Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Does Britannia still rule the waves? The "PTSD" of British imperialism on the sociopolitical, cultural and psychical constructs of "former" West African colonies.

- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Steadying the Hands that rock the cradle: African grandmothers and their contribution to the physical, mental and general stability of Diasporic African families in North America.
- Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). Arrested development? Exploring Individualized Education Program-IEP as an educational strategy for children and adolescents with Traumatic Brain Injury-TBI.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Outdoing Exxon Valdez just because we can: Exploring the complicity of the foreign oil companies and multi-national conglomerates in the wanton destruction of the Nigeria's Niger Delta eco system.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). 1st World Children, 3rd World Lives: Approaches to understanding and addressing high infant mortality rates in the United States as a concomitant of policy failures.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Your money or your life: Towards a framework for articulating and constructing a sustainable healthcare delivery system in the United States.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Routing the resistance: The farce of "Model Minority" as White constructionism of multi-layered marginalization, promotion of social movement apathy, passivity and political culture of acquiescence.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In progress). More than Welfare Queens: A deconstructionist approach to understanding the role of Women in Black Community identity and cohesion
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Bedlam's Renaissance: Problematizing & interrogating the continuum of "care" from deinstitutionalization to transinstitutionalization to comprehend how America treats its mentally ill.
- Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). Reconsidering the concept of social exclusion: The Future impact of Latino Youth population growth on the socioeconomic & political dynamics and landscape of the United States
- Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). "Of hoes and welfare queens": Underscoring the roles of women in Black community identity, cohesion and homeostasis to interrogate the stereotypes of the Black "welfare" mother
- Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). Black Youth Identity: Evaluating the impact of new values on Black Community cohesiveness.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In progress). Lost in plain sight: Exploring disenfranchised experience using case examples of Refugees, Psychiatric patients, Child protection clients, fostering and adoption
- Ogbuagu, B.C. (In progress). Double jeopardy: The blind and barriers to employment.
- Ogbuagu, B.C. & A. McLaughlin. (In Progress). Joined at the hip: Exploring how Black

women from Africa and the African Diaspora conceptualize family, marriage and relationships

Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). Exhuming the problematic of transnational migration, negotiated cultures and multiple identities: Are Diasporic Africans and Ethnic minorities paying an untenable premium for their migrational experience?

Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). The New Segregation? Uncovering how White America uses the farce of “the Model Minority” to entrench segregation amongst ethnic minorities and sustain its stranglehold on power.

Ogbuagu, B. C. (In Progress). The lumpen bourgeoisie and lumpen proletariat: Dissecting the impact of a classed society on new minority immigrants and the working poor in the low-paying jobs in North American Society.

Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Where is home? First generation Nigerian immigrants in America and the Dilemma of Integration.

Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Speaking from both sides of the mouth: The convoluted paradox of Christianity, race, gender, class and the politics of social welfare in the United States.

Ogbuagu, B.C. (In Progress). Lost in plain sight: Refugees and displaced persons experiences as prisms for understanding disenfranchised Loss.

Professional & Scholarly Appointments

Universities

Memorial University of Newfoundland, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada

September 2018: Memorial University of Newfoundland, Newfoundland & Labrador Rank, Tenure & Promotion

External Rank, Tenure & Promotion Portfolio Assessor/Examiner

<https://www.mun.ca/socialwork/>

University of St Francis, Joliet, IL.

July 2017-January 2018: University of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois. University-wide committee on New College of Arts & Sciences Deans search

Member: Dean’s Search and Recruitment Committee

University of Ghana, Legon

2016-Date: University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana, Rank, Tenure & Promotion

External Rank, Tenure & Promotion Portfolio Assessor/Examiner

<https://www.ug.edu.gh/>

McGill University, Montreal, Quebec Canada

August 2015-Date: McGill University, Montreal, Quebec Canada. Doctoral dissertation reviews and recommendations. Graduate & Post-doctoral Studies-GPS, Faculty of Arts, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

External Doctoral Thesis Examiner

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/>

December 2013: Department of Psychology, University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, USA

Member: Search Committee

August 2014-2019: University of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois, USA

Chair, Department of Social Work

Academic Journals & Book Publications Editorial/Peer Review Appointments & Affiliations

2018: Journal of Human Resources Management & Services, PiscoMed Publishing 7030 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 5#04-15, Northstar @ AMK Singapore 569880

Member, Editorial Board

<http://ojs.piscomed.com/index.php/HRMS/about/editorialTeam>

2018: Association-Institute of English Language and American Studies-AIELAS Book Proceedings: 1st International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference IMSC 2018 – May 26, 2018, Tetova, Macedonia

Member, Scientific Committee

2018: EnPress Publisher, LLC. 14701 Myford Road, Suite B-1, Tustin, CA 92780, United States.

Member, Editorial Board

<http://systems.enpress-publisher.com/index.php/HRMS/about/editorialTeam>

2018: Journal of Population Ageing Springer International Publishing AG. Part of

[Springer Nature](#)

Manuscript & Blinded Peer Reviewer

2016-Date: Angloamericanae Journal-[AAJ]-A Subsidiary of Association for Anglo-American Studies, Macedonia

Editor-in-Chief

<http://aaj.ielas.org/index.php/Angloamericanae/about/editorialTeam>

2016-Date: International Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities, Tetovo, Macedonia, Member of the Association for Anglo-American Studies, Tetovo, Macedonia.

Associate Editor

<http://www.ijssh.ielas.org/index.php/ijssh/about/editorialTeam>

2016-2019: American Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities. Subsidiary of Online Science Publishing. 244 Fifth Avenue, Suite D42, NY, NY, 10001, FAX:212.591.6094; F1-115C, Ajman Free Zone 1, Near China Mall, Ajman, United Arab Emirates.

Editor-in-Chief

<http://onlinesciencepublishing.com/journal/22/editorial-board>

2019-To Date: American Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities. Subsidiary of Online Science Publishing. 244 Fifth Avenue, Suite D42, NY, NY, 10001, FAX:212.591.6094; F1-115C, Ajman Free Zone 1, Near China Mall, Ajman, United Arab Emirates.

Member: Editorial Board

<http://www.onlinesciencepublishing.com/journal/22/editorial-board>

2016-Date: International Conference on Women & Children. 24, Bishop Crowther Street, Off Akerele Street, Surulere, Lagos State, Nigeria. Phone Number: +234 708 079 3564, +234 803 892 5791

Email: info@conference-on-women-and-children.com

Member: Advisory Committee.

<http://conference-on-women-and-children.com/index.php/advisory-committee>

2015-Date: Asian Online Journal Publishing Group-Asian Research Journal of Biotechnological Sciences-Categories: Biology & Life Sciences, Business & Economics, Chemistry & Material Science, Engineering, Environmental & Earth Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities.

Member: Editorial Board

<http://www.asianonlinejournals.com/index.php/BIO/about/editorialTeam>

2015-Date: International Journal of Social Sciences Perspectives

2637 E Atlantic Blvd #43110 Pompano Beach, FL 33062 USA. Tel. +15184073707

Member: Editorial Board

<http://onlineacademicpress.com/index.php/IJSSP/about/editorialTeam>

May 2015-Date: Journal Social Sciences, Basel CH-4057, Switzerland

Manuscript & Blinded Peer Reviewer

<http://www.mdpi.com/2076-0760/5/1/4/htm>

April 2015-Date: Mediterranean Center of Social and Educational Research-*Academic Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* Sapienza University of Rome, Italy Via Salaria 113, 00182 Rome, Italy.

Manuscript & Blinded Peer Reviewer

November 2014-Date: International Journal of English and Literature, Mauritius, Kenya & Nigeria

Manuscript & Blinded Peer Reviewer

May 2012-Date: Global Journal of Education Research, Calabar, Nigeria

Manuscript & Blinded Peer Reviewer

2010-Date-: Strangers in New Homelands Annual International Conference, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada. Edited book publications of Conference Proceedings. 2 Published books in 2012 & 2015- Baffoe, M., L. Asimeng-Boahene & **B.C. Ogbuagu**, (Eds.), (2015). *Settlers in transition: Pathways and roadblocks to settlement and citizenship of New Comers in New Homelands*. New York: Linus Learning.

Co-Editor

<https://linuslearning.com/product/settlers-in-transition-pathways-and-roadblocks-to-settlement-and-citizenship-of-new-comers-in-new-homelands/>

Baffoe, M.; M. Cheung; L. Asimeng-Boahene; & **B.C. Ogbuagu**, (Eds.), (2012).

Strangers in New Homelands: The Social Deconstruction and Reconstruction of "Home" among Immigrants in the Diaspora. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, New Castle upon Tyne, UK. ISSN (10): 1-44438-4136-6, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-4136-8.

Co-Editor

<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/strangers-in-new-homelands-14>

<http://www.cambridgescholars.com/download/sample/60534>

Peer-Reviewed International Conferences-Appointments

July 2018: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora"

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions chair and moderator

August 2017: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora"

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions chair and moderator

2016-: International Conference on Women and Children (ICWC).

Member: Advisory Committee

<http://www.conference-on-women-and-children.com/index.php/advisory-committee>

October 13 and 14, 2016: - Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, and Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions Chair & Moderator

https://umanitoba.ca/media/strangers_program_2017.pdf

http://strangersconference.com/opp_2013.php

August 2016: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora"

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions chair & moderator

November 5 & 6, 2015: -Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions Chair & Moderator

August 2015: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions chair and moderator

November 5 & 6, 2015: - Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, and Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions Chair & Moderator

October 23 & 24, 2014: - Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, and Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions Chair & Moderator

August 2014: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions chair and moderator

October 17 and 18, 2013: - Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, and Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions Chair & Moderator

August 2013: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora
Member: Conference Planning Committee; Sessions chair and moderator

July 6-8, 2013: Oxford University, England-6th Global Conference entitled "Disaporas: Exploring Critical Issues- Organized by Inter-Disciplinary.Net. at the University of Oxford [Oxford University]- Mansfield College, Oxfordshire, England, United Kingdom

Sessions Chair & Moderator of Conference

<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/>

Session topic: *Gender and Queerness in Diaspora*

Session 6: Gender and Queerness in Diaspora Presentation topics and Discussants

The Situatedness of London Queer Diasporas: The Tool of an Ethnographic Lens in Reviewing the Literature

Luca Bartozzi

Digital Diasporic Experiences in Digital Queer Spaces

Ahmet Atay

"We know what he means" ... oh, really?: Queering 'Queer' Diaspora

Mashrur Shahid Hossain

Woman Self-Fulfillment Through Sex Transgression in a Diasporic Context

Fewzia Bedjaoui

April 2013: 6th Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work & Department of Sociology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Abstract Review Officer; Sessions chair/moderator

November 9-12, 2012: 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Conference on Social Work Education (CSWE), Washington, D.C.

Member; Sessions Chair and Moderator

November 1-2, 2012-: Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Abstract Review Officer

October 27-30, 2011: 57th Annual Program Meeting of the Conference on Social Work Education (CSWE), Atlanta, Georgia.

Member: Sessions Chair and Moderator

November 12 & 13, 2010-: Abstract Review Officer, Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Abstract reviewer; Sessions chair/moderator

September-November 2009-: Abstract Review Officer, Annual International Conference "Strangers in a New Homeland: Deconstructing and Reconstructing Among Immigrants in the Diaspora," by the Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Member: Conference Planning Committee; Abstract Reviewer; Sessions chair/moderator

September 2008: Strangers in a New Homeland Annual International Conference, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Member: Organizing and actualization committee; Abstract reviewer; Sessions chair/moderator

Accomplishments/Achievements & Self-Actualization

University of St Francis, Joliet Illinois, USA: As Chair of the Department, achieved placement of the University of St Francis Social Work program in the 5th position among 35 [of 150 surveyed] *Best Value American Christian Colleges with CSWE-accredited Programs in 2015*

<http://www.socialworkdegreeguide.com/best-value-christian-colleges-cswe-accredited-bsw-msw-2015/>

Co-Founding member of the *Strangers in New Homelands Annual International Conference*, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba: Co-Founder: “Strangers in New Homelands” Social Reconstruction of “Home” Among Immigrants in the Diaspora- Annual Conference- Founded 2008

<http://www.strangersconference.com/new/index.php>

2000-GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Inducted into life membership of the Society in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence

<http://mcgill.goldenkey.org/>

Projects

October 2018: Research Grant Proposal-Submitted & Under Review

Funded by: *International Development Research Center-IDRC-Canadian Crown Corporation*- Funding research to developing countries to advance knowledge and solve practical development problems; ***INCLUDE-Netherlands***- the Knowledge Platform [Focused on Productive Employment] on Inclusive Development Policies; & ***International Labor Organization-ILO***- The United Nations Agency for the world of work, on the Issue of Youth Unemployment in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Grant sponsorship by the Partner Organizations titled: **Boosting Decent Employment for Africa’s Youth**

Project title: Work-based Learning and Mentorship: Addressing Youth Unemployment in Ghana.

Target Population: Unemployed Vocational Education graduates in three regions of Ghana

Project duration (in months): 24 months

Total budget requested: **\$500,000CAD**

Theme: Effective approaches to foster work-based learning programs and mentorship

Project Layout: Designed in four phases-To be piloted in three regions in Ghana, namely, Greater Accra Region, Eastern Region and Ashanti Region.

March 2012 to Date: RefugeeOne Project, Chicago, Illinois-“*Culturally-Competent Intensive Case Management Services to Support Self-Sufficiency among Newly Arrived Refugees*” OPR proposal no. HHS-2011-ACF-ORR-RU-0149.

Consultant

October 2008-Date: Strangers in New Homelands Annual International Colloquium [Conference]. Hosted annually in collaboration with, Faculty of Social Work, the Department of Sociology and the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Co-founder

<http://www.strangersconference.com/index.php>

Selected Professional Awards

2014: Most Valued Advisor Award-International Community-University of St Francis

2013 Award for Scholarship-Obtained the USF University Award for the most publications of-5 peer-reviewed journal articles within a six-month period. Award given by the Teaching and Professional Growth Committee University of St. Francis at a well-attended ceremony

<http://patch.com/illinois/joliet/usf-faculty-staff-receive-awards-for-excellence-innovation>

2012: Community & Professional Service Award, Brother 2 Brother, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL

2010: Kappa Rho-Phi Alpha Honor Society

2000: Golden Key International Honor Society Life Membership investiture, Conferred for outstanding scholastic achievement and excellence

University Services

- General Education Committee 2019-
- Faculty Compensation Committee-FCC 2017-2018
- Faculty Affairs Committee 2017-2018
- Rank, Tenure and Promotion Committee 2017-2018
- Chair, Department of Social Work 2014-2019
- Faculty Search Committee-Department of Psychology 2014-2014
- Educational Standards Committee of the University 2013-2015
- Faculty Affairs Committee of the University 2010-2013
- Ethnic Affairs Committee-Member 2010-2012
- New Faculty Mentor 2010-2011
- Faculty search committee in the Department of Social work 2009-

- Advisor, International Club 2009-
- Advisor Brother 2 Brother 2008-

PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTARY AFFILIATIONS

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, - University of St Francis, Joliet, Illinois Member	2010-
DIVERSITY COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY Member	2010-2015
BROTHER 2 BROTHER ORGANIZATION, University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois Advisor	2012-
COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION-CSWE Member; Sessions Chair	2010-
PHI ALFA HONOR SOCIETY-KAPPA RHO Member	2009-
INTERNATIONAL CLUB, University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois Primary Advisor	2008-
OHUHU IN DIASPORA [OHUHU DEVELOPMENT UNION INTERNATIONAL]-ODUI Member, Elder Council, Advisor [Chicago MAL Chapter] http://www.odui.org/about.html http://www.odui.org/index.html	2008-
IGBO ASSOCIATION [IKWUANO/UMUAHIA] OF CHICAGO, Chicago, Illinois, USA Member; Member, Medical Mission to Nigeria Engaged in humanitarian venture entailing recruiting medical doctors, nurses, social workers, healthcare workers from Chicagoland, across the United States and Africa, who provide free care consultations, and treatments. It also includes engaging local doctors and <i>Doctors Without Borders [DWB]</i> <i>[Médécins Sans Frontières (MSF)]</i> , who perform on-the-spot evaluations and surgeries and provide valuable health services having in-depth professional content. I refer and negotiate free hospitalization for impoverished patients with major and serious health challenges. Supervise events and create plans to stabilize families with health crisis, including those who have experienced death in their families by arranging funerals and many loss-of-breadwinner succor.	2008-

NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION/COMMUNITY OF CHICAGO
Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Member

<https://www.guidestar.org/profile/77-0594279>

ONUKELE IN DIASPORA ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL
Onukele Village, Nigeria- Self-Help & Community Development

2007-

Member, Elder, Advisor [North America Chapter]

<http://onukele.org/onukele/events.html>

NIGERIAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Member

2001-

<http://blackottawascene.com/community-profile-nigerian-canadian-association-ottawa/>

IGBO ASSOCIATION [OTU UMUNNA] OF OTTAWA

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Member-2001-2005; President of the Association-2006-2008

2001-

Advisor-Current

As President of the Association, I initiated, promoted and sustained New Immigrant Settlement and Integration programs; Family systems maintenance; initiated activities and fund-raising events aimed at building an Igbo community center in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

<http://www.igboottawa.ca/>

<https://www.sellersnbuyers.com/igbo-association-ottawa>

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, MCGILL
UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

2000-

**Member-Inducted [Life membership in recognition of outstanding scholastic
Achievement and excellence**

<http://mcgill.goldenkey.org/index>

LESTER. B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD, Montreal, Canada

1998 -2000

Member, Special Needs Advisory Committee

<http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp>

LASALLE BLACK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, MONTREAL, CANADA

Member of Board of Directors & Social Work Advisor

1997-2001

BLACK STAR BIG BROTHER PROJECT, Montreal, Quebec
Canada

1997-2006

Advisor and Community Outreach Coordinator

PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD OF GREATER MONTREAL, Montreal
[CURRENTLY –ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD]

1995-1998

Member, Advisory Committee on Special Education {ACSES}

http://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb_en/index_en.asp

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, Montreal 1994 -1998
Member

NIGERIAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF QUEBEC,
Montreal, Quebec. 1993-2001
General Secretary

As Secretary, of the Association, I created and inaugurated the Women's
and Youth Wing. Initiated activities and fund-raising events aimed
at building a Nigerian community center in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

OTU NDI IGBO Quebec [IGBO ASSOCIATION] OF QUEBEC, Montreal, 1993-
Quebec, Canada
Member and Advisor