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- RESEARCH** Conflict and Security, Gender & Feminist International Relations, Human Security Discourses, Insurgencies and Counterinsurgencies, Militaries and Militarization, Qualitative Field Methods
- APPOINTMENT** **Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA**
Assistant Professor of Political Science *September 2018-Present*
- EDUCATION** **University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston)**
PhD, Global Governance and Human Security *Sept 2012 – July 2018*
- School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**
Master of Science, International Politics *Sept 2005 – Sept 2007*
- School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London**
Bachelor of Arts (Hons), Politics and Development Studies *Sept 2001 – July 2004*
- TEACHING EXPERIENCE** **Virginia Wesleyan University**
Globalization and its Discontents
Introduction to International Relations
Model United Nations
Politics and Security in African Conflicts
Security in the New Global Era
Sex, Gender, and Global Security
Terrorism and Political Violence
- University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston)**
Introduction to Africana Studies, teaching assistant *Fall 2013, Spring 2014*
British Politics and the World, teaching assistant *Spring 2014*
- PUBLICATIONS** Kew, D. & Oshikoya, M., (2013), "Escape from Tyranny: Civil Society and Democratic Struggles in Africa" in Ebenezer Obadare (eds.), *The Handbook of Civil Society in Africa*, Springer, pp. 7-24.
- HONORS AND AWARDS** APCG-Lynne Rienner Best Dissertation in African Politics 2019 award
- CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS** "They just do business in our blood: the militarisation of gender-based violence in Nigeria"
Paper presented at: African Studies Association 62nd Annual Conference, November 2019
Washington D.C.
- "Militarization 2.0: the politics of normalizing political violence in the digital age"
Paper presented at: International Studies Association 60th Annual International Conference, March 2019, Toronto, Canada
- "How counterinsurgencies undermine human security: the case of Boko Haram and the Nigerian Military" Paper presented at: International Studies Association 60th Annual International Conference, March 2019, Toronto, Canada

“Reframing human security for the 21st century: the emerging diversity of threats”
Panel organised at: International Studies Association 60th Annual International Conference,
March 2019, Toronto, Canada

“The ongoing militarization of Nigerian society through social media: the Boko Haram case
Paper presented at: Militarization 2.0: Academic Workshop, SIPRI, October 2017, Stockholm,
Sweden

“Failing to Win Hearts and Minds: The Challenge of Nigeria’s Counterinsurgency Strategy”
Paper presented at: ESRC-funded mini-conference – International Intervention: The Future,
CII - The Centre for International Intervention, July 2016, University of Surrey.

“Dysfunctional Militarised Masculinities: The Impact of Civil-Military Relations in North
Nigeria”. Paper presented at: BISA 41st Annual International Conference, June 2016,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

“Who Guards the Guards? The Gendered Silences in the Nigerian Military Response to the
Boko Haram Insurgency”. Paper presented at: ISA’s 56th Annual Convention, February 2015,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, African
Government and Politics, Civil War and Insurgencies, Gender and Conflict, Global
Governance, Human Security, International Development, Research Design

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Anonymous Reviewer for: *African Security*; *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*; *Foreign
Policy Analysis*; *Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

African Studies Association
American Political Science Association
British International Studies Association
Consortium on Gender, Security & Human Rights
International Studies Association
Political Studies Association
Women in International Security
Women in Conflict Studies
Women Stats Project

WORK EXPERIENCE

International Republican Institute (IRI) & National Democratic Institute (NDI)

International Election Observer (Katsina State, Nigeria)

February 2019

- Selected by the IRI & NDI to join an international delegation on a short-term monitoring exercise mission for the Nigerian Presidential Elections in February 2019.
- Interviewed key stakeholders (political and non-political) during the pre-election period to determine positives and challenges that may have pre-determined the election outcomes/results.
- Travelled to multiple sites in the Katsina State to observe and monitor accreditation processes and voting practices during Election Day.
- Interviewed voters regarding on-going events to ascertain key issues within the election process.

Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC), Kaduna, Nigeria

Research Associate

Jan 2013 – Sept 2015

- Responsible for developing communication strategies for the organization and carried out advocacy outreach through the identification of key stakeholders throughout various regions within the country.
- Inputted and coded primary quantitative baseline survey data into statistical models.
- Assisted the organisation in evaluating its various and ongoing project and programme activities in order to develop new strategies for improved performances.

- Supported the field team in establishing programmatic targets, collecting and maintaining the program monitoring records.
- Monitored and evaluated program performance through regular tracking of financial and programmatic reports and M&E data.
- Co-wrote USAID Impact Assessment Reports.
- Reviewed and evaluated quarterly and final program reports to ensure USAID compliance.

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

International Election Observer (Niger State, Nigeria)

March 2015

- Selected by the NDI to join an international delegation on a short-term monitoring exercise mission for the postponed Nigerian Presidential Elections in March 2015.
- Interviewed key stakeholders (political and non-political) during the pre-election period to determine positives and challenges that may have pre-determined the election outcomes/results.
- Travelled to multiple sites in the Niger State to observe and monitor accreditation processes and voting practices during Election Day.
- Interviewed voters regarding on-going events to ascertain key issues within the election process.

House of Commons, Houses of Parliament, London

Senior Officer, International Affairs and Defence Section

Jan 2009 – Aug 2012

- Wrote impartial international awareness research reports within the House of Commons for Members and their staff. On a daily basis this encompassed keeping abreast of all relevant current affairs both domestically and internationally which involved monitoring heavily all news coverage through various mediums, networks and sources.
- Responsible for researching and then compiling debate packs and thorough briefings in advance of debates for use by Members in the Chamber of the House of Commons within relevant IADS subject areas to ensure Members were well informed and up-to-date on subjects being discussed and debated.
- Assisted in the staffing of the IADS enquiry desk in the Members Library delivering information and news while responding to specific references and documentary enquiries. This involved liaising with and providing key information and reports to a myriad group of member organisations and institutions such as the United Nations (UN); Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO); British Council; major international non-governmental organisations; various government bodies; legal and educational institutions.
- Compiled daily emails and bulletins for all key and relevant staff within the House of Commons regarding the 'IADS Current Awareness Alert' providing links and alerts to all pertinent press releases and articles.
- Responsible for maintaining the Parliamentary intranet/website content particularly with regards to press articles for the International Affairs and Defence Section.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK Branch, Houses of Parliament, London

Parliamentary Liaison & Communications Executive Assistant

Jan – Dec 2008

- Responsible for creating collaborative links, relationships and networking opportunities between major stakeholders and for managing communications especially with connections made between commonwealth parliamentarians.
- Acting as the first point of contact for High Commissions; Embassies; Representative Offices; Commonwealth and CPA Organisations; NGO's; Members of Parliament; House Authorities; civil society organisations and various government bodies.
- Responsible for updating, uploading and managing information on the 'All-Party Whip and Parliamentary Intranet/Website'.
- Developed and disseminated public relations materials that increased visibility of UK Branch programs and activities among stakeholders and lawmakers.
- Organising and managing meetings, seminars, workshops, events and large international conferences for commonwealth parliamentarians and their major stakeholders.
- Administered travel arrangements for parliamentary delegations and carried out a range of ad-hoc duties within the CPA offices.

House of Commons, Houses of Parliament, London*Senior Office Clerk - Library Resources Section**Jun 2006 – Dec 2007*

- Responsible for archiving parliamentary session papers, books and magazines.
- Recorded the receipt of serials and books onto the library stock databases used throughout the House of Commons whilst maintaining and updating library catalogues and processing and managing orders of library annuals.
- Updated daily the parliamentary intranet of publications received from various organisations.
- Trained new and existing staff members on the functions and usage of library resources.

British Red Cross, London*Tsunami Hardship Fund Project Officer**Oct 2005 – Mar 2006*

- Organised meetings for the Board of Trustees on the Tsunami Hardship Fund and acted as minute taker.
- Set up and maintained several databases in order to form audit trails for all applications sent and received.
- Maintained good working practices around documentary proofs and financial records highlighting any and all discrepancies.
- Responsible for monitoring project work and means-testing applications from applicants requiring assistance and for keeping accurate records and responding to all project enquiries whether by phone, post or email.