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Research and Teaching Interests

Transnational Institutions, oil, NGOs, social theory, environmental politics, resource distribution, governance, human rights, multinational corporations, the post-colonial state, politics of belonging and special economic zones, Niger Delta, Nigeria and West Africa.

Education

Ph.D.	2010	Yale University (Anthropology)
M.Phil.	2006	Yale University (Anthropology)
M.A.	2004	Yale University (African Studies)
B.A.	1992	Ondo State University (Philosophy)

Academic Appointments

2016 -	Associate Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, U. Michigan
2016 -	Faculty Associate, Donia Human Rights Center, U. Michigan
2010 – 2016	Assistant Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, U. Michigan
2010 –	Faculty Associate, Program in the Environment (PitE), U. Michigan

Honors, Fellowships and Research Grants

2017	Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology, 2015, Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland.
2017	Africa-China Conference 2017: Infrastructure, Resource Extraction and Environmental Sustainability, International Conference, (from multiple U-M sources)
2016	Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
2015	“Who Owns the Oil: Corporations, The State, Heritage and the Politics of Claim-Making in Africa” International Conference, from multiple U-M sources)

- 2014 “Imagining Communities, Contesting Cultural Heritage: Oil and the Production of Cultural Meanings among the Ilaje Yoruba of Southwest Nigeria,” African Heritage Initiative Grant, African Studies Center, U-M
- 2014 “When China Comes to Town: Environment and the Politics of Development in Africa,” New Course Development Grant, Dept. of Afroamerican and African Studies, U-M
- 2012 “Unintended Consequences of Technology Use: A Cross Sectional Analysis,” (with Bilal Butt, U-M School of Natural Resources and Environment; and Joyojeet Pal, U-M School of Information), M-CUBED Grant, U-M
- 2012 Council on Global Education Honoree, U-M (Nominated by Students)
- 2007 Program in Agrarian Studies Fellowship, Yale University
- 2007 Lindsay Fellowship for Research in Africa, Yale University
- 2007 McMillan Center Dissertation Award, Yale University
- 2006 Simon Kirby Human Rights Fellow, Yale University Law School
- 2006 Program in Agrarian Studies Fellowship, Yale University
- 2005 Center for International and Area Studies Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 2003 Coca Cola World Fund at Yale Fellow
- 2003 Orville Schell Yale Law School Human Rights Fellow
- 2001 Social Science Research Council Global Security Program Research Grant in Conflict Zones

Publications: Books (*peer reviewed)

- 2015* *Oil Wealth and Insurgency in Nigeria*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 2002 Editor, *Behind the Mask: An Insight Into Informal Repression in Nigeria*. Lagos, Nigeria: HURIDEC.

Publications: Journal Articles, Book Chapters (*peer-reviewed)

- In Press* (with Brenda Chalfin) Chapter on “Governance” in *Critical Terms for African Studies*, ed. Gaurav Desai, Adeline Masquelier and V.Y. Mudimbe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, forthcoming.
- In Press* Adunbi, Omolade “We Own This Oil”: Artisanal Refineries, Extractive Practices and the Politics of Oil in Nigeria.” In Leonard Lori, *Governing Global Extractions*, [Routledge]

- In Press* Adunbi, Omolade "The Rise and Fall (and Rise) of Niger Delta Rebellions", In Devan Levin (ed) Handbook of Nigerian Politics[**Oxford University Press**]
- In press* "The Facebook President: Oil and the Social Mediation of Politics in Nigeria," under review with *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.
- 2016* "Embodying the Modern: Neoliberalism, NGOs and the Culture of Human Rights Practices in Nigeria," *Anthropological Quarterly*, Vol. 89, No.2, p.397-430
- 2016* (with Amal Hassan Fadlalla) "Introduction – Dossier on Africa, Human Rights, And Humanitarianism," *Humanity, an International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism and Development*, Spring, Vol 7, Number 1.
- 2015* (with Seyram Avle) "'Whose Freedom? Whose Information?' Discourses on Freedom of Information Policies," *Journal of Information Policy*, Vol. 5: 179-203
- 2013* "Mythic Oil: Resources, Belonging and the Politics of Claim-Making among Ilaje Yorùbás," *Africa, Journal of the International African Institute* 83(2): 293-313.
- 2011* "Oil and the Production of Competing Subjectivities in Nigeria: 'Platforms of Possibilities' and 'Pipelines of Conflict,'" *African Studies Review* 54(3): 101-120.
- 2000 "State of Socio-economic Rights in Nigeria," In Obe, Ayo, ed. *Annual Report on the State of Human Rights in Nigeria*. Lagos: Civil Liberties Organization, 101-110.
- 1999 "Sharia and the Future of Nigeria," *Religion and Society* (Lagos: Civil Liberties Organization) 2(5): 10-15.

Edited Journals

- 2016* (Special issue co-edited with Amal Hassan Fadlalla) "Dossier on Africa, Human Rights, And Humanitarianism," *Humanity* vol.7. No.1, Spring 2016.

Publications: Book Reviews, Handbooks, and Manuals (solicited)**

- In Press** Review of, "This Present Darkness: The History of Organized Crime in Nigeria by Stephen Ellis", Oxford University Press, [*Journal of African History*]
- 2016** Adunbi, Omolade. "The Petro-Developmental State in Africa: Making Oil Work in Angola, Nigeria and the Gulf of Guinea by Jesse Salah Ovadia London: Hurst, 2016. Pp. 246.£ 40 (hbk)." *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 55.2 (2017): 341-343.
- 2015** Adunbi, Omolade. "Resources for Reform: Oil and Neoliberalism in Argentina Elana Shever (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2012)." (2015): 192-195.

- 2015** Adunbi, Omolade. "Criminal Resistance?: The Politics of Kidnapping Oil Workers." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 44.3 (2015): 391-392.
- 2001 (with Aturu, Bamidele, and Ubani, Chima) *A Handbook on Facilitating Human Rights Training Courses*. Lagos: Civil Liberties Organization.
- 1999 *The Church and Human Rights: A Human Rights Education Training Manual for Churches in Nigeria*. Lagos: Civil Liberties Organization.
- 1999 *Islam and Human Rights: A Human Rights Education Training Manual for Islamic Groups in Nigeria*. Lagos: Civil Liberties Organization.

Invited Presentations

- 2017 "We Own This Oil": Artisanal Refineries, Extractive Industries and the Politics of Displacement, Middle East Studies' Displacement and the Making of the Modern World, Brown University, April 2017.
- 2016 "Hybridized Governance: Artisanal Refineries, Extractive Industries and the Politics of Oil in Nigeria", African Studies Center, Michigan State University, April 2016.
- 2015 "Hybridized Governance: Artisanal Refineries, Extractive Industries and the Politics of Oil in Nigeria", Polson Institute for Global Development and Africana Studies and Training Center, Cornell University, October 2015.
- "Proclaiming Amnesty, Constructing Peace: Truth Telling, Oil Insurgency and the Silencing of Violence in Nigeria," Center for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Lehman College, City University of New York, May 2015.
- "The Politics of Resource Extraction in Africa," Emory University, March 30, 2015
- "The State's Two Bodies: Oil Creeks of Violence and the City of Sin in Nigeria," Northwestern University, Feb. 25, 2015.
- 2014 "Proclaiming Amnesty, Constructing Peace: Oil and the Silencing of Violence," presented at "The Comparative Politics of Accountability, Transnational Justice and Civil Conflict: On the Deployment of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law" panel, University of Michigan Law School, Sep. 18, 2014.
- 2013 "The Nation's Two Bodies: Nigeria's Creeks of Violence and the City of Sin" presented to The Institute of African Studies, Emory University, Oct. 10, 2013.
- "Mythic Oil: Corporations, Protests and the Politics of Claim-Making in Nigeria," presented at the "A Contested Resource: Oil in Africa Conference," The African Studies Program, Indiana University and the Indiana Consortium for International Programs (Bloomington), March 2013.

“Contested Spaces: Conflicting Nation: Oil, Violence and the Cultural Production of a Nation,” presented at the “Global Ecologies: Nature, Narrative and Neo-liberalism Conference,” University of California Los Angeles, March 2013.

2012 “The Politics of Oil Conflict in Nigeria,” presented at the Teachers Outreach Conference, Indiana University, June 20, 2012.

2010 “Oil Citizenship in Nigeria,” presented at the “Science Environments in Africa” conference, University of Michigan, May 2010.

Conference Panels and Presentations

2015 (with Seyram Avle) “‘Whose Freedom? Which Information?’: Discourses on Freedom of Information Policies,” presented at the International Association for Media and Communication Research Conference (Montreal, Canada), July 2015.

Organizer and presenter, “Imagining Communities, Contesting Cultural Heritage: Oil and the Production of Cultural Meanings in Nigeria,” at the “Who Owns The Oil? Corporations, the State, Heritage and the Politics of Claim-Making in Africa Conference,” University of Michigan, April 3, 2015.

2014 “Oil Pipelines of Wealth: Imaginary Landlords and Resource Surveillance Contractors in Nigeria,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), Dec. 3, 2014.

Chair and Co-organizer of the “Oil Citizenship in Emerging Energy Economies” panel, African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana), Nov. 23, 2014.

“Proclaiming Amnesty, Constructing Peace: Oil Insurgency and the Silencing of Violence in Nigeria,” presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana), Nov. 23, 2014.

2013 Chair and Co-Organizer, “Polities of Dispossession: Contested Resources and the Production of Place in Africa” panel, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, (Chicago), November 2013.

“Contested Spaces, Conflicting Nation: Violence, Oil and the ‘City of Sin’,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, (Chicago), November 2013.

2012 Chair and Co-organizer, “Humanitarianism and Human Rights: Conceptualizing Development, Security and Justice in Africa” panel, African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia), December 2012.

“Embodying the Modern: Neoliberalism, NGOs and the Culture of Human Rights Practices in Nigeria,” presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia), December 2012.

“Neoliberalism, NGOs and the Culture of Human Rights Practices in Nigeria,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco), November 2012.

2011 “Contested Spaces, Conflicting Nation: Modernity, Oil Violence and the Production of Competing Subjectivities in Nigeria,” presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting (Washington DC), Nov. 20, 2011.

“Contested Landscapes: Modernity, Oil Violence and the Production of a Nation,” presented at the Anthropology and History Workshop, The University of Michigan, Nov. 11, 2011.

“Mythic Oil: Resources, Belonging and the politics of claim making among Ilaje Yorùbás”, presented to The Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on “Ethnicity in Africa: Historical, Comparative and Contemporary Investigations,” University of Michigan, April 2011.

2009 “Oil Modernity, Violence, Resistance and the Cultural Production of Alternative Subjectivities in Nigeria,” presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia), December 2009.

Co-organizer, “Violence and Power: NGOs and the Production of the “Other” in the Gulf of Guinea”, panel African Studies Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans), November 2009.

“Platforms of possibilities, Pipelines of conflicts: Oil and the Production of Alternative Subjectivities in Nigeria,” presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans), November 2009.

“Oil Modernity, Violence, Resistance and the Cultural Production of Alternative Subjectivities in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria,” presented to the Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, April 2009.

Research and Field Experience

2014-2016 Preliminary summer research in Lagos, Ibadan, and Port Harcourt on China’s engagement in the oil industry in Nigeria.

2013-2014 Research on oil at the intersection of heritage and politics in Ilaje, Niger Delta, Nigeria.

2012-2013 Field study in Maasai Mara and Nanyuki region of Kenya on Environment and conservation in national parks.

2011-2012 Field study in Maasai Mara and Nanyuki region of Kenya on Environment and conservation in national parks.

2011-2012 Summer fieldwork in the Niger Delta on oil wealth and insurgency.

2007-2009 Dissertation fieldwork in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.

- 2005-2006 Pre-dissertation summer field research on the politics of belonging in Ilaje, Nigeria.
- 2003-2004 M.A. thesis research in Nigeria on democratization, economic growth, and truth commissions.

Professional Service: Departmental and University

- 2016-Present Member, SAIO Committee
 Member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Labor Standards and Human Rights
 Co-Coordinator, African Heritage Initiative, African Studies center
 Member, African Social Research Initiative, African Studies Center
 Member, Working Group, SNRE Transition to New School
 Coordinator, Africa Workshop
 Member, Graduate Certificate Program Committee
- 2015-2016 Member, Fulbright Campus Interview Committee
- 2014-2015 Member, Curriculum Committee, DAAS
 Director, Honors Program, DAAS
 Member, Executive Committee, DAAS
 Member, Committee for an Inclusive University
 LSA Representative, University Senate Assembly
 Member, PitE Environmental Justice Minor Development Committee
 Fellowship Applications Reviewer, International Institute
 Grant Application Reviewer, U-M Office of Research
 Member, DAAS PhD Exploratory Committee
- 2013-2014 Member, Curriculum Committee
 Co-Director, Honors Program
 LSA Representative, University Senate Assembly
 Member, PitE Environmental Justice Minor Development Committee
- 2012-2013 Member, Curriculum Committee
- 2011-2012 Member, South Africa Initiatives Office (SAIO) Committee
 Member, African Initiative Fellowship Committee
- 2010-2011 Member, SAIO Committee

Professional Service: National and International

- 2015- Member, Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network
- 2013-2014 Co-Chair, Program Committee, African Studies Association 2014 Annual Meeting.
- 2013-2015 Member of the application review committee of the Obama administration's Young African Leaders Initiative/Mandela Fellowship, The Washington Fellowship for African Leaders.
- 2010- Book manuscript, article, and proposal reviewer for:
African Studies Review
Africa, Journal of the International Institute at Cambridge
National Science Foundation

Political and Legal Anthropology Review
Niger Delta Research Digest
Africa Today
Global Change, Peace and Security
Contemporary Sociology
Journal of African and Asian Studies
Journal of Material Culture
Indiana University Press
Wiley-Blackwell
Landscape and Urban Planning
Journal of Modern African Studies
Paulgrave-McMillan
Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council,

Foreign Languages

Yoruba (fluent), Pidgin English (fluent)

Related Professional Experience

- 2003-2006 Postgraduate Researcher, Department of African-American and African Studies, University of California, Davis
- 1994-2002 Head, Human Rights Education Department, Civil Liberties Organization, Lagos.
- 1996-2002 Editor, *Religion and Society*, a quarterly publication on religion, human rights, and democracy in Nigeria published by the Civil Liberties Organization, Lagos.
- Editor, *Labor Rights*, a quarterly publication on labor and human rights issues in Nigeria published by the Civil Liberties Organization, Lagos.

Special Educational Certificates

- 9/00-11/00 Amnesty International, United Kingdom Section, Human Rights Education Dept. Training on the application of human rights to local communities
London, England
- 11/00-12/00 Council for Education in World Citizenship
Human rights enforcement procedures
London, England
- 3/00-5/00 Danish Center for Human Rights
Training in information and human rights education
Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2/99-6/99 Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
Development law and social justice
The Hague, The Netherlands
- 9/96-11/96 Human Rights Institute of South Africa

Training in human rights procedures and application
Harare, Zimbabwe

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

- Mandy Davis (Comparative Literature)
- Achirri C. Ishmael (Anthropology and SNRE)

Honors Thesis Advisee

- Sara Hodin (Mothers Know Best: Women's Birthing Experiences in East Africa and Implications for Maternal Health and Child Health, 2013)

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Students

- Olubisi Ajetunmobi, "China and Oil Extraction in Nigeria"
- Angelice Floyd, "China, Migration and Oil in Africa"
- James Griffith, "Chinese Immigration and Oil Relations with Angola and Nigeria"
- Chinemelu Okafor, "The Business of Oil Extraction in Nigeria"
- Shreya Pattel, "Contestations over Oil Benefits in Africa"

Abrams Sustainability Fellows Mentees

- Mikaela Taylor
- Maddie Bianchi

UMAPS Scholar mentee

- Dr. Babjide Ololajulo, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (2016-2017)

Graduate MCUBED Research Team

- Seyram Avle (Communication Studies)
- Charisse Willis (English and Women's Studies)
- Abigail Celis (Romance Languages and Literature)
- Christina DeLarose (English and Women's Studies)
- Tanya Camela Logan (Romance Languages and Literature)

Courses Taught

Conservation & Development in Cultural Landscapes: Field Study in Kenya

Introduction to African Studies

Introduction to Environmental Politics: Race, Class and Gender

Transnational Human Rights Formations and New Sovereignties

Violent Environments: Oil, Development and the Discourse of Power

When China Comes To Town: Environment and the Politics of Development