CURRICULUM VITATE

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Profile:
Highly qualified academic and researcher with several years of experience in University and college teaching. I have excellent records of students-professor evaluations with the ability to motivate and inspire others.

Career Objective:
My goal is a teaching position at college or university where excellence in teaching is respected and opportunities for research and scholarship are present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science
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Education
Ph.D.: Washington State University, July 2008 (Political Science)
Dissertation: "Policy Analysis of Nigerian Development Projects."

This is an evaluative, analytical study that discovers the underlying contextual factors influencing development programs performances and declining economic development in Nigeria. The findings of this study have significant implications for international development programs, international development institutions, policy makers, recipient nations and for the understanding of the factors that influence the outcomes of development projects.

Areas of Ph.D. Concentration:
Public Administration
Public Policy
American Politics

M.A. in Public Administration: Minnesota State University, July 2001
M.A. Title: "The Impact of Educational Opportunities on Poverty and Inequality in South Africa."

This study sheds light on educational disparities and the scale of poverty during the era of apartheid in South Africa.

B.S. in Business Administration with emphasis on Management and Industrial Relations: Minnesota State University, December 1990

Professional Position and Experience:
Assistant Professor, Department of International & Comparative Politics, 2009 to Present.
Assistant Professor & Chair, Department of International & Comparative Politics, September 2013 to August 2017 --American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria

Prior Professional Employment:
WSU Cultural Centers Manager, Washington State University, 2007-2008
Operations Associate, GMAC Residential Funding Corporation, 2001-2003
Wholesale Purchasing Specialist, Business Underwriter, and Post Closing specialist, US Bank, 1993-1998, 2000-2001
Manager, Augsburg College, 1991-1999

Teaching Fields:
Public Administration & Policy, Organizational Behavior, Public and Private Personnel Administration, Public Management, Organizational Theory, and Collective Bargaining, International Development, American Politics, State & Local Government, Nonprofit Sector Management, etc.

Research Interests:
African Development & Politics, Institutional Reforms; Public Administration & Leadership

Publications/Journals:

Reflections on the Current Challenges of Poverty Reduction in Africa: In Falola, T. & Odey M.O. (2017) Poverty Reduction Strategies in Africa, UK Routledge, London

International Development in Africa: An Assessment of factors affecting Success and Failures. The Macrotheme Review Volume 3, Issue 8, Fall 2014.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), A Missing Economic Factor in Africa's Development, International Journal of Management Science, Volume 3, Number 3, 2011.

International Development (AID), A key to Africa's Development, or a Trap for Dependency Relationship, International Journal of Sustainable Development, Volume 4, Number 9, 2011

Research Work in Progress
The Politics of Oil, Religion and Ethnicity in Nigeria, currently being written as a book chapter in a proposed book, "Oil and Economic Growth in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria."

Boko Haram Crisis: Its Impact on Political Stability in Nigeria and Other Regional African States

An Examination of the Role and Activities of Civil Society Organizations in Africa's Political Systems in the 21st

Single Party or Multiparty Systems: Which model is now Africa's Preferred Choice?

Conference Proceedings:
"The Joys and Challenges of Leading from the Middle," The Council of Independent Colleges 2016 Workshop for Department and Division Chairs, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 24-26, 2016

"International Development in Africa: An Assessment of factors affecting Success and Failures," presented at the Macrotheme International Conference on Business and Social Science, Dubrovnik, Croatia, August 4-5, 2014

"Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), A Missing Economic Factor in Africa's Development," presented at First International Conference on
Culture, Science and Sustainable Development, Portonovo, Republic of
Benin, April 4-7, 2011

"International Development (AID), A Key to Africa's Development, or a Trap for Dependency Relationship," presented at the Fifth International Conference on Research and Development, Buea, South West Province, Cameroon, November 20-25, 2011.

"The Challenges of Poverty Reduction in Africa: Some Views," presented at the 2012 Africa Conference on Poverty and Empowerment at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, March 30-April 1, 2012

Other Activities
Panelist, on Nobel Laureate Wole Soyinka's work, African Politics and Affairs, Feb. 3, 2005 at Washington State University
Led the American University of Nigeria Students delegation to victory at the 2010 Nigerian International Model United Nations (NIGIMUN) Competition in Abuja, Nigeria
Chair, American University of Nigeria 2012 Senate Committee on Academic Standard and Policies
Member, 2014 Adamawa State Governorship Debates Committee
Member, Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare and Retention
Member, University Research Council Committee, AUN
Member, Using Technology to Support Education in Nigeria Committee, AUN
Member, Senate Curriculum Committee
Guest Lecturer, AUN Seminar on public administration & policy & development, November 12th, 2012, and March 25th, 2013
Evaluator, School of Business and Enterprise Final Year Student Projects, 2013/2014 academic year; and previous years

References: Will be provided Upon Request.

Membership: American Political Science Association
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
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