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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: Applied Epistemology, Social and Political Philosophy, Moral Philosophy

Areas of Competence: African Philosophy, Metaphilosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy *Present*

University of Colorado Boulder

Faculty Advisor: Ajume H. Wingo

Faculty Mentors: Robert Pasnau & Iskra Fileva

Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies *Expected Fall 2024*

University of Colorado Boulder

Open Student Workshop on Global Priorities Research *June 2023*

Oxford Global Priorities Institute,
University of Oxford

B.A Philosophy *February 2021*

Ekiti State University, Ekiti State, Nigeria

Undergraduate Thesis: *The Place of God in Human Existence: A Phenomenological Study in Ontology*

- Best Graduating Male Student in the Department of Philosophy Class'21
- Most Outstanding Student in the Department of Philosophy Class'21
- Department of Philosophy 2021 Best Undergraduate Thesis (Highest Grade)

POSITIONS

Harper Ph.D. Fellow, *2023- Present*

Benson Center for the Study
of Western Civilization,
University of Colorado Boulder

Ogilvy Research Fellow, *2023-2024*

Center for British and Irish Studies,
University of Colorado Boulder

PUBLICATIONS/ACADEMIC WRITINGS

Papers:

Idowu Odeyemi. (2024). "African Communitarianism: An Externalist Justification for Altruism". *The Philosophical Forum*.

Idowu Odeyemi. (2024). "Proto-History: Unending Intuitions." *Metaphilosophy*.

Public Philosophy:

Idowu Odeyemi. (2023). "The Case for Affirmative Action". [*The Republic*](#).

Idowu Odeyemi. (2023). "What Did the Anti-Affirmative Action Group Get Wrong About Affirmative Action?" [*American Philosophical Association Blog*](#).

Idowu Odeyemi. (2023). The Personal is also Political. [*Olongo Africa*](#)

Works in Progress:

"Colonialism, Effective Altruism, and the Ineffectiveness of Reparations" (R&R at the *Journal of Applied Philosophy*)

"Blameworthiness in Colonial Wrongs" (Under Review)

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant:

Present

Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado Boulder

Course: Political Philosophy: Poverty, Power, and Patriotism (*Spring 2023*)

Course: Social Philosophy: Contemporary Social Problems (*Fall 2023*)

Course: Social Philosophy: Contemporary Social Problems (*Spring 2024*)

Graduate Assistant

Feb 2021 - March 2022

Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

Lecturer:

Dec 2019 - Feb 2021

Institute of Continuous Education Program

(Affiliated with Imo State University, Nigeria)

Course: Logic

Course: Introduction to Philosophy

Course: Political Philosophy

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIP & RECOGNITION

Fellowships:

- Harper Ph.D. Fellowship - Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, University of Colorado Boulder (\$4,000)

- Ogilvy Research Fellowship - Center for British and Irish Studies, University of Colorado Boulder (\$2,500)
- 2023-24 Engaged Arts and Humanities Scholar - University of Colorado Boulder (\$1,000)
- University of Colorado Boulder's Graduate Diversity Fellowship (\$3,750)
- University of Colorado Boulder's Graduate Dean's Fellowship (\$1,500)
- University of Colorado Boulder Chancellor's Fellowship (Nominated)
- The University of Memphis Provost Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$100, 000 5-years scholarship - **declined**)

Grants:

- Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant (\$1,000)
- Eaton Graduate Student Research Award - Center for Humanities & the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder (\$800)
- CU Boulder Department of Philosophy Climate Committee Grant (\$4, 000 –to organize the 1st Boulder Social and Political Philosophy Lecture; Guest Speaker: Kristie Dotson (University of Michigan))

Awards:

- Most Outstanding student in the Department of Philosophy, Ekiti State University Class'2021
- Ekiti State University Department of Philosophy 2021 Best Undergraduate Thesis (Highest Grade)
- Ekiti State University Philosophy Students Association, Meritorious Award as Best Male Graduating Student
- Ekiti State University Philosophy Students Association, Meritorious Award as the Best Philosophy Writer (Undergraduate Level) 2021
- Ekiti State 2018 Future Award Prize for Literature
- Excellence Award for Making the Top 5 Poems of Nigerian Students Poetry Prize 2018 out of 464 entrants.

CONFERENCES & INVITED SPEAKER

- (Invited) Department of Philosophy Seminal Lectures at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Presented Paper: *African Communitarianism: An Externalist Justification of Altruism*

- American Philosophical Association 2023 Central Division Meeting, Denver

Presented: *Marxist Critique of Liberal Egalitarianism*

(Commentary on “Alternatives to Capitalism: Liberal Egalitarianism or Marxism” by Edward Greetis)

- (2022) 3rd Practical Philosophy Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Researcher Conference at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (Peer Reviewed)

Presented Paper: *Epistemic Hierarchy*

- 2022 Ida B. Wells Conference at the University of Memphis (Peer Reviewed)

Presented Paper: *Conceptualizing Soft Decolonization*

- The University of Colorado Boulder Black Excellence Dinner

Keynote Speech: *Black Love, Black Joy*

SERVICES

Member

August 2022 – July 2023

Minorities in Philosophy (MAP)

University of Colorado, Boulder Chapter

Organizer

Present

Boulder Social and Political Lecture

Department of Philosophy,

University of Colorado Boulder

Member

August 2022 – Present

Department of Philosophy Climate Committee

University of Colorado Boulder

Secretary

October 2022 – Present

Black Graduate and Professional Student Association

University of Colorado Boulder

Contributing Non-fiction Interviewer

March 2022 – July 2023

Africa in Dialogue

Writing Fellow & Editorial Intern

June 2018 - Present

The Republic

Olongo Africa

The Nation Newspaper, Nigeria

Opinion Nigeria, Lagos, Nigeria

Blue Marble Review, Minnesota, U.S.A

Brittlepaper, Nigeria

Icelfloepress, Toronto, Canada

Pithead Chapel, U.S.A

Barren Magazine, U.S.A

Reader

May 2020 - June 2022

Perhappened Magazine, California, USA

Chestnut Review, New York City, USA

Editor-in-Chief

May 2018 - November 2019

National Association of Philosophy Students Press, EKSU
Faculty of Arts Students' Association Press, EKSU

Managing Editor

January 2019 - November 2019

Association of Campus Journalists, EKSU Chapter

Vice President

January 2019 - November 2019

Community of Writers and Readers, EKSU Chapters

Departmental Advisor & Seminar Organizer

September 2018 - October 2019

National Association of Philosophy Students, EKSU

OTHER MEDIA/PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY PUBLICATIONS

- Living in America, Leaving Nigeria ([*The Republic*](#))
- On the Ephemerality of Personal Identity ([*Olongo Africa*](#))
- Elite Capture and the Retrograde of Social Justice: In Dialogue with Professor Olufemi Taiwo ([*Africa in Dialogue*](#))
- Unravelling Africa's History: A Dialogue with Astrid Madimba and Chinny Utaka ([*Africa in Dialogue*](#))
- For the Foreign Friend Who Asked Me Why Africans Write Sad Poems ([*Icefloypress*](#))
- The World Was Beautiful ([*Perhappened Magazine*](#))
- Transatlantic Heartbreak ([*Pithead Chapel*](#))
- Bullet as Lineage ([*Barren Magazine*](#))
- Covid-19 and the Loose Logic of Religion ([*Opinion Nigeria*](#))