

CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Human Trafficking in West Africa
- Gender Based Violence in West Africa
- African Social Structure
- Post-Colonial African Social Structure
- Marginality and Resistances among African Women
- Neo-Pentecostalism and Women in Africa

EDUCATION

- PhD (2010) Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria
Thesis Title: An Anthropological Analysis of Changing Family Structures, Women Trafficking and International Prostitution among the Benin People of Southern Nigeria.
Dissertation Supervisor: Professor Olabisi Idowu Aina (Fellow Social Science Academy, Nigeria).
Concentration: Women Trafficking and transnational migration
- M.Sc. (2004) Esan Women Migrants and Hometown Development in Irrua and Uromi Communities of Edo State, Nigeria
Dissertation Supervisor: Professor Ade Ademola (Co-Supervisor) Late Professor Lilian Trager (Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, USA)
Concentration: Women and Community Development, Migrant Women and Social Development and Economic Empowerment

- BSc. (1998) An Evaluation of the Impact of Food Production in Edo North. A B.Sc. Long Essay submitted to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
Long Essay Supervisor: Late Prof Theophilus Odetola

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- (Jan 2020) Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin.
- (Sept 2000) Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria
- (June 2004-October 2007) Assistant Lecturer Department of Sociology and Anthropology Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.
- (October 2007-June 2010) Lecturer II Department of Sociology and Anthropology Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria
- (June 2010- October 2013) Lecturer 1 Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.
- (October 2013 till October 2018) Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

SCHOLARSHIP

PUBLICATIONS

- **Osezua, O. C.** and Agholor N. H. (2019) Patriarchy, Cultural Prejudices Spousal Violence in the ancient city of Benin of Southern Nigeria. *Journal of International Women Studies*. Bridge-Water State University, Massachusetts, United States America. 20 (7) 407-420.
- Agunbiade M. & **Osezua, O.C** (2019) Hurting shadows of contraceptive side effects and sexual negotiation tension among women of unintended pregnancy in South West Nigeria Special Issue on Africa Population Studies on Emerging Issues in Demography of West Africa, UAPSS, South Africa. Vol.32 (3), 4574-4586.
- **Osezua, O.C.**, Ikuteyijo L, and Agunbiade, O. (2019). Breaking the Silence on Child Sexual Abuse in Nigeria, a Prelude in Achieving Sexual Health. *Journal Social Sciences*. International University of Ilorin, Ilorin
- **Agunbiade O.M and Osezua, O.C (2019)** Fear of Contraceptive Side Effects and Tensions in Marital Unions among Women at risk for unintended pregnancy in South West Nigeria. *African Population Studies*, Witwatersrand, South Africa. 32 (3), 4574-4586.

- **Osezua, O.C. and Tolu Ojo (2018)** Migrant teenage mothers’ voices of disillusionments ambivalences and broken aspiration in two Yoruba Communities in Nigeria. *International Journal of Development and Administration (IJAD)*. Department of Public Administration. University of Ilorin, Kwara State. Nigeria. 4 (2), 99-112
- **Osezua, O.C. (2017)** “Poverty and Sex Trade among Bini People of Southern Nigeria.” In Adeniran A and Ikuteyijo L (Eds.) *African Now!* (Pp.321-340) (Palgrave Macmillan) New York, United States of America.
- **Osezua, O.C. & D.T. Agablajobi (2016)** A Qualitative study of Gender Issues Associated Academic Mentoring in a Nigerian University. *Journal of Educational Research and Practice*. Walden University, Minneapolis, United States of America. 16. (1) 119-134.
- **Osezua, O.C. (2016)** Gender Issues in Human Trafficking: Incidences in Edo State of Nigeria. *African Sociological Review*, CODESRIA, Senegal. 20 (1), 37-59.
- **Osezua, O.C. (2016)** “The Gender and Religious Dimensions of Human Trafficking in Sub- Saharan Africa” in Ed. Jean –Guy Goulet: *Religious Diversity Today: Experiencing Religion in the Contemporary World. Vol 3. Religion Transforming Societies and Social Lives*. (Pp. 303-322) **New York**, Praeger publishers,
- **Osezua, O.C., Ikuteyijo O. and Agunbiade, M. (2015)** Migrant women sex Workers in Edo South of Nigeria and the notion of passivity in dominant sex trafficking discourse. *African Journal of Gender and Development*. Centre for Gender and Social Policy studies, **Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife**. 2(1), 59-67.
- **Osezua, O.C (2015)** Hairdo symbolism social identity construction among the Yoruba women in an era of globalization. *Ife Social Sciences Review*, Faculty Journal Special Edition in association with University of Witwatersrand South Africa & Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife 24. (1), 213-222.
- **Aremu, D.A, Osezua, O.C. and Owoeye, O.I. (2014)** Africa rock arts, engravings and carvings as scripts and communication: A contribution from Nigeria. *West African Journal of Archaeology. Special Issue in Honour of Late Thurstan Shaw*. West African Archaeological Association (WAJA). University of Nigeria, Nsukka. 44 (1 and 2), 111-148.
- **Osezua, O.C. (2013)** The Transmogrified religious systems and the phenomenon of human trafficking among the Benin People of Southern Nigeria. *An International Journal of Arts and Humanities*. Department of Curriculum Education and Management, Faculty of Education, Lakpa University College, Bar Hir Daar, Ethiopia. 2 (3), .20-35.
- **Osezua.O.C. (2013):** “Entrepreneurship Development” in *Basic and Contemporary Issues in Entrepreneurship* Warren Publishers. United States of America. 251-260.

- Changing status of women and the phenomenon trafficking of women for transactional sex in Nigeria: A Qualitative Analysis *Journal of International Women Studies*. Bridge-Water State University, Massachusetts, United States America. 14 (3), 14-29.
- **Osezua, O.C.** (2012). “The Woman’s Body, a Man’s Field: The Commoditization of Female Sexuality among the Benin People of Southern Nigeria” in E.A. Akinlo, O.I. Orimogunje, A.I. Akinyemi and J.O. Aransiola (Eds.) *Challenges of Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria at 50: Issues and Policy Options* (Pp 168-185), Ile-Ife, Faculty of Social Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. Nigeria
- **Osezua, O.C** (2011) Cross-border sex trade, transnational remittances and changing family structures among Benin people of Southern Nigeria. *Gender and Behaviours..* 9 (2), 4276-4297
- Aina, O. Aransiola, J and **Osezua, O.** (2009). Sexual rights and sexual health within marriage. *An International Multi-Disciplinary Journal, Haramaya University, Dire Dawa-Ethiopia.* 3 (1) 27 -46.
- Iyayi, SA, Osezua, E.M, **Osezua, O.C**, Yusuf H.A (2008) Women in Technical Education and Technology, their Contribution to the success of Nigeria’s Vision 2020: A Prognosis. *Journal of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Kaduna State University, Kaduna State. Nigeria.* 1(1), 26-34’
- Osezua, E.M. and **Osezua, O.C.** (2007). Evaluating the management styles of intergroup conflicts in the ivory tower: A comparative analysis of selected South-Western Universities in Nigeria. *An International Journal of Psychology in Africa. Ife Psychologia.* Obafemi Awolowo University. Ile-Ife 15 (2), 103-123.
- Osezua, E. M. and **Osezua, O.C** (2006) Globalization, Gender and Economic Empowerment in Nigeria. *African Journal of Gender and Development.* **Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife** 1(1), 61-77.
- **Osezua, O.C.** and Osezua, E.M. (2006) Problem and prospects of female participation in community development among urban women migrants in Nigeria: A case of Uromi Women in Edo State. *Ife Social Sciences Review.* **Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife** 20 (1), 66-73.
- **Osezua, O.C.** (2005). “Anthropology” in Kunle Ogunbameru and Wale Rotimi (Ed.) *Man, and His Social Environment* (pp: 190-202) **Ibadan.** Spectrum

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

- Osezua, O. C. and Edobor E. Patriarchy, Policy and Female Genital Cutting in Africa. *The Palgrave Handbook of African Women's Studies*
- **Osezua O.C** and Adedokun O. Sexual abuse among Adolescents street hawkers in a nodal town in Ore. Faculty of Social Sciences, Osun State University. Okuku, Osun State

TEACHING

- SSC101 - Humans and their Social Environment
- SOC 201 - Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology
- SOC 202 - Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology
- SOC 203 - Nigeria Traditional Social Structure (1)
- SOC 204 - Nigerian Traditional Social Structure (2)
- SOC 207 - Introduction to Gender and Development
- SOC 208 - Women and Child Rights Issues in Nigeria
- SOC 301 - Foundation of Sociology and Anthropological Theories
- SOC 302 - Foundation of Sociological and Anthropological Theories
- SOC 303 - Social Research Method (1)
- SOC304 - Social Research Methods (11)
- SOC 403 - African Traditional Social Structure
- SOC 404 - African Traditional Social Structure (2)
- PGSW633 - Social Work and Community Development and Administration
- SOC 633 - Culture and Society
- SOC632 - Applied Anthropology
- SOC603 - Advanced Research Methods in Anthropology (1)
- SOC604 - Advanced Research Methods in Anthropology (2)
- ANT 201 - Anthropology of Human Diversity
- ANT 202 - Culture and Society in West Africa
- ANT 308 - Gender Culture and Violence
- ANT 416 - Gender and Religion

SERVICES

DEPARTMENT

- Unit Head, Anthropology Sub Discipline 2013-2018
- Chairperson, Departmental Welfare Committee 2012-2015
- Chairperson, Departmental Office Committee 2011-2015
- Chairperson, Departmental Postgraduate Committee 2012-2013

- Representative in Faculty Board of Arts 2009 -2018
- Departmental Staff Advisor (Departmental Student' Association 2004-2018
- Member, Departmental Board of Examiners 2010 -2018
- Member, Departmental Examination Processing Committee 2004- 2018
- Students' Association Adviser 2005 -2018

FACULTY

- Member, Faculty Board Representative on Faculty Review Committee 2016-2018
- Member, Faculty Conference Committee 2013-2015
- Member, Faculty Editorial Committee 2014-2015
- Member Faculty Postgraduate Committee 2013-2014
- Member, Faculty Selection Panel 2013-2014
- Member, Faculty Fund Raising Committee 2010-2014
- Member, Faculty Board of Social Sciences 2004- 2018

UNIVERSITY

- Member, University Anti- Sexual Harassment Committee 2017-2018
- Deputy Hall Mistress, Moremi Hall , 2016-2018
- Member, Editorial Team of the Centre for Gender Studies Journal Committee 2013-2018
- Internal Examiner, Department of Religious Studies 2013-2018
- Internal Examiner, Department of Continuing Education 2013 -2018
- Internal Examiner, Department of English and Literature 2013-2017
- Internal Examiner, Department of Demography and Social Statistics 2013-2017
- Department of Community Health, College of Health Sciences 2016-2017
- Members, Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies Work
- Group on Gender and Violence 2005-2008
- Member, Strategic planning Research Committee 2003-2005

SCHORLARSHIP AND PRIZES

- Fellow, Population Development Institute, Brown University Institute of Advanced Research Institute (BIARI), Providence, R.I 2013
- Award Winner, University Research Council (URC) Grant for Postgraduate Studies, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. 2009
- Award Winner, Small Grants Research thesis award for PhD thesis Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa

- (CODESRIA) Dakar-Senegal 2007
- Fellow a 3-Months Carnegie Fellowship for Female Academic Staff Development, utilized in the University of Pretoria, South Africa. 2006
- Fellow, Centre of Gender and Social Policy Studies Obafemi Awolowo Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria 2006
- Award Winning Fellowship, African Sexuality Leadership Fellowship Sponsored by Ford Foundation and African Regional Sexuality Resource Centre. 2006
- National Youth Service Corp 1999
- Best Overall Graduating Student 1998
- Best Student in Industrial Sociology (Israel Alo Prize) 1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Nigerian Anthropological and Sociological Association of Nigeria (NASA)
- Council of Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
- International Sociological Association (ISA)

CONFERENCES ATTENDED/PAPERS PRESENTED (from most recent):

- **Guest Resource Person:** The Transmogrification of Religious Systems among Benin People of Southern Nigeria: Understanding the Nexus Between Sex Trafficking and Religion in the Global South in Innovation, Peace and Development at Students Activity Centre University of Texas Austin on the 5th of April 2019.
- **Guest Resource Person: Adaptive Strategies for Immigrant Families and the children's education.** Theme: Giving Voice and Visibility to Experiences of Transnational Family and their Children in Annual Retreat for Austin Independent District School District held at Reagan Early College High School. Austin Texas, USA Dec 10 - 11, 2018
- **Chairperson: Panel** Identities, Marc 29th -31st 2019, College of Liberal Arts, Dept of History, 19th Annual Conference University of Texas at Austin
- **Participant,** Innovation for Peace and Development in Society International, the 52 North American Annual Meeting held at University of Texas at Austin, Nov 8-18, 2018.
- **Chairperson:** Panel on 2018 Faculty of Social Science Conference, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, **held at Conference Centre, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.**

- **Chair**, 3rd International Conference on Panel Chair Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies,
Held at Bis Fayemi Hall, Obafemi Awolowo University, May 2nd-4th, 2018.
- **Chair:** Gender Resource, Resourcing, Resourcefulness, Power and Security at the Bi-annual Conference organized by Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies, Theme: Gender and Security: Shifting Perspectives, Transforming Communities, May 15-17, 2017 at Bisi Fayemi Building, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife,
- **Participant:** Faculty of Social Science Conference, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. Theme: Environment and Sustainable Development in Nigeria in the 21st Century, 28-29th March 2016 held at Conference Centre, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
- **Participant:** 114th edition of American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, Colorado (Partially funded by the American Anthropological Association). American Anthropological Association (AAA) Denver Colorado (Nov 17th -22nd 2015) **Paper Presented: De-familiarizing of collaborative projects and knowledge exchange between West Africa and the West**
- World Social Science Forum held in International Convention Centre, Durban South Africa in September 2015 (funded trip by the Human Science Research Council in South Africa) **Paper presented: Youths in the global South: Representations, theories, policies, methodologies and evidence.**
- **Presenter/ Resource Person:** World Social Science Forum held in International Convention Centre, Durban South Africa in September 2015 (funded trip by the Human Science Research Council in South Africa) **Paper presented: Youths in the global South: Representations, theories, policies, methodologies and evidence.**
- **Guest Resource Person:** Vulnerability and Human Trafficking Policy. Funded by Werner Gren Foundation of Anthropological Research held at the National Institute of International Affairs, 13/15 Kofo-Abayomi, Vitoria Island, Lagos. (August 5th, 2015) **Paper Presented: The Woman's Body, a Man's Field: The Commodification of female Sexuality of Benin People of Southern Nigeria.**
- **Facilitator,** Gender Conference Development held in Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife held at the Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. April 7th-9th, 2015 Culture, Development Conference held in University of the Free

State Durban 6th -8th of June 2014, South Africa. **Paper Presented: Women's Hairdo and its Symbolism among the Yoruba people.**

- **Presenter:** International Conference on Gender in Work Organization in University of Keele: Staffordshire, United Kingdom. **Paper Presented: "Motherless Babies: Increasing Competitive Advantage of Young Female Academics in Nigerian Universities". 27th -29th May, 2014.**
- **Participant:** CARTA Workshop for Capacity Development Joint Training for University Administrators and faculty Supporting Postgraduate Programs in African Universities, held in Hilton Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, September 16-18, 2013.
- **Awardee Participant:** Population and Development Institute of the Brown University International Advanced Research Institute, 8th -23rd of June 2013. In Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, United States of America **Paper Presented: Male Perception of Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Yoruba Community.**
- **Presenter:** Social Movement, Religion and Political Expression in Africa and Conference 2013 University of Texas at Austin, United States of America. 30 March 1 – April 2013. **Paper: Transmogrified Religious Institutions and the Phenomenon of Women Trafficking in Nigeria.**
- **Presenter:** Poverty and Empowerment in Africa Conference 2012 University of Texas at Austin, United States of America. 30 March 1 – April 2012. **Paper: Poverty and Sex Trade among Nigerian Women: An Empirical Analysis.**
- **Guest Resources Person:** UN-Women Gender Dialogue Series on Gender Equality "The Platform" Held in March 30th, 2012 in Faculty of Social Sciences Board Room, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. **Paper: Gender Dimension to Human Trafficking in Nigeria.**
- **Presenter:** The 2012 National Conference on Youth and National Development: Addressing the Challenges of Youth and Issues on Social Order, Security, Governance, Economic and Labour Force in Nigeria. **Paper: Multi-competence, the panacea to graduate unemployment in Nigeria.** Proposal Development Workshop Organized by the Centre for Social Policy Studies, January 31st -1st of February 2012

- **Facilitator:** Female Academic and Non -Academic Women Leadership Training in West Africa Sub-Region. 12-13th of May 2011. Organized by the Centre for Distant Learning in Conjunction with the Centre for Gender and Social Policy Studies.
- **Participant:** The 2011 International Conference on Challenges of Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria at 50: Issues and Policy Options, organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, March 28-30.
- **Presenter: Paper: The Woman’s Body, a Man’s Field: The Commoditization of Female Sexuality among the Benin People of Southern Nigeria.** Nigerian Sociological and Anthropological Conference in held in Usanmu Dan Fodiyo University, Sokoto 2009
Paper: Transactional Sex and the Changing Status of women in Benin City of Edo State. Nigeria
- **Presenter:** International Conference on Globalization held in Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. June 2006 Paper. African Regional Sexuality Development Training/Fellowship, funded by Ford Foundation and the African Regional Resource Centre, in Lagos, June 2006. **Paper Presented: An Anthropological Analysis of Changing Family Structures and Women Trafficking in Nigeria.**

CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- Principal Investigator: TETFUND National Research Fund, entitled “**Institutionalization of Gender Mainstreaming (GM) in the Nigerian University System: Policy Reforms and Institutional Capacity Assessment**” a project worth a hundred and ten thousand dollars. (USD110,000)
- Moralizing the Nigerian Projects? Exploring the experiences youths’ perspectives of the Nigerian Dream.

RECENT POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

- Odidiomo Yemisi (SSP 14/15/ R/0136) The Study of Self-Objectification of Women’s Sexuality
In Hip-Hop Music M.Sc. Gender and Social Policy Studies (2019)
- Tolu Adelugba Gender inequity and Sexual and Reproductive Health issues in Africa (PhD candidate)
- Bassey Oyekan. An Ethnographic Analysis of Agric-preneurship in Iwo Community of Osun State Msc. Sociology and Anthropology (2019)

- Tomiwo Esther Oloyede SSP13/14/H/0234 Social Cultural Context and Practice of Female Genital Cutting in Ile-Ife, Osun State Msc. Sociology and Anthropology, (2017)
- Tolu Odunayo Ojo SSP13/14/H/0290. Social Cultural Factors in early Teenage Pregnancy among Rural Community Dwellers of Irasa/Ilokun Communities in Ado Local Government Area. Ekiti State. (M.Sc. Sociology and Anthropology) 2016
- Agholor Henry Nduka SSP12/13/H/0889. Pentecostalism and Management of Spousal Violence among Benin Women. M.Sc. Sociology and Anthropology (2015)
- Omojufehinsi Oluwaseyi O. SSP13/14/H/2192. Sexual Risk Behavior among Female Wait Staff in Ore a Nodal Town Nigeria. M.Sc. Sociology and Anthropology (2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND OUTREACHES

- **National coordinator: Moral Eyes:** Coming to see Personal Privileges and Positionalities in Diverse Social Issues of Justice. Collaborative Research Multi-country funded by the Human Science Research Council, South Africa. (2015- 2016).
- **State coordinator:** Edo State Coordinator of People’s Assessment of Quality Maternal Health Care Delivery in Nigeria, in Collaboration with African Population and Human Research Council, Kenya,2015 (Covered the 3 senatorial zones)
- **Technical Research Report Writer:** UN Women Dialogue on Gender Equality “The Platform” (2013) Sponsored by the UN -Women. Abuja, Nigeria
- **Desk Review and Technical Report Writing** of the Gender and Police Curriculum Review (2013), UN Women, Abuja, Nigeria
- **Supervisor /Technical Research Report Writing** (Obafemi Awolowo University) A Preliminary study of a Multi-Collaborative Study on The Evolving Nature of Gender Social and Relationships in Late Childhood and Early Adolescence funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: (2012)
- **Desk Reviewer:** Women in Cross Border Trade (2012) Sponsored by the UN-Women, Abuja, Nigeria
- **Supervisor:** on a Reproductive Health Project held in Sagamu LGA in Ogun State on CLIP Project in Pre-eclampsia and hypertension in relation to pregnancy (2012)

SKILLS

- Teamwork
- Adaptability
- Communication
- Leadership

- Resilience
- Time Management
- Positive attitude

KEY AREAS OF MY CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE

- Contrary to extant literature which previously stressed the deceptive and coercive processes associated with women trafficking in its hub in Nigeria, my researches provided a different perspective as most of the trafficked women were deliberate in their choices, yielding themselves to be trafficked especially because of the huge financial remittances accessible to previously trafficked women.
- I was able through my researches clearly demonstrate that socio-cultural context in which human trafficking occur should be given critical attention in understanding the social location of such trafficked women who sometimes see themselves as initial beneficiaries arising from the hard currencies obtainable from international sex trade
- Through ethnographic researches, I documented how are how social class and ethnic identities, educational status intersects with gender, making poor women negotiate their own forms of empowerment within the parameters of available resources in a region.
- In relation to social work, women and children constitute marginal groups in most African societies; hence my researches have given significant attention to marginal women in various contexts.
- I have also interrogated the religious institutions who from my researches are key agents perpetuating patriarchy, which further aggravates the subordination of women and heightens their vulnerability to gender - based violence.
- **Methodological Orientation:**
I am ardent advocate of the use of qualitative data which I am convinced captures the actual experiences and gives interpretation to social realities from a cultural context. This is imperative because man is essentially a product of culture. I have however had to engage in mixed method research which provides a broader perspective to researches that are geared towards making macro generalization.
- **Theoretical Orientation:**
I am committed to capturing the emic or “insiders” perspectives of social realities and giving voice to the socially marginalized women who are more often victims of all form of violence and discrimination.

