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# **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

2014- 2019 Polish Academy of Sciences: IFIS, Warsaw, Poland.

Ph.D. in Sociology

Title: Social and cultural factors influencing health behaviour among migrant women. A

case study of attitude of Nigerian women towards cervical cancer prevention in

Poland. (Interdisciplinary research)

2013-2014 Polish Academy of Sciences: Graduate School of Social Research. Warsaw, Poland.

MA, Culture, Media and Society

Title: Media Construct of Poverty Issues in Nigeria

2004 – 2008 Lagos State University. Lagos, Nigeria.

BSc. Public Relations and Advertising

Title: Audience analysis of political advertisement messages in the Nigerian General

Elections (2007 gubernatorial elections).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2019-till date: Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Poland.

**Role: Lecturer and Researcher** 

- NCN Miniatura-8 Registr. No.:2024/08/X/HS6/01784 Project name: Niezaspokojone potrzeby w zakresie higieny menstruacyjnej w polskich ośrodkach dla uchodźców: biograficzne narracje o doświadczeniach zdrowotnych afrykańskich uchodźczyń i migrantek w Polsce. Manager: dr Omoye Akhagba
- Teaching **MA courses** in Advanced classical and contemporary sociology, Advanced research methods, MA seminar, thesis supervision and thesis reviewer.
- BA Courses: International advertising and public relations, media and Critical thinking and Social change, Theories of, critical writing, digital transformation.
  BA seminar, thesis supervision and thesis reviewer.
- Syllabus and curriculum development (Portfolio available on request)
- Thesis supervision for MA and BA students
- Creation of e-learning and module courses using various platforms (RISE 360, moodle).
- Remote teaching on MS Teams, use of MIRO, Genially, Canva, etc.

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- International project on Cross-Cultural Communications Initiative in partnership with MacEwan University, Canada – ESCA University, Morocco and Collegium Civitas, Poland.
- Teaching exchange: Sociological Theories of Stereotypes And Prejudice. Erasmus Teaching Mobility at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. March 12-16, 2024

2010 –2013 Lagos State University. School of Communication, Department of Public Relations and Advertising. Lagos, Nigeria.

## **Role: Lecturer in Mass Communication**

- **Teaching** courses in mass communication theories, development communication, advertising, marketing communication, consumer behaviour, public relations and conducting research.
- **Published** articles on media studies and women in advertising agency management.
- **Coordinating** quarterly seminars, invigilating during examination and mentoring students on career development as well as performing other administrative tasks.

# RESEARCH GRANT AND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- NCN Miniatura-8 Registr. No.:2024/08/X/HS6/01784 Project name: Niezaspokojone potrzeby w zakresie higieny menstruacyjnej w polskich ośrodkach dla uchodźców: biograficzne narracje o doświadczeniach zdrowotnych afrykańskich uchodźczyń i migrantek w Polsce. Manager: dr Omoye Akhagba
- Instytutu Filozofii i Socjologii PAN: Grant Number: 02/2016. PhD Research Grant 2016: research grant to support doctoral students at the Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (Finansowania w ramach dotacji podmiotowej projektów badawczych realizowanych przez uczestników studiów doktoranckich
- Lagos State University Scholarship for academic excellence- 2006 and 2007

## LIST OF PEER REVIEWED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 1. *Akhagba, O*. (under review). Acculturation Process and Nigerian Migrant Women's Health Stability in Poland. Zoon Politikon, Manuscript No. 9317, ISSN 2082-7806, e-ISSN 2543-408X.
- Akinwande, D. V., Boustras, G., Varianou-Mikellidou, C., Dimopoulos, C., & Akhagba, O. M. (2024). Employee teleworking experience assessment during COVID-19 lockdown: A dual-edged sword <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssci.2024.106732">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssci.2024.106732</a>
- 3. Akhagba, Omoye. Religiosity and Perceived Susceptibility of Nigerian Women Towards Cervical Cancer Screening in Poland. Polish Journal of Applied Sciences, [S.l.], v. 5, n. 3, jan.2021. ISSN 2451-1544. Available at: <a href="http://pjas.pwsip.edu.pl/index.php/pjas/article/view/159">http://pjas.pwsip.edu.pl/index.php/pjas/article/view/159</a>.
- 4. **Akhagba, Omoye** (2020). Exploration of Women's Participation in Community Media Management in Lagos, Nigeria. *IMSU Journal of Communication Studies.* (*Peer-reviewed journal*). **Available at** <a href="http://www.imsuics.com/Journals/Issue2/006.pdf">http://www.imsuics.com/Journals/Issue2/006.pdf</a>
- 5. **Akhagba, Omoye.** (2020). Theoretical Explanations of Media Construct of Poverty Issues in Nigeria. *Mkar Journal of Media and Culture*, Volume 5 number 1 *(Peer-reviewed journal)*
- 6. **Akhagba, Omoye** (2017). Cultural Influence in the Consumption of Herbal Medicine among Nigerian Women: A Theoretical Exploration. "Miscellanea Anthropologica et Sociologica",

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- Available at <a href="https://maes-online.com/resources/html/article/details?id=158581">https://maes-online.com/resources/html/article/details?id=158581</a> [MNiSW: 10] (Peer-reviewed journal)
- 7. Akhagba, Omoye (2017). Migrant women's knowledge and perceived socio-cultural barriers to cervical cancer screening programme: a qualitative study of African women in Poland. "Health Psychology Report" vol. 5(3), 2017 DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.5114/hpr.2017.65238">https://doi.org/10.5114/hpr.2017.65238</a> [MNiSW: 12] (Peer-reviewed journal)
- 8. Olatunji, R. W., Akhagba, M, O., Laninhun, B.A. (2016). Advertising Agencies Ownership and Management in Nigeria. What is the Level of Involvement of Female Professionals? "Postmodernism Problems" Volume 6, Number 3. Available online: <a href="http://ppm.swu.bg/media/45039/rotimi\_%20advertising%20agencies.pdf">http://ppm.swu.bg/media/45039/rotimi\_%20advertising%20agencies.pdf</a> (Peer-reviewed journal)
- 9. **Akhagba, Omoye** (2016). Cultural dimensions to social support and maternal care in the diaspora: a study of African mothers in Poland. [In]: Opieka nad dziećmi i starszymi rodzicami w rodzinach migrujących kobiet. Zofia Kawczyńska-Butrym Elżbieta Czapka (eds). Lublin, Polihymnia. (Book Chapter)
- 10. **Akhagba, Omoye** (2014). New Media Technologies and Advertising Practice in Nigeria. "Journal of Communication Studies" Vol. 17, (2014). ISSN 1646-4974. Available online: <a href="http://www.ec.ubi.pt/ec/17/pdf/n17a12.pdf">http://www.ec.ubi.pt/ec/17/pdf/n17a12.pdf</a>. (**Peer-reviewed journal**)
- 11. Oso, L., & Akhagba, Omoye. (2014). Media and Information Literacy and Democracy in a Multi-ethnic Society, "Jurnal Komunikasi, Malaysian Journal of Communication", Volume 30, No. 1, 2014 Available online: <a href="http://www.ukm.my/jkom/journal/pdf\_files/2014/V30\_1\_9.pdf">http://www.ukm.my/jkom/journal/pdf\_files/2014/V30\_1\_9.pdf</a> (Peer-reviewed journal)
- 12. Taiwo, T., **Akhagba, Omoye,** & Keshinro, O. (2013). Patients' Perception of Communicative Behaviour of Caregivers in Lagos Public Hospitals in Mediterranean, "Journal of Social Sciences" Vol. 4, No 2 (2013) (Peer-reviewed journal)
- 13. Olatunji,R.W., & **Akhagba, Omoye.** (2013). Children and Advertising Literacy: A study of selected schools in Lagos, Nigeria, "Global Advanced Research Journal of Social Science"(GARJSS) Vol. 2(6), 2013 Available online <a href="http://garj.org/garjss/index.html(Peer-reviewed journal">http://garj.org/garjss/index.html(Peer-reviewed journal)</a>
- 14. Media interview about my research project in a Polish Magazine (Zwierciadlo, pp.77-79,(2026) 8 Sierpien, 2015.

# PRESENTATION AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- Unpacking the Complexities of Transnational Border Crossing in Sub-Saharan Africa through the Lens of Oloture Movie. Virtual conference, "Navigating the Sahara Desert: African Migrants' Precarious Journeys and Restricted Mobilities," held on 18th January 2025.
- 2. Menstruation Poverty in Polish Refugee Camps: Result of interviews. Mobilities and Immobilities in an Era of Polycrisis. IMISCOE Spring **Conference17-19 April 2024**
- 3. Migration, Intersectionality, and Health Disparities: Exploring African Women's Health in Poland. Vulnerability, Intersectionality and Migration. Challenges and Responses. **Online Conference December 5, 2023.**
- 4. Mapping Menstruation Poverty in Polish Refugee Camps: Pilot Study. Second Annual Conference of the Menstruation Research Network (UK)Menstruation & Sustainability. **Friday 26th May 2023**. University of St Andrews, Scotland.
- 5. e-Religious Programmes and Cyber Miracles during COVID-19 Lockdown in Nigeria, Omoye Mary Akhagba Culture in the Times of Plague. Coronavirus' Impact on the Cultural

- Development in Sub-Saharan Africa. International Conference. **8th September 2021** via Zoom
- 6. Yoruba traditional system of preventive sexual health in Nigeria. Paper presentation at Medycy dla Afryki o. Warszawa IFMSA-Poland conference, **March 6, 2021.**
- 7. e-Religious Programmes and Cyber Miracles during COVID-19 Lockdown in Nigeria. *Accepted* for conference presentation in Religious Identity and the Media: Methods, concepts, theories, and new research avenues. **March 25-27, 2021 Warsaw, Poland**
- 8. Cervical Cancer Screening in Poland before and after COVID-19: An Implication for African Migrants' Access to Preventive HealthCare *Accepted* for presentation in the session Open Session on the Sociology of Medicine, Health, and Illness to be held as part of the 2021 Canadian Sociological Association (CSA-SCS) Conference.
- 9. Results from the field, socio-cultural dimensions to Cervical Cancer Screening among Nigerian Women in Poland. Medicine for Africa/Medycy dla Afryki, Warsaw, Poland. (2019).
- 10. Socio-cultural barriers to cervical cancer screening among Nigerian women in Poland, (Paper Presentation). International Conference on Medical Humanities, Warsaw: Presenter and Chair at panel discussion: 11-12 March 2016, Warsaw, Poland. Organised by Interdisciplinary Research Foundation.
- 11. Cultural dimensions to social support and maternal care in the diaspora: a study of African mothers in Poland (Paper Presentation). International Conference: Care in migration processes Concepts and implementation 19-20 May 2016, Lublin. Organised by National Centre for Research and Development within the Polish-Norwegian Research Programme.
- 12. Civil Society Organization as actors in migrant women's maternal health in Poland: A Case of Polish Migration Forum and "I am a Mom in Poland" (Paper Presentation). 3rd CDCDI International Conference Changing migration policies: national perspectives and supra-national strategies 10 11 November 2016, Bucharest, Romania. Organised by The Research and Information Center on Immigrant Integration.
- 13. Migrant Women's Knowledge, Attitude and Perceptions of Cervical Cancer Screening in Poland, (Paper Presentation). 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference Women in Culture. March 6-7th,2015, Gdansk: Organised by the University of Gdansk: Faculty of Social Sciences: Institute of Psychology & Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism.
- 14. Perceived barriers to cervical cancer screening among migrant women: FGD of African women in Warsaw, Poland, (Paper Presentation). Gender Equality & Quality of Life International Conference, August 30- September 4, 2015, Krakow: Organised by Jagiellonian University.
- 15. Culture and consumption of herbal medicine among Nigerian women, (Paper Presentation). International Conference on Women's Studies: 5, December 2015 Warsaw, Poland Organised by Interdisciplinary Research Foundation.
- 16. Gender Equality Conference: Policy, Research and Society, Warsaw, Poland. October 9- 10, 2014.
- 17. OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM), September 22-October 3, 2014, Warsaw, Poland.
- 18. Alfred Opubor International Conference on Community Media 27-29 March, 2012. Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

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- 19. African Council for Communication Education ACCE, Conference, Ota, Ogun State. 21-23 September, 2011.
- 20. International Research and Capacity Building Conference, Accra, Ghana 15-17 September, 2011.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

- Research area: sociology of health, psychology, social psychology, anthropology, migration, health communication and media content analysis.
- Data collection and analysis: content analysis, qualitative interviews, data input, coding and analysis,
- Research tools: MAXQDA (proficient user), Atlas-ti (intermediate user), SPSS (basic user.

# **Non-Academic and Volunteering Activities**

European Union Project Coordinator, Fundacja dla Migrantow, Dobry Start. I.m. A.G. Farah, Poland: coordinated 12 EU projects: Erasmus, AMIF and humanitarian projects.

Trainer and Project Assistant, Fundacja Global African Dialogue, Poland: coordinated 3 projects

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- Module development using RISE 360/Articulate

# **References:**

Prof. Hanna Bojar

Dr. Monika Nowicka

Mr. Elmi Abdi