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Current Position: Part Time: Director, Critical Thinking Social Empowerment Foundation, Nigeria

Current Position: Part time: Director, Advocacy for Alleged Witches, Nigeria

Immediate Past Position:

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (*Islam, African Publics and Religious Values*), Department for the Study of Religions, University of Cape Town, South Africa (2021/22)

EDUCATION

University of Bayreuth 2017
Bayreuth, Germany

Ph.D, History of Religions

Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies

Dissertation: “The Witch is not a Witch: The Dynamics and Contestations of Witchcraft Accusations in Northern Ghana.”
<https://epub.uni-bayreuth.de/3377/1/THESISfinaldraft.pdf>

University of Calabar 2005
Calabar, Nigeria

Master of Arts: Philosophy

Seat of Wisdom Seminary 1992
Ulakwo, Nigeria

Bachelor of Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE / TEACHING

Budapest: Central European University 2023 Summer School
Course: Magic and Witchcraft: History, Interdisciplinarity, Global Perspectives

Munich: Catholic University of Applied Sciences Winter 2018
Courses: Religion and Migration, NGOs and Social Change

University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa Summer 2021
Course: REL1017S (Christianity Section)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE / WRITING

Co organizer with Prof Stefan Sorgner: Transhumanism and Africa 2022

Link: https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=watch_permalink&v=662146211579818

Presentation on Human augmentation. 2022. Link: <https://www.news.uct.ac.za/article/-2022-07-20-uct-vc-hosts-webinar-on-human-augmentation>

Co convener with Prof Stefan Sorgner and Ojochogu Abdul: The Transhumanism Africa Project: Exploring the remaking of a continent from cradle of humankind to playground of our futures. ECA 2023 Link: <https://nomadit.co.uk/conference/ecas2023/p/12511>

Selected Book Chapters and Journal Articles

Igwe, L. 2022. A Virus Became a God: The COVID-19 Pandemic and Religious Legitimacy Crisis in Africa. *Essays in the Philosophy of Humanism*. Vol. 30 (1). <https://americanhumanist.org/what-we-do/publications/eph/journals/volume30/igwe/>

Igwe, L. 2021. Atheism in Southern Africa. In M. Ruse & S. Bullivant (Ed.), *The Cambridge History of Atheism* (pp. 971-981). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108562324.053

Igwe, L. 2021. Transhumanism and Emerging Technologies: Exploring Ethics and Human Enhancement in Africa. *Deliberatio*. 1(1)87-95. https://deliberatio.uvt.ro/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/9_Leo-Igwe_Transhumanism-and-Emerging-Technologies-Exploring-Ethics-and-Human-Enhancement-in-Africa.pdf.

Igwe, L. 2020. "Child Witch Accusations" in *The Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119171492.wecad230>

Igwe, L. 2019. "Human Flourishing Beyond Religion: Homosexuality and Atheism in Kenya" M. Christian Green (ed.). "Law, Religion and Human Flourishing". Stellenbosch: African Sun Media: 261-273; DOI <https://doi.org/10.18820/9781928314592/16>

Igwe, L. 2019. "Media and Witchcraft Accusation in Northern Ghana: A Study of the Dagomba Community." *Secular Studies* 1, no. 2: 186-203.

Igwe, L. 2004. Political Humanism in Africa in the 21st Century: A Nigerian Perspective. In *Toward a New Political Humanism*. Seidman, Barry F., and Neil J. Murphy, Eds. 285-295. New York: Prometheus Books.

Many other articles and essays; list upon request.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Social Work, Catholic University of Applied Science, Munich, Germany (Winter Semester 2018/2019)

Member, Enlightenment Transhumanism Forum of Nigeria

Board Member Humanists International, UK

Chair, Critical Thinking Social Empowerment Foundation aka Center for Critical Thinking, 2021

Member, Institute of African and Diaspora Studies, University of Lagos, 2019

Editorial Board Member, *Secular Studies Journal*, 2017

Board Member, Humanist Service Corps, 2016

Board Member, Universal Learning Solutions Initiative, 2014

Board Member, Basic Rights Counsel Initiative, 2011

IHEU Representative at the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Banjul, Gambia, 2007-2011

IHEU Representative for West Africa, 2007-2011

LANGUAGES

Igbo (native fluency); English (native fluency); French (basic-speaking, writing reading); Yoruba (elementary-conversational); German (elementary-reading).