

CURRICULUM VITAE

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2. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- i) Ph. D. Temple University, 1991, Religions and Islamic Law.
- ii) M. A. Temple University, 1988, Religious Studies.
- iii) M. A. Islamic University, Medina, Saudi Arabia, 1980, Islamic Law.
- iv) B. A Islamic University, Medina, Saudi Arabia, 1976, Islamic Law.

3. Teaching Experience:

- a) Lecture II at University of Sokoto, Sokoto, Nigeria from 1980-1984.
- b) Visiting Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, from 1990-1992.
- c) Associate Professor at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, from 1992 till present.

4. Research and Creative Activities.

Ph. D dissertation on: “ Malik’s Concept of *Maslahah* (the Consideration of the Common Good). (Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 1991).

M.A. dissertation on “Al-Takhasis indal Usuliyyin” (the specification of the general rules in the Qur’an). University of Medina, Medina, Saudi- Arabia, 1980.

- a) “Islamic Communities in the United States: Issues of Religion and Political Identity” in *Contemporary Perspectives on Religions in Africa and the African Diaspora*, edited by Ibigbolade S. Aderibigbe and Carolyn M. Jones Medine. (England: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015): 259-274.

- b) “Muslim Perception of Christians and Christianity in Nigeria,” in *Fractured Spectrum: Perspectives on Christian-Muslim Encounters in Nigeria*,” edited by Akintunde E. Akinade. New York: Peter Lange, 2013, pp. 147-157.

- c) “Muslims and Christians in Yorubaland: Unavoidable Neighbors” in *A New Day: Essays on World Christianity in Honor of Lamin Sanneh*, edited by Akintunde E. Akinade. (New York: Peter Lang, 2013).

- d)) “Nigeria and Women,” in *Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), vol. 2, pp. 8-14. (3500 words). This entry is about the roles of Muslim women in Nigeria and their contributions to the development of Nigeria as a country.

- e) “Nigerian Civil Government and the Application of Islamic Law,” a chapter in *Religion, Conflict, and Democracy in Modern Africa*, edited by Samuel K. Elolia. Princeton Theological Monograph Series. (Oregon: Pickwick Publication, 2012); pp.342-371.

- f) “Islam in Africa” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to African Religions*, edited by Elias Kifon Bongmba. (UK: West Sussex, A John Wiley and Sons Inc., Publications, 2012); 323-337.

- g) “Isma`il al-Faruqi and *Ijtihad*” in *Islam and Knowledge: Al-Faruqi’s Concept of Religion in Islamic Thought*, ed. By Imtiyaz Yusuf. (New York: I.B. Tauris, 2012), pp. 127-137.

- h) “Nation of Islam” in *Religion and Violence: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict from Antiquity to the Present*, edited by Jeffrey Ian Ross. (New York: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2011); pp. 488-493. (3000 words)

- i) *An Insider’s Guide to Islam*, Indianapolis: Trafford Publishing Inc., 2011.

- j) "Muslims and Christians in Yorubaland: Unavoidable Neighbors" in *A New Day: Essays on World Christianity in Honor of Lamin Sanneh*, Edited by Akintunde E. Akinade (New York: Peter Lang, 2010), pp. 269-287.
- k) "Can Muslims and Christians Live Together Peacefully in Nigeria?" in *The Muslim World*, vol. 99 no 4 (October 2009): 646-688.
- l) "Islam and the West: Islam Among the African Americans." In *An Encyclopedia of the Arts*. Vol. 7 (1): 32-46 (2006). (6000 words). Published by the Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University (LASU), Lagos, Nigeria. It can also be accessed at: www.lasu-nigeria.org/arts/publications/index.html
- m) "Imam Maliki and His Conception of Maslahah (the Public Good) as a Legal Theory," in *Al-Hadarah. Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies*, Lagos State University, vol. 7, (June 2007): 1-26.
- n) "African Muslims in the United States: The Nigerian Case," in *African Immigrant Religions in America*, edited by Jacob K. Olupona and Regina Gemignani. New York: New York University Press, 2007, pp. 306-324.
- o) "The Practice of Islam (in Yoruba land)," in *Understanding Yoruba Life and Culture*, edited by Nike S. Lawal, Matthew N. O. Sadiku and P. Ade Dopamu. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press Inc., 2004, pp. 137-151.
- p) "Naming and Names," in *Understanding Yoruba Life and Culture*, edited by Nike S. Lawal, Matthew N. O. Sadiku and P. Ade Dopamu. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press Inc., 2004, pp. 513-531.
- q) "*Ijtihad*: The Art of Cracking the Nuts," in *The Nigerian Journal of Islamic Political Thought*, Department of Islamic law, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria. Vol. 1 #1, (2004): 1-61.
- r) "African Immigrant Muslims in the US: The Nigerian Case," in *Dialogue: A Journal of Humanities*, Department of Religious Studies, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria. Vol. 4, # 4 (2004): 1-20.
- s) "Shaykh Ahmad (Amadou) Bamba of Senegal: Muslim Sufi and Order Founder," in *Holy People of the World: A Cross Cultural Encyclopedia*. Edited by Phyllis G. Jestice. California, Santa Barbara: ABC CLIO, 2004, pp. 103-4.
- t) "Shaykh Ibrahim Niasse Kaolack (1902-1975), Sufi and Oder Founder," in *The Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*. Edited by Phyllis G. Jestice. California, Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004, pp. 636-7.

- u) "An Analysis of Yoruba and Islamic Laws of Inheritance," in *The Muslim World*, vol. 86, no. 3 & 4 (July-October 1996): 313-333.
- v) "The Muslim Brother's Approach to the Reformation of Muslim Society: An Appraisal," in *Hamdard Islamicus*, Islamic Research Institute, a Quarterly Journal of Bait al-Hikmat, vol. 19, no 3 (Autumn 1996):65-86.
- w) "A History of Islamic Law in Nigeria: Past and Present" in *Islamic Studies* Islamic Research Institute, Pakistan, Vol. 31, no. 1, (Spring 1992): 85-108.
- x) "A History of Islam Among the African American Muslims of Richmond" in *The Muslim World*, vol. 85, nos. 3&4, (July/October 1994): 258-278.
- y) "Muslim-Christian Relations in Nigeria" in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Temple University, vol. 31, nos. 3&4, Summer-Fall, 1994, pp. 279-306.

B. Non- Refereed Publications:

- a) Book review of: *Islam, Religion, Practice, Culture and World Order*, ed. By Imtiyaz Yusuf, in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, vol. 30, no 2 (Spring 2013): 119-122.
- b) Book review of: *Feeling Betrayed: The Roots of Muslim Anger at America*, by Steven Kull, in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, vol. 30, no. 1 (Winter 2013): 94-97.
- c) Book review of: *Black Mecca: The African Muslims in Harlem*, by Zain Abdullah, in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, vol. 29, no 1 (Winter 2012): 134-137.
- d) Book review of: *Gender and Islam in Africa: Rights, Sexuality and Law*, edited by Margot Badran, in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, vol. 29, no. 4 (Fall 2012): 87-90.
- e) Book review of: *Islamic Natural Law Theories*, by Anver M. Emon, in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, vol. 28, no. 3 (Summer 2011): 143-145.
- f) Book review of "Pragmatism in the Age of Jihad: The Precolonial State of Bundu", by Michael A. Gomez, in *the American Journal of Islamic Social Sciencies*, vol. 13, no. 1 (Spring 1996): 109-112.

Monograph:

40 Hadith: An Explanation. Tampa, A & A Printing Inc., 2011.

Research and Creative Activities:

A. Refereed Publications:

- "Malcolm X (1925-1965)" vol. 2, pp.721-23, (2000) words
- "Nation of Islam" vol. 3, pp. 803-807. (2000) words.
- "Noble Drew Ali (1886-1929" vol 1, pp. 86-87 (500) words.
- "Nigeria" vol. 3 pp. 822-825 (1000) words.
- "Yoruba" vol. 3, pp. 1155-1156 (1000) words.

All the above entries appear in a book "*African and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*," edited by Richard M. Juang and Noelle Morrissette. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2008. (3 volumes)

"Abyssinia/ Ethiopia" published in *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora*, edited by Carole E. Boyce Davies. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2008

Encyclopedia entries in: *Encyclopedia of the United States at War*, published by ABC-CLIO and Sage Publications, 2006. Entries are:

- a) Sunni Islam (1000 words)
- b) Shi'a Islam (1000 words)
- c) Qur'an (1000 words)
- d) Malcolm X (1000 words)
- e) Malcolm X: Role in the Vietnam War (250 words)
- f) Malcolm X: Role in the Cold War (250 words)

These entries can be accessed at: www.Usatwar.abc-clio.com/Research/Display.aspx?search-text=&warlist=12&adv=

Papers presented, participation on panels, etc., at scholarly meetings (including date, place, and sponsor of meeting.

- a) "ISIS and the Future of Terrorism in the Middle East," paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Southwest Regional Conference, Dallas, March 13, 2015.
- b) "The Importance of Marriage in Islam," paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council of Nigerian Muslim Organizations in USA, held at Chicago, December 24-28, 2015.
- c) "Mental Health and Religion: The Case of Muslims with Mental Health Issues in Nigeria." Paper presented at the annual AAR conference in San-Diego, California on November 22, 2014 (section A22-315) at African Religions Group Section.

- d) Chaired a panel discussion on the “Importance of Prayer,” at the annual conference of the Nigerian National Council Platform in Los Angeles, California on December 24, 2014.
- e) “How do Africans respond to Global Islamophobia?” Paper presented at AAR, African Association for the Study of Religions (P23-302) at the annual AAR conference in Baltimore on November 23, 2013.
- f) Discussion of Islamic law in Nigeria and its role in politics at SBL African Biblical Hermeneutics Section (S24-204) presented at the annual AAR conference in Baltimore on November 24, 2013.
- g) “The role of Islamic law in the New Arab Spring Countries: Egypt, Libya and Tunisia,” paper presented at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, AAR Comparative and Asian Studies section in Dallas on March 9-10, 2013.
- h) “Islam in West Africa,” paper presented at the Annual Nigerian Youth Program (Platform), at Miami, Florida on December 24, 2013.
- i) “Islam and West African Muslims in Diaspora: The Nigerian and Senegalese Case.” Paper presented at the AAR (American Academy of Religion) national conference in Chicago on November 17, 2012. (A17-110).
- j) “Can the Arab Spring Revolution in Egypt Succeed Without the Participation of the Muslim Brotherhood” a paper presented at the AAR regional conference in Dallas on March 10, 2012.
- k) “Leadership in Islam” a paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Nigerian National Council, held in San Francisco, California on March 24, 2012.
- l) Chaired a session at TEMA annual conference at the University of Houston on October 12-13, 2012. The session title is: Varieties of Medieval Islamic Cultural Legacies from Spain, Africa and the Great Middle East.
- m) “The Role of the Muslim Students Association in American Universities.” A paper presented at the Annual Nigerian Youth Program (Platform) held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on December 22-26, 2012.
- n) Member of a panel discussion on Religion, Politics, Freedom of Speech and the Arab Spring, conducted and sponsored by the Department of Religion at TCU on

October 6, 2012 at Moudy Building. I initiated the project.

- o) "Shaykh al-Maghili and His Scholarship in West Africa in 15th Century," paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Medieval Studies, organized by the University of Austin, held at Baylor University, Waco on September 30- October 1, 2011.
- p) "Islamophobia: Muslims in the American Media", paper presented at the Annual Conference of the AAR Southwest Regional Conference on March 5-6, 2011 in Irving, Dallas.
- q) "Islam in Texas," paper presented at Kaplan College, Arlington on October 11, 2011.
- r) I participated in the panel discussion on "Islam and Gender" at the AAR Annual conference in San Francisco, on November 18, 2011.
- s) I participated in the panel discussion of Contemporary Transformation of Indigenous Religious Culture in West Africa and I was also the respondent to the papers presented on November 19, 2011. Section A19: 311.
- t) I participated in a panel discussion on Islamophobia at High School and how Muslim parents should deal with it concerning their children at the annual conference of the Nigerian National Council of Nigerian Muslim Organizations in the USA held in Maryland, Baltimore on December 23-27, 2011.
- u) "Immigrant Muslims' Responses to September 11, 2001. presented at the Annual Conference of the AAR- Regional Meeting, held in Dallas on March 16-16, 2003. My paper was presented on Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Materials or activities accepted or scheduled but not yet published.

- a) "Boko Haram: The Sectarian Group in Nigeria," an entry into *"Encyclopedia of Islam in America."* Edited by Juan Cole, 2nd edition (forthcoming in July 2016)
- b) "Islamic Law of Inheritance," an entry into *Encyclopedia of Islam in America."* Edited by Juan Cole, 2nd edition (forthcoming in 2016).

IV. Professional and Administrative Service

- a) Offices and committee assignment in professional organizations
 - i) Member of the steering committee for African Religious Group of the American Academy of Religion. It is renewed every year. 2012-2013.
 - ii) Vice Chairman, Institute of Medieval and Post Medieval Studies, Dallas. From January 2013, I become the President.
 - iii) Outreach program coordinator of the Association of the Muslim Social Scientists in Dallas / Fort Worth areas.

- iv) Coordinator for the religious programs for the Platform of the Nigerian National Council of the Nigerian Muslim Organizations in the USA.

- b) Consulting:
 - I continue to act as a religious advisor and volunteer consultant on Islamic issues to the following institutions.
 - a) National Council of the Nigerian Muslim Organizations in the USA
 - b) Al-Hedayah Academy, Fort Worth, TX and member of the education committee.
 - c) Islamic Association of Tarrant County (IATC) and chair of the Da`wah committee.
 - d) Islamic Society of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX.
 - e) A reviewer for the American Journal of the Islamic Social Scientists, Herdon, Virginia.
 - f) A reviewer for the Journal of Religious Studies, Department of Religion, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria.
 - g) A reviewer for the Islamic Law Journal, De Paul University, Chicago, IL.