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Place of Birth: Ibadan,Oyo State, Nigeria

Date of Birth: 10th April 1994

Nationality: Nigerian

Ethnicity: Yoruba

State of Origin: Ekiti (Efon Alaaye Local Government Area)

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Anthropology (in view), University of Oregon, USA 2019 – Till Date

M.Sc. in Anthropology (Honors), University of Ibadan, Nigeria 2016 – 2018

“*Archaeobotanical analysis of Later Stone Age environments of Ita Ogbolu Rock shelter, Ondo State, Southwestern Nigeria*”. MSc dissertation, Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Ibadan.

B.Sc. Archaeology (Honors) (Second Class Upper), University of Ibadan, Nigeria 2010 – 2015

*“Ethnomedicinal study of Infertility and other related issues in Eruwa, Oyo State, Nigeria”.*

BSc project, Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Senior Secondary School Certificate (WAEC), Livingstone College, Ibadan, Nigeria 2004-2010

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

West Africa

Archaeobotany

Palynology

Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction

Pottery Analysis

Origins and transmission of food production

Late Stone Age

Iron Age

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

* 2020-21 General University Scholarship Award, University of Oregon USA
* 2019-20 Graduate Employee Position, University of Oregon, USA
* 2019-20 Graduate School Promising Scholar Award, University of Oregon, USA
* 2019-20 The Lokey Graduate Science Award, University of Oregon, USA
* 2018 Best graduating Female Student, Department of Archaeology and

Anthropology, Class of 2018

* 2017 2nd place Female Intra Mural Championship (3rd Edition), University of Ibadan

Sports Council, (Abdulsalami Abubakar Postgraduate Hall Female Football

Team).

* 2016 National Youth Service Corps Member of the Year 2016, Oyo State Ministry
* of Local Government and Chieftaincy Matters.
* 2014 Best graduating Female Student, Department of Archaeology and

Anthropology, Class of 2014

* 2012 Silver medallist, Faculty of Science Female Football Competition “FASSA

CUP” (Department of Archaeology and Anthropology Female Football

Team)

* 2011-13 Winner, Face of Faculty of Science Student Association, University of Ibadan
* 2011 Winner, Face of The Department of Archaeology and Anthropology,

University of Ibadan

* 2009-10 Assistant female senior prefect, Livingstone College, Akobo
* 2005 5th Position 2005 Cowbell Mathematics Competition, Oyo State

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2019- 2020 Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, USA

*Research Graduate Employee*

February 2017

Excavation and Archaeobotanical studies of Late Stone Age environments at Ita- Ogbolu Rock Shelter, Ondo State (Master’s Project)

August 2016

Archaeological Excavations at Ajibode, University of Ibadan, Oyo State

(2016 Master’s Fieldwork Exercise)

June 2016

Excavations at Sungbo Eredo, Augustine University, Ilara Epe, Lagos State

(Directed by Professor Gerard Chouin ,College of William and Mary, Virginia, USA)

April- May 2016

Research assistant, *“Field research on new approaches to African farming systems: the long term history of farming in Ushongo, Tivland, Nigeria”*. (Directed by Dr. E.A Orijemie, Mcdonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Cambridge, United Kingdom)

Role - Pottery analysis and classification

October 2014

Fieldwork 3: Archaeology Supervision of excavation data, Practice in Surveying, Section and plan drawing and reconnaissance

July 2013

Fieldwork 2: Archaeology Archaeological surveying; section and plan drawing, Practical methods of reconnaissance and excavation, Recovery and field preservation of artefacts, Recording and cataloguing

January 2012

Archaeological Excavations at Igbo Olokun, Ile-Ife, Osun State

(Directed by Babatunde Babalola, Rice University, Texas USA)

August 2012

Fieldwork 1: Introduction to Excavation Practical archaeological reconnaissance, excavation and basic surveying

December 2010

Archaeological Reconnaissance and test Excavation in Ile-Ife, Osun State

(Directed by Babatunde Babalola, Rice University, Texas USA)

**CONFERENCE PAPER(S)**

May 8, 2019 “*The role of non-pollen palynomorphs in paleoecological research”.*

Presented at 10th Annual International Conference/ Exhibition of the

Palynological Association of Nigeria (PAN).” Palynology: A Veritable Tool

for achieving Sustainable Development Goals”. Adekunle Ajasin University,

Akungba- Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria. May 5 – 9, 2019.

June 2,2018 **“***Archaeobotanical analysis of Late Stone Age environments of Ita*

*Ogbolu Rock Shelter Ondo State, Southwestern Nigeria”*. Presented at a

Symposium “Celebrating 50 Years (1967- 2017) of Doctoral Scholarship of

Prof. M. Adebisi Sowunmi”. Department of Archaeology and Anthropology,

University of Ibadan. June 2, 2018.

Nov 17,2017 *“Archaeobotanical Analysis of Ita Ogbolu: A Later Stone Age (LSA) rock*

*shelter in the rainforest of Nigeria*.” Presented at the 60th Annual Meeting,

African Studies Association, Chicago Illinois. USA

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

May 2019 10th Annual International Conference/ Exhibition of the Palynological

Association of Nigeria (PAN).” Palynology: A Veritable Tool for achieving

Sustainable Development Goals”. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-

Akoko, Ondo State, Nigeria. May 5 – 9, 2019.

June 2018 “Celebrating 50 Years (1967- 2017) of Doctoral Scholarship of Prof. M

Adebisi Sowunmi”. Department of Archaeology and Anthropology,

University of Ibadan. June 2, 2018.

June 2018 “An Archaeobotany of Food Security in West Africa”. Seminar Room,

Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Ibadan. A

presentation by Dr. Amanda Logan, Northwestern University, Chicago, USA.

June 12,2018.

Nov 2017 60th Annual Meeting, African Studies Association “Institutions: Creativity and Resilience in Africa”. Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, Chicago, Illinois. November 16 -18, 2017.

June 2017 Sam Omatseye Personality Lecture “Cultural Globalization & Indigenization of Reality TV Shows in Nigeria” Lady bank Anthony Hall, Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan. Thursday 1st June,2017.

May 2017 9th Annual International Conference/ Exhibition of the Palynological Association of Nigeria (PAN). “The Roles of Palynology in a Recessed Economy”. Julius Berger Hall, University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos, Nigeria. May 21- 24, 2017.

Mar 2017 3rd Annual National Forensic Workshop 2017. “Forensic Science: The Emerging Solution to Criminal Investigation in Nigeria” held at the Lady Bank Anthony Hall, Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, Thursday 16th – Friday 17th March, 2017.

Oct 2016 The Celebration of 100 Years of Modern Pollen Analysis (1916-2016): The Legacy of Lennart Von Post & Book Presentation: Human Paleoecology in Africa. Essays in Honour of M. Adebisi Sowunmi held at the Zoology Lecture Theatre, University of Ibadan. October 12,2016. Compere.

2011-2017 Professor Bassey Wai Andah Annual Memorial Lectures, University of Ibadan

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Jan- March 2021 Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, USA

*Graduate Employee*

Courses Taught: ANTH 145

Introduction to Principles of Archaeology

Sept- Dec 2020 Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon, USA

*Graduate Employee*

Courses Taught: ANTH 260

Introduction to Animal Domestication

1. - 2017 Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

*Undergraduate Tutorial Coordinator*

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Archaeology

Environmental Archaeology

Archaeology of West Africa

2016 – 2017 Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

*Graduate Field Assistant*

Task: Supervision of Undergraduates during the 2016 field School at Ajibode, University of Ibadan, Oyo State

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

June 2015- April 2016: Ministry of Governments and Chieftaincy Affairs, Agodi, Ibadan, Oyo State

*National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)*

* Assisted in the execution of general administrative duties

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2015 Project Management Professional Course (in view)

**VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

September 15, 2020 International Graduate Student Orientation, University of Oregon

July 23- Sept 3, 2020 University of Oregon Student Engagement Input Group

August 23,2020 Project Hope, Eugene, USA

May 25, 2019 Operation Feed The Gifted Outreach, Ajegunle, Lagos, Nigeria

April 11- 13, 2014 One African Child Charity Organisation,

February 14, 2013 Royal Street Charity Tour

**OTHER SKILLS**

**Technical**

* Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint for presentation purposes
* Organised and can efficiently pick up on new skills and master them with minimal supervision.
* Thorough enjoyment of outdoor field work, excavation, survey, and data collection, with strong conservation and cultural interest.
* Ability to prepare soil and honey samples for palynological analysis in the laboratory
* Ability to properly identify palynomorphs within any given context
* Proficient in the use and knowledge of site survey and mapping equipment.
* Effective use of Light microscope for palynological analysis

**Teamwork and Time management**

* Ability to work effectively in a team, both as a leader and a team member, proven through successful group assignments at university and during fieldwork and laboratory analysis
* Consistent completion of all documentation before deadlines

**MEMBERSHIP**

Member, 2019- Till Date Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, UOregon,USA

Member, Steward 2019- Till Date Association of Anthropology Graduate Students, UOregon

Student Member 2017- Till Date African Studies Association

Student Member 2011- Till Date Society for Africanist Archaeologist

Member 2016- Till Date Palynological Association of Nigeria

Member 2011- Till Date West African Archaeological Association

Member 2011- Till Date Nigerian Archaeological Association

**EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES**

* Tailoring
* Travelling
* Photography
* Football
* Public Speaking
* Bead making