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### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., University of Birmingham (U.K.), 1977.

M.A., University of Ghana (Legon), 1965.

B.A., Kalamazoo College (Michigan), 1963.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Northeastern Illinois University:* Distinguished Visiting Associate Professor, Dept of History, 2004-2005.

*School of the Art Institute of Chicago:* Lecturer, Dept of Visual and Critical Studies, Spring 2004, 2005; Fall 2004.

#### *Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois:*

Visiting Associate Professor, Dept of History, August 2003-August 2004.

Senior Projects Coordinator, Program of African Studies (PAS), Sept 2001-Aug 2003.

Scholar-in-Residence, PAS, July 2000-Aug 2001.

Research Fellow, PAS, 1998-1999.

Fellow, Program on International Cooperation on Africa, PAS, Winter 1996.

*University of California at Los Angeles:* Visiting Associate Professor, Dept of History, 2000.

#### *University of Ibadan, Nigeria:*

Chairperson, Dept of History, 1995-1997.

Co-Director in Nigeria, University of Iowa Summer Study Abroad Program, 1966-1997.

Deputy Chair, Dept of History, 1990-1992.

Senior Lecturer, Dept of History, 1984 to 1998.

Visiting Fulbright Professor, Dept of History, 1982-1984.

*University of Iowa:* Visiting Professor, Center for International and Comparative Studies, Fall 1993.

#### *University of Santa Clara:*

Scholar-in-Residence, Program of Ethnic Studies, 1981-1982.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept of History, 1980-1981.

*University of Minnesota (Twin Cities Campus):* Assistant Professor, Dept of Afro-American and African Studies, 1979-1980.

*Kalamazoo College:* Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept of History, Summer 1979.

#### *University of Illinois at Chicago:*

Assistant Professor, Dept of History, 1977-1979.  
Lecturer, Dept of History, 1970-1977.

**GRANTS AND AWARDS:**

Peace and International Cooperation Grant, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1997-1998.  
Fellowship, Program on International Cooperation in Africa, Northwestern University, Winter, 1996.  
Iowa/Nigeria Universities Development Linkage Grant: Textile Studies Sector, 1995-1996; Women in Development Sector, 1995; Indigenous Knowledge Systems Sector, 1994; Communications Sector, 1993.  
American Council of Learned Societies Grant, 1992.  
Fulbright Lectureship Award, 1982-1984.  
National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar Fellowship for College Teachers, 1978.

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

*African History:*

*Continental and Regional Surveys:*

African History to 1500; African History, 1500-1800; African History, 1800 to the Present; World History: Africa; West African History to 1800; West African History since 1800; West African History in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century; Northeast and East African History, 1500-1800; Central and Southern African History to 1960.

*Topics Courses:*

Africa in the Twentieth Century; African Nationalism; African Resistance and Collaboration during the Colonial Era; The Rise of New Elites in West Africa; Islam in Africa; Indigenous African Slavery; Women, Gender, and Power in African History; The West African Intelligentsia and the Atlantic World; African Popular Culture; Pan-African Biography.

*Seminars:*

The Krios of Sierra Leone, 1787-1900; African Slavery and Servitude; African Women's Life Histories; Women's Resistance in Colonial Southeastern Nigeria; Gender and Power in West Africa.

*Global History:*

The African Diaspora; World Revolutions; Expansion of Europe, 1400-1800; Land and Labor in the British Empire; Comparative Slavery Systems; Western Women and Imperialism

*United States History:*

United States History to 1865; United States History since 1865.

*Methodology and Writing:*

Historiography; Introduction to Historical Practice; Oral History; Freshman Writing Seminar; Senior Thesis Research and Writing Seminar, Parts 1 and 2.

## PUBLICATIONS:

### *Books and Monographs:*

Folayegbe M. Akintunde-Ighodalo: *A Public Life* (Ibadan: Sam Bookman, 2002).  
*The Iyalode in Ibadan Politics and Society, c.1850-1997* (Ibadan: HRC, 1998).

### *Edited Volumes:*

Constance Agatha Cummings-John: *Memoirs of a Krio Leader* (Ibadan: Sam Bookman, 1995). (I recorded, edited, and annotated this autobiography.)  
*Vision and Policy in Nigerian Economics: The Legacy of Pius Okigbo* (Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2004). Co-editor with Jane I. Guyer.  
*Money Struggles and City Life: Devaluation in Ibadan and Other Urban Centers of Southern Nigeria, 1986-96* (Westport, Connecticut: Heinemann, 2002). Co-edited with Jane I. Guyer and Adigun Agbaje.  
Special issue, *Grassroots Involvement in Modern Africa*, *African Studies Review*, vol.XXXV, no.2/3, 1982. Guest editor.  
*Grass Roots Leadership in Colonial West Africa, Tarikh*, vol.7, no. 1, 1981. Guest editor.

### *Chapters in Books:*

"Ibadan Christian Activists, Community Development, and Changing Views on Religious Tolerance: Folayegbe M. Akintunde-Ighodalo and the Center for Applied Religion and Education/Christians for a New Society," in *Muslim-Christian Relations in Africa* (The Hague: Brill, in press).  
"When Wealth Kills: The Assassination of Three Yoruba Businesswomen, 1996," in Adigun A. B. Agbaje, Larry Diamond, and Ebere Onwudiwe, eds., *Nigeria's Struggle for Democracy and Good Governance* (Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, 2004).  
"Women Chiefs in Ibadan Public Life, 1893-1997," in Olufemi Vaughan, ed., *Indigenous Political Structures and Governance in Nigeria* (Ibadan: Bookcraft, 2004).  
"Fela, Women, Wives," in Trevor Schoonmaker, ed., *Fela: From West Africa to West Broadway* (New York: Palgrave, 2003).  
"High Fashion and Fluctuating Fortunes: The Nigerian Garment Industry under Structural Adjustment," in Jane I. Guyer, LaRay Denzer and Adigun Agbaje (eds.), *Money Struggles and City Life: Devaluation in Ibadan and Other Urban Centers in Southern Nigeria, 1986-1996* (Westport, Connecticut: Heinemann, 2002).  
"The Iyalode in Ibadan Politics and Society: A Preliminary Study," in G. O. Ogunremi, ed., *Ibadan: An Historical, Cultural, and Socio-Economic Study of an African City* (Lagos: Cargo Press and Oluyole Club, 2000).  
"Women in Hometown Associations," in Rex Honey and Stanley I. Okafor, eds., *Indigenous Political Organizations in the Development Process: Hometown Associations* (London: Intermediate Technology Publications, 1998).  
"Gender and Decolonization: A Study of Three Women Leaders in West African Public Life," in J. D. Y. Peel and J. F. A. Ajayi, eds., *Empires and Peoples in African History: Essays in Memory of Michael Crowder* (London: Longman, 1992). **Republished** in Andrea Cornwall, ed., *Readings in Gender in Africa* (London: James Currey, 2004; Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2004).  
"Domestic Science Training in Colonial Yorubaland, Nigeria," in Karen T. Hansen, ed., *African Encounters with Domesticity* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1992).  
"Teaching United States History to Nigerian University Students: Personal Reflections," in B. Agiri and F. Akere, *American Studies in Nigeria* (Lagos: United States Information Service, 1990).  
"Women in Freetown Politics, 1914-1961. A Preliminary Study," in Murray Last and Paul Richards, eds., *Sierra Leone, 1787-1978* (London: International African Institute, 1987).

- “Reform in West Africa: The Abolition of the Slave Trade,” in J.F.A. Ajayi and M. Crowder, eds., *History of West Africa*, vol.II, revised edition (London: Longman, 1987).
- “Bai Bureh,” in M. Crowder, ed., *West African Resistance* (London: Hutchinson, 1972).  
**Republished** in Michael Crowder, *Colonial West Africa* (London: Frank Cass, 1978)
- “Bai Bureh and the Sierra Leone Hut Tax War of 1898,” in R. I. Rotberg and A. Mazrui, eds., *Protest and Power in Black Africa* (London and New York: Oxford University Press, 1970). Co-authored with Michael Crowder.

**Articles (Refereed)**

- “Yoruba Women: A Historiographical Essay,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 27(1), 1994.
- “Black Cultural Nationalist Links between the United States and Nigeria after World War II: A Study of the African Academy of Arts and Research,” *Journal of American Studies in Nigeria*, 3, 1993.
- “Women’s Employment in Government Service in Colonial Nigeria, 1863-1945,” *Working Papers in African Studies*, #136, African Studies Center, Boston University, 1989.
- “Women in Freetown Politics, 1914-1961. A Preliminary Study,” *Africa*, 57(4), 1987.
- “I. T. A. Wallace-Johnson and the 1939 Sierra Leone Labor Crisis,” *African Studies Review*, .XXV(2/3), 1982.
- “Constance A. Cummings-John: Her Early Political Career in Sierra Leone,” *Tarikh*, 7(1), 1981.
- “I. T. A. Wallace-Johnson and the West African Youth League,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, VI(3 & 4), 1973. Co-author with Leo Spitzer.
- “A Diary of Bai Bureh’s War,” *Sierra Leone Studies*, new series, 23 (1968) and 24 (1969).

**Technical Reports:**

- “Employment and Productivity,” section in the country report for UNICEF on Nigerian women and the girl child, prepared by the Women’s Research and Documentation Center, University of Ibadan, 1994. Co-author with O. Osoba and Sade Taiwo.
- “Women and Poverty -- Historical Perspectives,” in the country report for the World Bank on Poverty in Nigeria, prepared by the Women’s Research and Documentation Center, University of Ibadan, 1992; co-directed by Bola Akanji and Sade Taiwo.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

- Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Summer 2005.
- Ibadan, Nigeria, Summer 2002.
- Ibadan, Nigeria, 1982-2000.
- Sierra Leone, New York, and London, 1976-1980.
- Sierra Leone, Ghana, and United Kingdom, 1974-1977.
- Sierra Leone, 1965-1970.
- Ghana, 1963-1965.

**CONSULTANCY**

- Crossing Borders Website Project, Northwestern University and Ford Foundation, January-March 2001. Administrative work and editing connected with preparation of entries for participant grantees in interdisciplinary, interregional programs with Ford Foundation.
- Institute for Diasporic Studies Website Project, Northwestern University, September 2000 to present: Review of pilot entries for website, “Global Mappings: A Political Atlas of the African Diaspora.
- Management Systems International (Washington, D.C.), April-May, 1999: Trainer for the workshop “Nigeria: Transition to Democracy” organized jointly with USAID and Office

of Training Initiatives, for the training of the newly elected federal and state legislators in democratic governance.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (Chicago), March-April, 1999: Report on candidates for foundation's Nigeria country director.

Investigator for sector on employment and productivity, country report for UNICEF on Nigerian women and the girl child, prepared by the Women's Research and Documentation Center, University of Ibadan, 1994.

Investigator, country report for the World Bank on women and poverty, Women's Research and Documentation Center, University of Ibadan, 1992.

### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

Coordinator, Historical Knowledge, Policy-Making, and Africa's Reconstruction, Program on International Cooperation in Africa workshop, November 21-22, 2002.

Youth Policy and the Policies of Youth, Program on International Cooperation in Africa conference, May 10-11, 2002.

Nigeria's Ambiguous Transitions, Program on International Cooperation in Africa workshop, December 7, 2001.

Joint Coordinator, Workshop on "Women and Wealth in Africa," Program of African Studies, Northwestern University. Scheduled for May 4-5, 2001.

Coordinator, Conference on "Vision and Policy in Nigerian Economics: The Legacy of Pius Okigbo," Program of African Studies, Northwestern University. Scheduled for June 8-9, 2001.

Member, Local Organizing Committee, African Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago, 1998.

Member, Organizing Committee, Conference on "Nigerian Women and Colonialism," Women's Research and Documentation Centre, University of Ibadan, 1989.

Member, Organizing Committee, Conference on "Women's Studies in Nigeria: The State of the Art Now," Women's Research and Documentation Centre, University of Ibadan, 1987.

Member, Organizing Committee, Conference on "Nigerian Women and Development," Institute of African Studies, University of Ibadan, 1985.

Joint Coordinator, Conference on "Oral Sources and Their Use in Third World Studies," University of Santa Clara, 1982.

Joint Coordinator, Conference on "Women in African History," University of Santa Clara, 1981.

Chairperson, Winter Symposium Committee, African Studies Council, University of Minnesota, 1979-80.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS**

#### ***In North America:***

Founding Executive Member, Nigeria Studies Association, 2002-2005.

Member, African Studies Association, United States.

Member, Executive Committee, Institute for the Study of Gender in Africa, University of California at Los Angeles, 2000.

Member, International Advisory Board, York/UNESCO Nigerian Hinterland Project, York University, 1997-2001.

Chairperson, Chicago Area African Studies Seminar, 1977-1980.

Consultant on African women's biographies for Continental Press, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, 1973-74.

#### ***In Nigeria:***

Member, Advisory Committee, *Review of Leadership in Africa* (Ibadan).

Member, Board of Trustees, Iyalode Wuraola Esan Foundation (Ibadan), 2006.

Member, Nigeria Accountability Research Group, 2004-2005.  
Senior Research Fellow and North American Representative, Humanities Research Centre (HRC), Ibadan, 1998-2002.  
Co-Director in Nigeria, University of Iowa Summer Study Abroad Program, 1966-1997.  
Women's Studies Network of Nigeria, 1996 to present.  
Historical Society of Nigeria, 1982 to present.  
Member of the editorial board of *Tarikh*, 1995-1996.  
Member, executive council, 1992-1994.  
American Studies Association of Nigeria (ASAN), 1990-1998.  
National Financial secretary, 1996-1998.  
Member, steering committee, American Studies Association of Nigeria (ASAN), Ibadan Branch.  
Secretary, Nigeria Chapter of the International Association of Women Historians , 1992-1993.  
Women's Research and Documentation Centre (WORDOC), University of Ibadan.  
Member, organizing committee, 1985-1996.  
Chairperson, publications committee, 1989-1996.  
Member, conference committee 1985-1996.