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## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- Ph. D. Political Science, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1984.  
Major Areas: Organization Theory, Administrative Law, Criminal Justice, Public Personnel Administration.
- Dissertation Title: *Redress of Grievances: The Role of the Ombudsman in Nigeria: A Comparative Administrative Jurisprudence.*
- M.P.A. Public Administration, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, 1975.
- B.A. Criminal Justice; University of Illinois, Chicago, 1974.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1998- Present Associate Professor - Jackson State University, Jackson, MS  
Public Policy and Administration Program  
Courses taught: Organization Theory, Administrative Law, Public Personnel, Criminal Justice, Correctional Systems, Judicial Process and Administrative Behavior.
- Assistant Internship Coordinator - involved with student placement, career planning, conduct site visits, monitor and evaluate interns job performance.
- Direct thesis and counsel MPPA students in the area of Judicial Administration.
- Faculty Advisor - MPA Student Organization  
Faculty Advisor, Pi Alpha Sorority.
- Chair, Admissions Committee -Review, evaluate and assess students application for graduate admissions.

- 1991-1998 Assistant Professor - Jackson State University, Jackson, MS  
Public Policy and Administration Program
- 1989-1991 Visiting Assistant Professor - Jackson State University, Jackson, MS  
Public Policy and Administration Program
- 1987-1988 Visiting Assistant Professor - Chicago State University, Chicago, IL
- 1986-1987 Assistant Professor, North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C.  
Courses taught: Organization Theory, Administrative Law, Public Personnel,  
Criminal Justice and Correctional Systems.  
Faculty Advisor- MPA Student Organization
- 1984-1986 Program Developer - Grambling State University, Grambling LA.  
Designed and developed the Master's Program in Public Administration  
(MPA) Coordinated the internship program advised MPPA students'  
performance relevant to administrative functions other administrative  
Courses taught: Organization Theory, Public Personnel, Administrative Law,  
Comparative Public Administration and Public Policy  
Faculty Advisor - MPA Students
- 1979-1983 Consultant/Research Assistant - Chicago Police Training Academy,  
Chicago, IL  
Internal audit of course offerings to ensure congruency with stated  
objectives. Reviewed course syllabi, monitored teaching techniques,  
observed classroom procedure, and interviewed police recruits to assess  
teaching effectiveness.  
Program Auditor- Office Of Municipal Investigation, Chicago, Illinois.  
Reviewed, analyzed and evaluated OMI operational procedures for  
congruency with organizational objectives. Identify problem areas and  
methods of resolving them in a final report to the Director of Operations.  
Graduate Research Assistant - Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL  
Conducted extensive library research on grievance redress mechanisms,  
reviewed and analyzed materials dealing with the Ombudsmen device in  
developing countries.

### **Summer Exchange Lecturer and Scholar**

2002 (summer)	Faculty of Social Sciences - European Humanities University Minsk, Belarus.
2002 (summer)	Faculty of Law and Political Science - University of Dschang Dschang, Cameroon.
1994 (summer)	Faculty of Law, University of Zimbabwe Harare, Zimbabwe

### **Publications (Book)**

Odunsi, Bennett. *The Role Of The Ombudsman In Nigeria*. The Edwin Mellen Press New York, 2007.

### **Book Chapters and Journal Articles**

- Odunsi, Bennett and Eunice Akoto. “The Police – Public Dissonance: Causes Consequences and Implications on Crime Prevention: The Case of Nigeria”, *Journal of Global Awareness International*, Autumn 2009.
- Odunsi, Bennett. *The Declining Bureaucratic Role in African Policy-Making; Lessons from The Nigerian Experience 1960-1988.*, in Femi Vaughan ed., *Globalism And Marginality: Essays On Paradoxes of Global and Local Forces*. Seser Academic Press, Ibadan: (Forthcoming)
- Odunsi, Bennett. *The Nigerian Police And Human Rights Infractions: The Need For Reform*, in E. Ike Udogu ed., *Nigeria In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Strategy For Political Stability And Peaceful Coexistence*. Africa World Press, 2005.
- Odunsi, Bennett. *Leadership Instability and Democracy in Nigeria*, in Ike Udogu ed. *Democracy and Democratization in Africa: Toward the 21st Century*. Leiden, E.J. Brill Publishers, 1997.
- Odunsi, Bennett. “The Impact of Leadership Instability on Democratic Process in Nigeria.” *Journal of Asian and African Studies*. Vol. 31. Nos. 1-2. June 1996.
- Odunsi, Bennett. “An Analysis of Brain Drain and its Impact on Manpower Development in Nigeria.” *Journal of Third World Studies*. Vol. XII, No. 1 Spring 1996.
- Odunsi, Bennett. “The Adjudicatory Role of the Ombudsman in Developing Nation: The Case of Nigeria.” *Association of Third World Studies*. October 1994.
- Jacobini, H.B. and Odunsi, Bennett. *Some Observations on the Sources of Nigerian Administrative Law and Law-Like Mechanisms in Comparative Context*. Administrative Law Review (forthcoming)

### **Work in Progress**

- Odunsi, Bennett. Combating Administrative Excesses in Developing Polity: The Role of the Ombudsman in Zimbabwe

### **Report**

- Odunsi, Bennett. Juvenile Justice in Zimbabwe and Mississippi: A Comparative Perspective

### **Workshops**

- Building a Diverse Society: The Namibia Experience, part of a workshop on Valuing Differences: Leading, Managing and Learning in a Diverse Society. Sponsored by the Public Policy and Administration Program and Mississippi Urban Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi 1994.
- Trends in Transportation: Workshop conducted for the Mississippi Association of Black Supervisors, Jackson, Mississippi, November 1992.
- MPA Student Placement: Activities and Challenges: Workshop conducted for prospective student interns; Conference of Minority Public Administration (COMPA), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 1991.
- Financing the Public Service in Louisiana: The 1980's and Beyond, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 1986.
- Non-Hostile and Hostile Crowd Control, Workshop conducted for the University Police Association, Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana, October 1984.

### **Professional Presentations**

- The Impact of Information Technology on Human Rights Infringement by Law Enforcement Organization in Developing Politics. The Case of Nigeria. Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Global Awareness Society International Conference, Washington, DC, May 21-24, 2009.
- The Police-Public Dissonance: Causes, Consequences and Implications on Crime Prevention: The Case of Nigeria. Presented at 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Global Awareness Society International Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2008.

- Topic: The Police Community Relations in Nigeria: Paper Presented at the fifteen Annual Conference of Global Awareness Society International Conference, Chicago Illinois, May 25-28, 2006.
- Topic: The Impact of Police Corruption on Crime Control in Nigeria : Presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (ATWS), Winston Salem, North Carolina .Nov. 2-4, 2006.
- Topic: Police-Citizen Adversarial Relations and Its Effect on Crime Control In Africa: The Case of Nigeria. Delivered at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual (ATWS) Conference, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic, and November 20-22, 2005.
- Topic: The Impact of Information Technology on Human Rights Infringements by Law Enforcement Organizations in Developing Polities: The Case of Nigeria. A paper presented at the World Forum on Information Society sponsored by the International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD) Geneva, Switzerland, December, 6-10, 2003.
- Topic: The Nigerian Police And Human Rights Infractions: The Need For Reform. Delivered at the 20<sup>th</sup> Third World Annual Conference on the Effects of Globalization in Taiwan and the Third World. Taiwan University. October, 2002.
- Topic: Minority Leadership in the New Millennium: The African-American and African Context; Roundtable discussion at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Savannah, Georgia. October 2001.
- Topic: The Declining Bureaucratic Role in African Policy-Making: Lessons From The Nigerian Experience 1960-1988. Delivered at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, November 1999.
- Topic: Democracy and Public Service in Africa. Delivered at the 25th Annual COMPA Conference, Houston Texas, February 1996.
- Topic: Constraints to Policy Reform: The Continuing Struggle for Democratization in Africa. Delivered at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of the Third World Studies, Meeting, October 1995.
- Topic: Use and Role of Ombudsman in Emerging African Democracies. Delivered at the 12th Annual Association of Third World Studies Meeting (ATWS). The College of William and Mary Williamsburg, Virginia, October 1994.
- Topic: Building Viable Democratic Institutions in Africa: Problems, Progress and Prospects Paper delivered at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Third World Studies. Tacoma Washington October 1993.
- Topic: Africa's Brain Drain-Causes and Solutions. Delivered at the 22nd Annual Conference Of Minority Public Administrator (COMPA). Norfolk, Virginia, February 1993.
- Topic: Leadership Crisis vs. African Development. Paper presented at the National Conference of Minority Public Administrator (COMPA). Oakland California, February 1992.
- Topic: Political Answers for Development Problems in Africa. Paper presented at the Conference of Minority Public Administrator (COMPA). Fort Worth, Texas, February 1990.

- Topic: Crime, Criminal Justice and Minority Male: Paper presented at the Minority Male Conference on Growing-Up Black, Brown, Yellow and Red in America: Strategies for Survival, Jackson, Mississippi 1991.

### **Professional Organizations**

Member, American Society for Public Administration

Member, Academy of Criminal Justice Society

Member, American Society of Industrial Security

Member, Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA)

Member, Association of Third World Studies

Member, African Studies Association