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EDUCATION

Jul 2017

PhD, English Language, Covenant University
Thesis: *Stance-Taking in Nigerian Digital Communities: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Citizens' Engagements on Biafra Agitations*
Supervisors: Professor Taiwo Abioye & Professor Innocent Chiluiwa

Sep 2013

MA, English Language, Covenant University
Thesis: *A Critical Analysis of Online Discourse of Selected Social Crises in Nigeria (2011-2012)*
Supervisor: Professor Innocent Chiluiwa

Jun 2009

BA, (Hons.) English Language, Covenant University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Feb 2018 – Present

Assistant Professor
Department of Languages, Covenant University

Aug 2013 – Jan 2017

Lecturer
Department of Languages, Covenant University

Nov 2011 – Jul 2013

Teaching and Research Assistant
Department of Languages, Covenant University

Typical Instructor Rating: 4.5 – 4.9/5.0

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Selected Journal Articles

2020 Hate Speech and Political Media Discourse in Nigeria: The Case of the Indigenous People of Biafra. *International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics* 16(2), 191–212. https://doi.org/10.1386/macp_00024_1 (Intellect) [with Chiluiwa, I., & Taiwo, R.].

2020 Political Communication and Popular Literature: An Analysis of Political Jingles in Nigerian Electoral Discourse. *Journal of Creative Communications*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0973258619886161> (Sage) [with Omidiora, O., Abioye, T.].

- 2020 Polarisation and the Sustenance of Biafra Secessionist Discourses Online. *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 55(4), 475-491. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0021909619883403> (Sage).
- 2019 When Citizens Talk: Stance and Representation in Online Discourse on Biafra Agitations. *Discourse & Society* 30(2), 117-134. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0957926518816197> (Sage) [with Abioye, T.].
- 2017 The Role of GSP in Developing Critical Thinking Skills in Students in Nigerian Universities. *International Journal of Educational Investigations* 4(4), 19-31 [Uba, E., Chimuanya, L., & Fortress, I. A.].
- 2016 Discursive Pragmatics of T-Shirt Inscriptions: Constructing the Self, Context and Social Aspirations. *Pragmatics and Society* 7(3), 436 -462. doi: 10.1075/ps.7.3.05chi (John Benjamins) [with Chiluya, I.].
- 2015 Analysis of Nigerian English in Online Newspaper Comments. *Madonna Journal of English and Literary Studies*, 2(6), 73-92 [with Uba, E, & Chimuanya, L.].
- 2015 Texting and Relationship: Examining Discourse Strategies in Negotiating and Sustaining Relationships Using Mobile Phone. *Covenant Journal of Language Studies (CJLS)*, 3(2), 15-38 [with Chiluya, I., Chimuanya, L., & Peter, A.].
- 2014 'We Are after Ideals': A Critical Analysis of Ideology in the Tweets by Boko Haram. *Global Media Journal African Edition*, 8(2), 318-346 [with Chiluya, I.].
- 2013 Ideological Discourse Analysis of the Functions of Feedback Comments on Online Reports of Socio-political Crises in Nigeria. *Covenant Journal of Language Studies (CJLS)*, 1(2), 128-146.

Selected Book Chapters

- 2021 Communicating Religious Extremism in West Africa. In Tarusarira, J. & Chitando, E. (Eds.) *Themes in Religion and Human Security in Africa*. London: Routledge, 166-179 [with Chiluya, I, & Chimuanya, L].
- 2017 Online Deception: A Discourse Study of Email Business Scams. In Chiluya, I. (Ed.). *Deception: Motivations, Recognition Techniques and Behavioral Control*. New York, USA: Nova Science, 169-188 [with Chiluya, I. M., & Chiluya, I.].
- 2016 A Critical Discourse Analysis of Stance Expressions in Crisis Reportage. In Odebunmi, A. & Ayoola, K. A (Eds.). *Language, Context and Society: A Festschrift for Wale Adegbite*. Ile-Ife, Nigeria: Obafemi Awolowo University Press, 289-307.
- 2016 Socio-Semiotics of Humour in Ebola Awareness Discourse on Facebook. Taiwo, R. et al (Eds.). *Analyzing Language and Humor in Online Communication*. Pennsylvania, USA: IGI Global, 252-273 [with Chimuanya, L.].
- 2016 Language Use in Crisis Situations: A Discourse Analysis of Online Reactions to Digital News Reports of the *Washington Navy Yard* Shooting and the

Nairobi Westgate Attack. In Taiwo, R. & Opeibi, T. (Eds.) *The Discourse of Digital Civic Engagement: Perspectives from the Developing World*. New York, USA: Nova Science Publishers, 35-55 [with Chilwa, I.].

- 2014 A Lexico-Stylistic Analysis of Kaine Agary's *Yellow-Yellow*. In Arua, E.A., Abioye, T., & Ayoola, K.A. (Eds.). *Language, Literature and Style in Africa (A Festschrift for Professor Christopher Olatunji Awonuga)*. Newcastle, England: Cambridge Scholars, 115-130 [Abioye, T.].

Selected Conference Papers

- 2018 A Discourse-Onomastics of Selected (Neo)Pentecostal Church Names in Lagos Metropolis. XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada (July 15-21).
- 2017 Attitudinal Stance-taking in Nigerian Digital Communities: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Engagements on Biafra Agitations. 67th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, San Diego, USA (May 25- 29).
- 2017 Online Secessionist Cyber Discourses in Nigeria: The Case of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). Faculty of Arts Third Biennial International Conference, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (March 14-17).
- 2017 The Role of GSP in Developing Critical Thinking Skills in Students in Nigerian Universities. Annual National Conference of General Studies Programme, Ede, Nigeria (May 30-31).
- 2016 Lexical Trends in Selected Online Nigerian Pentecostal Texts. A Paper Presented at IFESAN (50th Anniversary) (Sept. 5- 8).
- 2015 Negotiating Identity and Membership in Online Discussion Forums: A Study of *Nairaland* (2015). 3rd Idowu Sobowale International Conference (October 27-28).
- 2015 The Marriage of the Popular and the Political: A Critical Analysis of Nigerian Hip Hop Music in Electoral Discourse. 3rd Idowu Sobowale International Conference, Ota, Nigeria (October 27-28).
- 2015 Texting and Relationship: Examining Discourse Strategies in Negotiating and Sustaining Relationships using Mobile Phone. 65th International Communication Association Annual Conference, Puerto Rico, San Juan (May 21-25).
- 2014 Language Use in Crisis Situations: A Study of Rhetorical Strategies in Online Reactions to News Reports of the *Washington Navy Yard* Shooting and the *Nairobi Westgate* Attack. 59th Annual Conference of the International Linguistic Association, Paris, France (May 22-24).
- 2014 Discursive Constructions of Borders in Online Feedback Platforms. XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan (July 13-19).
- 2014 Language Endangerment Using Yoruba and Igbo Languages in Africa: Problems and Prospects. XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan (July 13-19).

GRANTS/AWARDS

- 2018 Postdoctoral Residency Award (Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa), American Council of Learned Societies/African Humanities Program
- 2017 International Communication Association (ICA) Travel Grant
- 2017 International Communication Association's Divisional Annenberg Travel Grant for Language and Social Interaction Division
- 2017 Dissertation Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies/African Humanities Program
- 2017 Covenant University Conference Support Grant
- 2017 Covenant University Thesis Research Grant

COURSES TAUGHT

Discourse Analysis
Pragmatics
Language and National Development
Sociolinguistics
Business Communication
Basic English Grammar and Composition
Contemporary English Usage
Basic Writing Skills
Advanced English Composition
Speech Writing and Delivery
Introduction to English Morphology
Introduction to English Language

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Journal Reviewer/Editorial Board

Journal of Language and Social Psychology (Member, Guest Editorial Board)
Pragmatics
Critical Discourse Studies
City and Community
Sage Open
Information, Community and Society
Ghana Journal of Linguistics
Qualitative Sociology
Covenant Journal of Language Studies

University Committees

Aug 2017 – Aug 2020	Member, College Academic Advisory Committee
Sep 2015 – Aug 2020	Member, College Web Presence Committee
Sep 2012 – Aug 2020	Student Advisor

Sep 2019 – Oct 2019	Member, Ad-hoc Committee on Review of the School of Postgraduate Studies Handbook
Jul 2015 – Jul 2018	Panel Member, Covenant University Scholastic Aptitude Screening (CUSAS)
Jan 2017 – Jun 2018	Member, Local Organising Committee, Covenant University International Conference on Entrepreneurship
Sep 2014 – Aug 2016	Member/Secretary, Committee on Media and Corporate Affairs
Sep 2014 – Aug 2016	Member/Secretary, Departmental Welfare Committee
Sep 2012 – Aug 2013	Assistant Departmental Examination Officer

Conference/ Workshop Volunteering

1. Facilitator, Language Enhancement Training Workshop for Non-Teaching Staff, Covenant University (Dec 12, 2019)
2. Student Volunteer, 67th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, San Diego, USA (May 25- 29, 2017)
3. Rapporteur, Faculty of Arts Third Biennial International Conference, University of Ibadan, Nigeria (March 14-17, 2017)
4. Rapporteur, Conflict Management and Resolution: A Leadership Competence Development Workshop. African Leadership Development Centre, Ota, Nigeria (May 25-28, 2014)

MEMBERSHIPS

1. Member, International Communication Association
(Language and Social Interaction Division)
2. Member, Association of Internet Researchers
3. Member, International Sociological Association
(Language and Society Research Cluster)

REFERENCES

1. **Professor Taiwo Abioye** (Thesis Supervisor)
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