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**SUMMARY:**

For almost thirty years of continuous work experience in academia, I have held multiple, and progressive appointments as a tenured teacher-scholar and an academic administrative leader in a range of higher educational institutions described as big and small State-Publics, Ivy League-Privates, and Liberal Arts colleges and universities with focus on both undergraduate and graduate studies. I am currently the Deval Patrick Endowed Chair of Political, Economic, and Social Innovation at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. I am also recently served as the interim Dean of the John W McCormack School of Policy and Global Studies and a tenured, full Professor of Global Governance and International Relations at the university too. As Dean, I was responsible for the strategic, programmatic, and financial operations of the College. I provided leadership and oversight for all academic and student services, personnel and programs within the college while coordinating the dean's office staff, associate & assistant dean, center/institute directors and department chairs where, as a team, we are responsible for achieving goals to transform the college. Thus far, my academic and administrative roles have yielded for me a longstanding and engaging record of teaching excellence as well as a substantive body of research and scholarship that includes the publication of eight scholarly books and several articles and book chapters in global studies, African political & regional affairs, development studies, international relations, and global public policy. At the same time, as a senior academic administrator (academic director, head of unit, associate dean and as interim Dean), I remain excited at being able to positively contribute to academic institution building, faculty research development and scholarship productivity, teaching excellence, and student success. These experiences have afforded me a career to date that has provided an opportunity for me to achieve academic innovation and transformation in higher education while advancing and impacting changes that matter through community engagement and outreach in local, national, regional, and global arenas.

**EDUCATION:**

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

- **Discipline:** Politics, at the New School for Social Research, Manhattan, New York, 1999
- **Area of Specialization:** Comparative Politics and International Relations
- **Dissertation Title:** Democracy Now: The Resurgence of Nigerian Civil Society

**Master of Arts (M.A)**

- Politics, at the New School for Social Research, Manhattan, New York, 1996

**Master of Arts (M.A)**

- Communication Arts, C.U.N.Y, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, 1988

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A)**

- English Studies and Dramatic Arts, University of Ife, (now Obafemi Awolowo University – OAU), Nigeria, 1984

**ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:**

### **2023-Present**

- **Deval Patrick Endowed Chair in Political, Social, and Economic Innovation**, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

### **2021- 2023**

- **Interim Dean and Professor** (with tenure) John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

### **2017- 2021**

- **Associate Dean and Professor** (with tenure), John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

### **2010- 2015**

- **Director and Professor** (with tenure), African American and African Studies, Michigan State University (College of Arts and Letters and James Madison College of Public Affairs), East Lansing, Michigan

### **2000-2003**

- **Deputy Director and Lecturer**, Institute of African Studies, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, Manhattan, New York City

### **1995- 2000**

- **Director**, Career Training Center of the Corporate and Community Education Division, Middlesex County College, Edison, New Jersey

### **RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES AND LEADERSHIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2017-Present):**

- **(Sep 2023- Deval Patrick Endowed Chair, John W McCormack School)**

The Chair is a senior academic leader who develops and maintains an extramurally funded program of research in political, economic, and social innovation and equity, as well as serves as a resource in grantsmanship for doctoral students and faculty teams to progress in their research and scholarship endeavors. The Chair promotes engagement and impact research and engagement. The Chair promotes translation research findings for practice and policy improvement and demonstrates how public and global affairs research positively eradicates inequities in local, national, regional, and global environments.

- **(Aug 2021- Aug 2023- Interim Dean, John W. McCormack School):**

At Boston's most diverse and singular urban, public research university, as McCormack graduate school interim dean, I oversaw and lead the dynamic and compelling transformation of the college-school's academic and non-academic units, which included 18 direct reports, including 7 professional staff at the dean's office, 3 department chairs, 8 center/institute research and outreach directors, 8 college-level, faculty governance/committee leaders, and about 40 TT & NTT faculty members. I conducted annual reviews for all 18 direct reports as well as dean's level annual reviews for all college faculty (TT and NTT). As interim Dean, I led a strategic vision to strengthen research productivity, enhance teaching innovation, foster graduate and advanced undergraduate academic program effectiveness and enrollment growth and student success, advance integrative public and private sector community outreach and transformation, and achieve inclusive excellence and compositional curricular and climate diversity. I oversaw, managed, and administered \$10 million state operating budget, a \$13 million market value endowment pool of multiple endowment accounts, \$5.5 million external awards (FY'23), and about \$6 million in legislative earmark and contract for services budget revenue (FY'23).

*Accomplishments:*

- Established and strengthened a college-level student success initiative (Deans Office Student Success-DOSS)
  - Increased grants productivity of School through an uptick in faculty grant submissions (total external awards FY'22 \$5.5 million)
  - Strengthened and increased community engagement and the enrichment of intellectual life at the school for faculty and students – for example, I established a first-time college radio partnership – McCormack Speaks @WUMB Radio to foster UA advancement and stewardship (total market value in FY'23 \$13 million)
  - Established cross college collaborative faculty exchange and partnership initiatives, including the Policy across Disciplines (PAD) program with College of Liberal Arts (CLA), Funding Interdisciplinary Research with the Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences
- **(Aug 2017-July 2021- as Associate Dean, John W. McCormack School):**  
As Associate Dean, I had primary responsibility for the academic functions of the college working closely with other college leaders in supporting the educational and public service mission throughout the college. I worked closely with the dean of MGS to provide cutting-edge and innovative vision and leadership to ensure excellence in the school's programs and initiatives and foster an environment of policy research and teaching that drives real change at the local, state, national and global levels. I was responsible for strategic and administrative oversight for all aspects of the academic degree and certificate programs and will help to implement strategic planning priorities for the college. I directed programmatic efforts that engaged students, faculty, and staff civically and globally, and with the latest innovations in teaching, learning and research and spearhead efforts to increase the diversity of faculty, staff, and students. While associate dean, I established and directed –
    - A first-time, dean's level Student Success program – Dean's Office Student Success (DOSS) – including creating and facilitating new student fellowship and internship opportunities:
      - Summer Enrichment Award (SEA)
      - Civic Action Program (CAP)
    - A first-time, dean's level Faculty Research support program (featuring several cross-college collaborations)
      - Dean's Office Faculty Fund for Advancing Research (DOFFAR)
      - Faculty Interdisciplinary Research (FIR) program with College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHR)
    - A first-time, university-wide African Studies program with a focus on African political affairs and international development (ASF- Africa Scholars Forum)
    - A first-time, racial equity taskforce, the McCormack Racial Equity Taskforce (MRET) to advance an array of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives at the college.

#### **ACADEMIC ONLY (FACULTY) APPOINTMENTS:**

##### **2023-Present**

- **Deval Patrick Endowed Chair in Social, Political, and Economic Innovation**, University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston, MA

##### **2017-Present**

- **Professor** (with tenure) of International Relations/Global Governance, Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance (John W McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts-Boston), Boston, MA

### **2013- 2017**

- **Professor** (with tenure) of International Relations and African Affairs, Michigan State University (James Madison College of Public Affairs), East Lansing, MI

### **2009- 2013**

- **Associate Professor** (with tenure) of International Relations, Michigan State University (James Madison College of Public Affairs), East Lansing, MI

### **2005 - 2009**

- **Assistant Professor** of International Relations, Michigan State University (James Madison College of Public Affairs), East Lansing, MI

### **2003 – 2005**

- **Assistant Professor**, Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, DE

### **2000 - 2003**

- **Lecturer** in Political Science and International Affairs and Deputy Director, Institute of African Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY

### **2002- 2005**

- **Adjunct Professor**, Political Science, Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY

### **2001- 2002**

- **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Political Science, Brooklyn College, CUNY, NY

### **2000- 2001**

- **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Political Science, Rutgers University, NJ

### **1996 - 2000**

- **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Political Science, Middlesex County College, NJ

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

- *People Power and Democracy: The Popular Movement against Military Despotism in Nigeria, 1989-1999* (Africa World Press/Red Sea Press, Trenton, NJ, 2002)
- *Reconstructing the Third Wave of Democracy: Comparative African Democratic Politics*, (University Press of America:/Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2009)
- *Reframing Contemporary Africa: Politics, Culture and Society in a Global Era* and Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, (CQ Press, 2010)
- *The African Union's Africa: New Pan African Initiatives in Global Governance* with Keith Gottschalk (MSU Press, 2014)
- *Malcolm X 's Michigan Worldview: An Exemplar of the Contemporary Black Studies Discipline* with Curtis Stokes (MSU Press, 2015)
- *Pan Africa Rising: The Cultural Political Economy of Afri-capitalism and Ubuntu Business* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2017)

- *New Frontiers in the Study of the Global African Diaspora: Between Uncharted Themes and Alternative Representations* with Glenn Chambers, Tama Hamilton-Wray (MSU Press, 2018)
- *Africa's New Global Politics: Regionalism in International Relations* with Moses Khisa (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2022)

### Journal Articles

- "Promoting Owned and Operated Development: Reflections of the New Partnership for African Development (Nepad)" *African and Asian Studies*, Volume 3, no.2. (2004)
- "Third World Democracies: South-South Learning from Each Other" in Exploring Conflicts and Conflict Resolution in the Contemporary Third World *Third World Studies Peer-Reviewed Proceedings* Harold Isaacs (Association of Third World Studies, Inc. 2005)
- "Emerging Studies in (Southern) African Politics: A Review Essay" in *Journal of Asian and African Studies* (Volume 42 (3/4): 353-358, 2007)
- "New Trends in Democracy and Development: Democratic Capitalism in South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya" in *Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies*, (Volume 35 Issue 1: 2008)
- "Cooperating Against Small State Marginalization: A Post Colonial Perspective on UNSC 1529 in Haiti 2004" *Dubois Review of Social Science Research on Race* (Volume 5, Spring, 2008)
- "Global Citizens and Sudanese Subjects: Reading Mahmood Mamdani's Saviors and Survivors" *African Affairs* (Volume 108, No 433, 2009)
- "Socially Constructing Democracy and Peace: Nigeria's National Dialogue on the Niger Delta Conflict" *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* (Volume 6, Number 2, 2011)
- "The Sixth Zone: the African Diaspora and the African Union (AU)'s Global Era Pan Africanism" *Journal of African American Studies* (Volume 16, Number 2, Pages 268-299, 2012)
- "The Emerging Black Studies Africanist: A Case Study of MSU's Triple Heritage AAAS PhD Program" in *Journal of Pan African Studies* (Volume 5, No. 4, October 2012)
- "Africans Perspectives on Race in the U.S: Reading Chimamanda Adichie's Americanah" *Africana Studies: A Review of Social Science Research* (Volume 6, Spring, 2015)
- "Pan African Security and Pax Africana: Navigating Global Hierarchies" in *African Conflict and Peace-building Review*, (Vol 4, No.2, Fall 2014, pp 38-59)
- "African Americans in Greater Boston: Challenges, Identities, Legacies, and Movements" with Barbara Lewis in *Changing Faces of Greater Boston* (A Report from Boston Indicators, the Boston Foundation, UMass Boston and the UMass Donahue Institute, April 2019)
- "Changing Demographics and Policy Reflections: The Case for Historic and Foreign Blacks in Greater Boston" with Barbara Lewis in Elsie Scott's *Africa-America 2021: Re-Envisioning Liberation for the Global Black Diaspora*, *Journal of the Center for Policy Analysis and Research*, (Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, March 2021)

### Book Chapters

- “Sudan’s Identity Wars and Democratic Route to Peace” in *Perspectives on Contemporary Ethnic Conflict: Primal Violence the Politics of Conviction*, Santosh Saha (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2006)
- “Centralization in Nigeria’s PDP: Addressing Pluralism in Africa’s Democracies” in Santosh Saha eds. *The Politics of Ethnicity and National Identity* (Peter Lang, 2007)
- “Democratization in Multi-religious Contexts in Africa: Amina vs the (Dis-United) States of Nigeria” in Kamari Clarke’s *Local Institutions, Global Controversies: Islam in Sub Saharan African Contexts*, MacMillan Working Paper Series, (Yale University-CT, 2007)
- “Rwanda-Burundi’s ‘National-Ethnic’ Dilemma: Democracy, Deep Divisions and Conflict Re-represented” in Santosh Saha eds. *Ethnicity and Socio-political Change in Africa and Other Developing Countries: A Constructive Discourse in State Building* (Lexington Books, 2008)
- “Nigeria’s 2007 Election in Comparative Perspective: Democratic Capitalism and the Crisis of Democracy in Africa” in Victor Okafor eds. *Nigeria’s Stumbling Democracy and its Implications for the Democratic Movement in Africa* (Praeger, 2008)
- “Beauty Troubles: Gender and Difference in Nigeria’s Developing Democracy” in Joyce Gelb and Marian Lief Palley eds. *Women of the World: Volume II*, (ABC-CLIO 2009)
- “New Encounters in US-Africa Democracy Relations” in Jack Mangala eds. *Africa in Contemporary International Relations* (Palgrave, 2010)
- “African Solutions for (Malian) Problems: Pan Africanist vs. Pan-Sahelian Global Play in Contemporary Africa” in *The Sahel: Focus of Hope, Focus of Fear* in Marcel Kissitou and Pauline Ginsberg (Adonis &Abbey, 2014)
- “Rethinking US-Africa Democracy Relations in Obama’s First Term” in Cassandra Rachel Veney, *US-Africa Relations: From Clinton to Obama*. (Lexington Books: Rowman & Littlefield), 2014
- “Pan Africanism is Africa’s Third Way” in Toyin Falola and Samuel Oloruntuba eds. *Handbook on African Politics*, Palgrave MacMillan eds. (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2017).
- “New (Pan)-Africanism or Neoliberal Globalization? Introducing Nigeria’s Afri-capitalism and South Africa’s Ubuntu Business” in James Conyers eds., *Africana Social Stratification Africana Studies*, Transaction Publishers (Transaction Publishers, 2017)
- “Nigeria’s Non-Western Democracy: A Postcolonial Aspiration and Struggle with Opportunity, Conflict and Transformation”, in Carl Le Van and Patrick Ukata eds. *The Oxford Handbook in Nigerian Politics*, (Oxford University Press, 2018)
- “African Economic Humanism: Africapitalism and Ubuntu Business” in Jean Ouderago, Mamadou Diawara, and Elisio Macamo eds., *Translation: disputing the sense of African social realities* Cambridge Scholars Press (Cambridge University Press,2019)
- “Neoliberal Democracy vs. Neoliberal Authoritarianism: Capitalism and Democracy’s Global Contest in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” in Gordon Crawford and Abdul-Gafaru Abdulai’s *Research Handbook in Democracy and Development* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021)
- “From the First Black President to the First White President: Obama, Trump, and Race-craft in US-Africa Policy” in Ebenezer Obadare eds. *Connections and Disconnections: Africa and the United States in the Age of Obama* (forthcoming)

### **Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

- John Boye Ejobowah, Competing Claims to Recognition in the Nigerian Public Sphere *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Volume 37 Number 1 (2003)
- Adigun A. B. Agbaje, Larry Diamond, and Ebere Onwudiwe, eds. Nigeria's Struggle for Democracy and Good Governance: A Festschrift for Oyeleye Oyediran. *African Studies Review* 49.1 (2006) 182-183
- Henning Melber eds. Trade, Development, Cooperation: what future for Africa? *Africa Today* 52.3 (2006) 126-129
- Tridivesh Singh Maini South Asian Cooperation and the Role of the Punjabs in *Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace* (Volume 2: 2008)
- Dambisa Moyo, Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa in *African and Asian Studies* Volume 9, Numbers 1-2, 2010 , pp. 191-193(3)
- Anglophone Africa *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, (CQ Press/Sage Publications, 2010)
- A Review of Boaventura de Sousa Santos and Jose Manuel Mendes' Demodiversity: Towards Post-Abysal Democracies *in Comparative Democratic Theory* special eds. Alexander Weiss and Jean-Paul Gagnon "Marginalized meanings of democracy in the world" (2022)

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH AWARDS:**

- Co-PI "Changing Faces of Greater Boston" funded by the Boston Foundation, and co-authored with Donahue Institute, Boston Indicators, and UMass Boston, 2019 (\$50,000)
- Visiting Professor, Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute (TMALI), University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa, 2017-Present
- Visiting Professor, African American and African Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan State University, 2017-2018
- The "Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the Community" by the Detroit chapter of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and the Charles Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, 2015
- The "Fannie Lou Hamer and Kwame Nkrumah Award for outstanding academic leadership and service in the African World" from the National Council of Black Studies (NCBS), 2016
- Honorary Professor, at the University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, SA, 2017-2018
- MSU- Creative Excellence in Inclusion Grant 'Project E-Sankofa: Digital Black Studies in the Global Community' Office of Intercultural and Initiatives and Inclusion, \$34,000 2014-2015

### **MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATIONS:**

- A Better City (ABC) Executive Board Member
- African Studies Association (ASA): Board Member, 2021-2024

- West African Research Association (WARA): Board Secretary, 2020-Present
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Development Studies Association (DSA)
- University Leadership Council on Diversity and Inclusion in International Affairs and Public Policy Education
- Association of Global South Studies (ATWS)
- Association of Concerned African Scholars (ACAS)
- National Council of Black Political Scientists (NCOBS)
- Association of the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)