

CURRICULUM VITAE: E. A. SOYEMI

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Nationality: Nigerian

LANGUAGES

English: fluent

Yoruba: fluent (spoken)

Hausa: good (currently learning)

French: moderate

EDUCATION

Ph.D Political Science (ABD), Boston University, September 2010 – ongoing (Major: Political Philosophy, Minor: Comparative Politics, Subfield: African Politics)

Msc. International Public Policy, University College London, September 2005 – November 2006

BA with Honours in Politics and International Relations (2:1 with Honours), University of Kent, September 2002 – June 2005

'A' Levels, Cambridge Tutors College, London, September 2001- July 2002: English Literature (A); International Politics (B); Business Studies (B)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder, Editor, and Lead Writer, January 2015 – present, Political Matter at www.politicalmatter.org

Consultant Editor, October 2013 – September 2014, Sahan Research Ltd.

Supervisor: Emmanuel Deisser, Matt Bryden

Major Responsibilities:

- Editing research assessments, policy documents, briefs, and country profiles

Grader, Fall term 2011, Boston University, PO/IR 309: America at War, the Response to 9/11

Supervisor: Professor Doug Kriner, Professor Neta Crawford

Major responsibilities:

- Marking 3 mid-length policy papers and 1 mid-term exam for each of 60 students

House of Commons Research Assistant and Administrator, October 7, 2008 – July

2010, The Guardian Newspaper, Room 15, Press Gallery, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

Supervisor: Mr Patrick Wintour, Political Editor

Major responsibilities:

- Providing political research to the political editor, the associate editor, the Westminster correspondent and the chief political correspondent of the Guardian Newspaper.
- Attending and documenting parliamentary select committee hearings
- Arranging and co-ordinating the newspaper's attendance at the annual political party conferences
- Keeping abreast of global politics and the domestic political agenda
- Ensuring the smooth running of the Westminster office
- Occasional writing assignments for the Guardian newspaper and politics website

Marketing Executive, May 2007 – June 2008, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE

Supervisor: Ms Catherine O'Keeffe, Head, Conference Unit

Major responsibilities:

- Pinpointing and researching relevant points of contact within UK and non-UK government departments, think tanks, international organizations, development organizations (within and outside the UK), financial and regulatory bodies and commercial organizations
- Making long term, high-level, contacts within these institutions
- Enlisting the participation of senior representatives from UK and non-UK government agencies, financial and commercial institutions, academia, NGOs and international organizations in Chatham House conferences
- Ensuring the success of conferences based on key representation of the relevant actors within the particular subject area covered by the conference
- Achieving significant levels of funding used in the running of conferences by ensuring high levels of attendance
- Helping to guarantee the success of events on conference days – welcoming delegates at the door, engaging in conversation with participants and getting feedback on how we could further improve the running of our events
- Participating in, and writing up the minutes of, closed policy discussions run by the Africa programme and the Russia and Eurasia programme

Intern, January – April 2007, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, 10 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE

Supervisor: Ms Georgina Wright/ Mr Duncan Newbury

Major responsibilities:

- Setting up media partnerships for high-level conferences, which involved strong negotiation skills in developing relationships with publications and professional associations
- Researching prospective conference speakers and delegates
- Being the department's first point of contact and managing its incoming inquiries
- Ensuring the maintenance and up-keep of the department's central database system
- Ensuring the smooth and proper running of major conferences
- Assisting with the day to day running of the department

Research Assistant, October 2006, Dr. Fiona Adamson, School of Public Policy, University College London, 29-30 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9QU

Supervisor: Dr Fiona Adamson

Major responsibilities:

- Collecting background research for a key-note speech that was to be given as part of the 'Mind the Gap' conference in Nigeria in October 2006
- Providing empirical information on the Nigerian diaspora, the Nigerian state and Nigerian international and domestic civil society organizations
- Producing a report that summarized all the information into useful themes
- Researching useful contacts in Nigeria

Temporary Administrative Assistant, June – August 2006, University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES), School of Public Policy, University College London, 29-30 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9QU

English Language Teacher, July 2003- August 2005 (summer months), Jurgen Matthes Student Organization, 25 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4PX

RESEARCH

Ph.D Dissertation: 'The Law's Moral Legitimacy and the Significance of Participation': With Nigeria as an empirical case study, my research aims to determine the effect of participation on obedience and perceptions of the law's legitimacy. Relying on philosophical analysis of Aristotle and Rousseau, I ask why we do, and when ought we to, obey the laws of political society. I use the World Bank funded Lagos Urban Transport Project 2 to empirically examine the correlation between participation and obedience.

Masters Thesis: 'A House Filled With Gold: The Creation of an Enabling Environment? Nigerian Government Policy Towards Development and the Prospects of Return for Nigerians living in the United Kingdom'

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & COURSES

Boston University GRS Summer Research Fellowship, 2014

Boston University Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship, 2015

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Invited to give a guest lecture on my dissertation research:

Guest Lecturer, PO 591, Seminar in Political Philosophy, November 2013

Guest Lecturer, PO 591, Seminar in Political Philosophy, October 2014

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

International Political Science Association Conference, 22 May, 2013. Conference Title: 'Justice: Violence and Forgiveness.' Presentation: 'Interventionist vs. Non-Interventionist Justice: Uganda.'

21st Annual Graduate Student Conference in African Studies, 29-20 March, 2013. Conference Title: 'Continuity, Change, and Adaptation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Africa.' Panel Moderator: 'Security, Development, and Conflict'

PUBLICATIONS

International Affairs, March 2011, Vol 87 No. 2, Reviewed work: Peter Cunliffe-Jones, *My Nigeria: five decades of independence* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2010)

International Affairs, January 2009, Vol 85 No. 1, Reviewed work: Patricia O. Daley, *Gender and Genocide in Burundi: the search for spaces of peace in the Great Lakes Region* (Oxford: James Currey, 2007)

African Affairs, October 2008, Vol. 107 No. 429, Reviewed work: Bah, Abu Bakarr, *Breakdown and reconstitution: democracy, the nationstate and ethnicity in Nigeria* (Lanham MA: Lexington Books, 2005)

The Guardian Newspaper, 23 June 2009, 'A year in jail: the price MPs may have to pay for false expenses', at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2009/jun/23/mpsexpenses-face-year-jail>

The Guardian 'Comment is Free', 17 March 2009, 'The wrong message on condoms', at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/belief/2009/mar/17/religion-hiv-pope-condomsafrica>

REFERENCES

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