

# John O. Adebayo

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## Career Summary

A lecturer with over 5 years of expertise teaching Yoruba language and culture to undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students. Knowledgeable in a variety of approaches to teaching language, to best support students' entire language learning experience.

## Profile Summary

I am a proven facilitator of effective and rigorous teaching approaches of languages, rapidly integrating evolving pedagogical techniques with the use of technological advances in language teaching. I am a specialist in curriculum development, design and renewal, following students' assessment of effective learning outcomes. I am skilled in language teaching and classroom management, identifying classroom need skills, conducting theoretical, practical, and scenario-based teaching to improve students' understanding. Furthermore, I am skilled in working with students of diverse backgrounds and evaluating student achievements.

## Experience

LECTURER | BOSTON UNIVERSITY, BOSTON MA | 01/2025 - PRESENT

- Taught the first level of Yoruba language and culture at the African Studies Center.
- Developed curriculum and researched appropriate teaching materials and aids
- Designed the academic syllabus, carried out the assessment rubrics, and used the appropriate teaching pedagogy to achieve effective student language learning.

LECTURER | HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE MA | 08/2019 - PRESENT

- Taught all levels of Yoruba language and culture at the Department of African and African American Studies. Currently teaching Intermediate and Advanced Yorùbá classes.
- Developed curriculum and researched appropriate teaching materials and aids,
- Designed the academic syllabus, carried out the assessment rubrics, and used the appropriate teaching pedagogy to achieve effective student language learning.

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CARE SERVICES | ALS ASSOCIATION, NORTHEAST TERRITORY |  
08/2022 – PRESENT**

- Supervised the Massachusetts care services managers and case managers in care management. Care services managers administer care services programs in line with the ALS Association's mission of making ALS a livable disease by 2030.
- Provided ongoing CS program review and assessment for effectiveness and efficiency.
- Collaborated with the Managing Director of Care Services to identify and resolve operational and service barriers within the Northeast territory.
- Provided oversight of the Massachusetts care services budget, providing supervision and/or direction to Care Services employees and independent contractors within the state.

**Pedagogical Certification:**

The National African Language Resource Center (NALRC), May 2021 – Certificate of Completion in Backward Curriculum Design, Standards-Based Instruction, Use of Target Language, and Performance-based Assessment of African Languages Instruction.

**Award:**

Derek Bok Award of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2021

**Ongoing/Unpublished Works:**

1. Textbook: John O. Adebayo, *Èdè Yorùbá Dùn Púpò: An easy way for Yoruba diaspora to learn Yoruba language*
2. Book Review of Taiwo O. Ehineni, *Yoruba Learning Storybook: A Reading Manual for Yoruba Language Learners (unpublished)*
3. Paper: John O. Adebayo, *Àròkò: A Non-Verbal Communication System in Yoruba Culture (in progress)*
4. Paper: John O. Adebayo, *Traditional and Modern Approaches to Yoruba Language Learning (in progress)*
5. Paper: John O. Adebayo, *The Yoruba Concept of Àródan: An Examination of Its Philosophical and Cultural Significance*

**Memberships in Professional Associations:**

1. African Language Teachers Association (ALTA)
2. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
3. Northeastern Consortium of Programs in African Languages (NERCPAL)
4. The National African Language Resource Center (NALRC)

**Education:**

Master's degree in healthcare administration | May 2014 | Framingham State University, Framingham

Bachelor's degree in psychology| May 2010 | University of Massachusetts, Amherst Massachusetts.

**References Available Upon Request**