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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### **July 2009 –Present**

Associate Professor, tenured faculty member, Washington and Lee University, department of Journalism and Mass Communications. Courses-Law and Communications; Contemporary Issues in Law and Communications (Co-taught with Prof. Brian Murchison at Washington and Lee University School of Law); Introduction to the News Media, Communication in Global Perspectives; Crisis Communication; Principles of PR; Online Speech Regulation.

#### **Fall 2004-2009**

Assistant Professor, tenure-track faculty member, W & L, department of J&MC. Courses-Law and Communications; Contemporary Issues in Law and Communications (Co-taught with Prof. Brian Murchison-Law School); Introduction to the News Media, Communication in Global Perspectives; Crisis Communication; Religion, Culture and the Global Media.

#### **Fall 2002-Spring 2004**

Instructor, W&L, department of J&MC. Courses-Law and Communications; Introduction to the News Media; Contemporary Problems in Law and Communications (co-taught with Prof. Brian Murchison –Law School); Crisis Communications.

#### **Spring 2001, Fall 2001**

Graduate Instructor, University of South Carolina, College of Information and Communications. Course taught- Media Law and Ethics.

#### **Spring 2000-Fall 2001**

Teaching Assistant, USC, Columbia, College of Information and Communications TA to Dr. Erik Collins teaching Media Law and Ethics.

### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. (2004) Journalism and Mass Communications, University of South Carolina Columbia, SC. Dissertation Topic: Fair Use, the First Amendment and DMCA: A case for heightened judicial scrutiny? Dissertation Chair: Dr. Erik Collins.

- M.S. (1996). Media Studies (International/Intercultural Communication), Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX. Thesis: The Press Under Military Rule: The Case of Nigeria  
Thesis Chair: Dr. Anantha Babbili
- M.T.S. (1993). Theological Studies, Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas TX.
- Diploma (1991) Advanced Public Relations, Nigerian Institute of Journalism, Ogba Lagos, Nigeria.
- Diploma (1990). Integrated Public Relations and Advertising, NIJ, Ogba, Lagos, Nigeria.
- B.A. (1989) English and Literary Studies, University of Ado-Ekiti, Ondo State, Nigeria

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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June 1995, June 1997

Assistant Director, Dow Jones Newspaper Fund Funded Urban Journalism Workshop, Fort Worth, TX -Assisted the director in planning and organizing the two-week on campus training workshop for talented high school seniors interested in journalism. I coordinated the activities for the workshop and managed the other staff members. I worked with the reporters from *Dallas Morning News* and Ft. Worth *Star Telegram* to publish the workshop's newspaper

Jan. 1990-Aug. 1991

Editorial Assistant, Methodist News, Lagos, Nigeria. I co-edited the national quarterly magazine of Methodist Church Nigeria with two other editors.

April 1991-August 1991

PR/Advertising Associate, Kenbos Associates, Abeokuta Nigeria. I wrote press releases, did media booking and media relations and client management on existing accounts and sourced for new accounts.

March 1990-March 1991

Staff Writer, *Link Publications*, Abeokuta, Nigeria. I wrote monthly feature columns for a national monthly magazine named *Campus Link*.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Abah, Adedayo L. (2016). "Legal Regulation of CSR? The Case of Social Media and Gender-Based Harassment. *Under Consideration by Journal of Communication Inquiry*, SAGE Journals

Abah, Adedayo L (2016). "More Good Speech"—Still a Fitting Remedy to Public Hate Speech"

*Under Consideration by Global Media and Communication, SAGE Journals*

- Abah, Adedayo L. (2014). Book review, "Electronic Media Law and Regulation," (Creech, K. 2014). *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*, 58(4) pp.701-703.
- Abah, Adedayo L. (2013). "Representing Children and Childhood in Yoruba Nollywood" *Interactions: Studies in Communication & Culture*, 4(4), pp. 289-303. Bristol, UK: Intellect Books.
- Abah, Adedayo L. (2012). "Mainstreaming Homosexuality in Nollywood: The Efforts and the Challenges" *ABC Journal of Advanced Research*, 1(2), pp.57-69. Virginia, USA.
- Abah, Adedayo L. (2011). "Mediating Identity and Culture: Nigerian Videos and African Immigrants in the U.S." in *Cultural Identity and New Communication Technologies: Political, Ethnic and Ideological Implications*. D. Ndiragu Wachanga (ed.) Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publishing.
- Abah, Adedayo L. (2009). "Popular Culture and Social Change in Africa: The Case of Nigeria" *Media, Culture and Society*, 31(5), pp. 731-748 Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications.
- Abah, Adedayo L. (2008). "Trends in International Internet Defamation Suits: Targeting a Solution?" *International Communication Gazette*, 70(6), pp. 529-546. London, UK: Sage Publications.
- Abah, Adedayo L. (2008). "One step forward, two steps backward: African Women in Nigerian Video-film" *Communication Culture & Critique*, 1(4), pp.335-357. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

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 TRADE PUBLICATION
 

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- Abah, Adedayo L. "Less Secrecy Would Make U.S. a Better Role Model" op-ed piece published by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, July 7, 2006, commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act.

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 CONFERENCE PAPERS
 

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- "Looking for Change: Evaluating the Options in Children Television Programming in Nigeria" to be presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ebenezer Soola Conference on Communication, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. September 28-30, 2016.
- "Democracy and the Challenge of Change-Media Activism for Increasing Women Participation in Politics in Nigeria" to be presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ebenezer Soola Conference on Communication, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. September 28-30, 2016.
- "Whose Internet is it anyway? Anonymity and Personal Privacy Rights in Online Media."

Paper presented at the annual conference of the International Association for Media and Communication Research, Durban, South Africa, July 16-21, 2012

“Online Anonymous Speech and Shield Laws in the United States” (co-authored with Prof. Toni Locy) was presented virtually at the Asian Conference on Media and Mass Communication, Osaka, Japan, November 4-6, 2011.

“Mainstreaming Homosexuality in Nollywood: The Task and the Challenges” Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Boston, MA May, 2011

“Assessing the Challenges of Representation in the Art of Nollywood.” Paper presented at the Racism, Ethnicity and the Media in Africa Conference-CAMRI, University of Westminster, London, March 25-26, 2010

“Mediating Identity and Culture: Nigerian Videos and African Immigrants in the U.S.” Paper presented at the International Conference on *Nollywood and Beyond: Transnational Dimensions of the African Video Industry*. Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, May 13-16, 2009

“One step forward, two steps backward: African Women in Nigerian Video-film.” Paper presented at the Toward an Africa without Borders conference, July 4-8, 2007, Durban, South Africa.

“Popular Culture and Social Change in Africa.” Paper presented at the Global Communication and Development Conference, October 18-19, 2007, Shanghai, China

“The art of inducement in post-Grokster: *Arista Records v. Flea World; UMG v. Bertelsmann*.” Paper presented at International Communication Annual Conference, May 24-28, 2007, San Francisco, CA.

“The use of ICTs in Nigerian Newsrooms” Paper presented at the Global Fusion Conference Chicago, Sept. 30-October 1, 2006.

“The Durban Principles, Jurisdictional Issues, and International Libel In the Digital Age: A Marriage of Convenience?” Paper Presented at the Law Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Toronto, Canada, August 4-7, 2004. Co-authored with Dr. Brian Richardson.

“Fair Use, the First Amendment and DMCA: A case for heightened judicial scrutiny?” Completed Dissertation, August 2004. Erik Collins, Dissertation chair.

“Interest Groups in the International Arena: Examining the making of the U.S. Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).” Paper presented at International Conference, Digital Dynamic: Control, Participation and Exclusion, Loughborough University, U.K., November 6-9, 2003.

“Fair Use and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act: A Case for Judicial Review?”

Paper presented at the Communication Law and Policy Division, International Communication Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, May 24-27, 2003.

“Contextual issues in constitutional protection of government employee testimonial-related speech.” Presented at the Law and Policy division of International Communication Association annual conference, Washington, DC May 2001. Co-authored with Dr. Erik Collins of USC, Columbia SC.

“The Press Under Military Rule: The Case of Nigeria.” Completed Thesis, May 1996. Anantha Babbili, Thesis chair.

#### TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

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“Social media and the Workplace.” A presentation to the Staff of Havas Worldwide Advertising Agency, 200 Hudson St, New York, New York, June 12, 2013.

Nobel Peace Prize (2011) Remarks-Talk Presented to the University Community on November 11, 2011 at Hillel House on the Life and Achievements of the Three Women who received the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize.

“Public Relations and the Law: First Amendment Protection for Corporate Speech in the age of Nike v. Kasky.” Presented to College Communicators Association Conference, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington VA Oct. 24, 2003.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

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Grant Recipient, Andrew Mellon Foundation Faculty Seminar, WLU, (2015)  
Scripps Howard Foundation/AEJMC Social Media Grant Recipient 2014  
Grantee, Advertising Education Foundation of America, Visiting Professor Program (VPP), 2013.  
Grantee, Washington and Lee University Lenfest Grant for Faculty Summer Research, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010 and 2009.  
Grantee, International Faculty Development Seminar, Ghana, June 2008  
Grantee, W & L Glenn Grant Funding for Summer Research Recipient 2008  
Grantee, W & L Glenn Grant Funding for Faculty Research Recipient 2007  
Grantee, International Faculty Development Seminar, Senegal, June 2005  
International Faculty Development Seminar Fund administered through the W & L Global Stewardship Program 2005  
W & L Glenn Grant Funding for Faculty Research Recipient 2004  
W & L Faculty Course Development Grant Recipient 2004

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Member, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)  
Member, International Communication Association (ICA)  
Board member 2015-2017), Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Blue Ridge Chapter

#### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Conference paper reviewer for Law and Policy division of ICA  
Conference paper reviewer for the Global Communication division of ICA;  
Conference Paper reviewer, International Communication division, AEJMC;  
Manuscript reviewer for *New Media and Society* Journal  
Manuscript Reviewer, *Human Rights Review*  
Manuscript Reviewer, *Global Journal of Communication*  
Consultancy services for *Dallas Morning News* (on religion and media in Nigeria) 2006, 2007;  
Board Member (2015-2017), Public Relations Society of America, Blue Ridge Region  
Judge for Tactics, Campaigns, *PProof Awards*, The West Michigan chapter of PRSA, 2016.

#### SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY (MOST RECENT)

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Student Affairs Committee, 2016-2019  
Science, Society and the Arts 2015, (Chair), appointed in 2013.  
Global Learning Faculty Liaisons, 2012-2015  
Curriculum Committee, (Ad-hoc, Department), 2011-2012  
Diversity Committee, (Department) 2008-Present  
Fishback Program for Visiting Writers, (Chair), 2011-2013