

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED WITH DATES**

1983 – 1989: Central School Nkpor, Anambra State  
*First School Leaving Certificate*

1990 – 1995: Dennis Memorial Grammar School, Onitsha, Anambra State  
*Senior Secondary School Certificate (May/June)*

1995 – Army Day Secondary school, Onitsha, Anambra State  
*Senior Secondary School Certificate (Nov. /Dec.)*

1998 – 2003: The University of Nigeria, Nsukka  
*B.A. (Linguistics/Igbo Language)*

2003: Buckingham Computer College, Ogidi, Anambra State  
*Computer Literacy certificate*

2004 – 2006: The University of Nigeria, Nsukka  
*M.A. Linguistics (Sociolinguistics)*

2008 - 2015: The University of Nigeria, Nsukka  
*Ph.D. Linguistics (Semantics)*

2013(Spring): The Virtual Linguistics Campus (Germany) ([www.linguistics-online.com](http://www.linguistics-online.com))  
*Statement of Accomplishment*

2013(July) : African Linguistics School  
*Testimonial of Participation*

2017 (January): Participant in an Interactive Workshop by the BBC world Service  
*Certificate of Participation*

### **ACADEMIC PRIZES**

- 2003: (a) Best Graduating Student in the Department of Linguistics, Igbo & Other Nigerian Languages, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 1998/1999
- (b) Best Graduating Student in Faculty of Arts, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 1998/1999.
- (c) UNIJOS Igbo Women's Cultural Association Prize

### **OTHER AWARDS**

2016: Award of Excellence as the *Most Versatile Lecturer* in the Department of Linguistics, Igbo and Other Nigerian Languages, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. An award given by the National Association of Linguistics and Languages Students, (NALLS), University of Nigeria, Nsukka, on 7th July, 2016.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

1998 - 2010: Igbo News Translator, Reporter, Editor, and Caster.  
Lion F.M. - University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State.

2004 – 2005: English and Literature Teacher – Comprehensive College Oyibo,  
Rivers State (NYSC)

2007 – Till Date: Linguistics and Igbo Language Lecturer - Dept of Linguistics, Igbo and Other Nigerian languages, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State

### **Teaching and Professional Experience (starting from current ones):**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Post</b>
2014 – Till Date	Senior Lecturer
2011 – 2014	Lecturer I
2008 – 2011	Lecturer II
2007 – 2008	Assistant Lecturer

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **(1) Book**

- (1) Mbah, B.M., Mbah, E.E., Ikeokwu, E.S., Okeke, C.O. et al (2013) *Igbo Adị: Igbo-English – English-Igbo dictionary of linguistics and Literary terms*. University of Nigeria, Nsukka: University of Nigeria Press.

### **(2) Chapters in books**

- (1) Okeke, C.O. (2008). History of morphology. In B.M. Mbah & E.E. Mbah (Eds.) *History of linguistics and communication*, (pp. 96-121). Nsukka: Paschal Communications.
- (2) Okeke, C.O. (2010). Lexicographic problems of the Igbo preposition. In C. Uchechukwu & B.M.Mbah (Eds.) *The preposition in Igbo*, (pp. 66-87). Onitsha: Edumail Publications Limited.
- (3) Okeke, C.O. (2012). The applicability of transitivity hypothesis to Igbo psychological verbs. In C. Uchechukwu (Ed.) *The transitivity Problem of the Igbo verb* (pp. 123-145). Umunze: Annyco Publishers.
- (4) Okeke, C.O. (2012). Language and culture in translation. In O.M. Ndimele (Ed.) *Language, literature & communication in a dynamic world: A festschrift for Chinyere Ohiri-Aniche* (pp. 187-200). Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Limited.
- (5) Okeke, C.O. (2013). The numeral system of Nkpor and Gboko: A comparative analysis. In O.M. Ndimele & E.S.L. Chan (Eds.) *The numeral system of Nigerian languages* (LAN Occasional Publications No 2), (pp. 91- 108). Port Harcourt: M & J Grand Orbit Communications Limited.
- (6) Okeke. C.O. & Ezebube, C. (2015). Code-switching in contemporary hip-hop music: An overview. In R. I. Okorji, C. A. Eme & G. S. Omachonu (Eds.) *Contemporary issues in linguistics and language studies. A festschrift for Prof. Clara Ikekeonwu at 65* (pp. 221-239). Enugu: Rossen Publishers Limited.

### **(3) Journal Articles**

- (1) Okorji, R.I. and Okeke, C.O. (2008). Language attitude and shift: The Nkpor dialect situation. *Ikenga International Journal of Institute of African Studies*, 10, (1 & 2.), 270 – 290.
- (2) Okeke, C.O. (2010). Nigerian nation and the sociolinguist: A panacea for national unity in multilingual Nigeria. *USEM Journal of Languages, Linguistics and Literature*, Supplement 1, 40 – 50.

- (3) Okeke, C.O. (2008). Reflexivization and reciprocity in Igbo. *Journal of the Linguistics Association of Nigeria (JOLAN)*, 11, 185 – 197.
- (4) Okeke, C.O. (2008). Nkpor Igbo and the belief in ana: A sociolinguistic appraisal. *Journal of Igbo Studies Association*, 3, 112 – 119.
- (5) Okorji, R.I. & Okeke, C.O. (2009). Mb[akqta asxsx na ihe ndapxta so ya d[ ka o si metxta asxsx Igbo. *Jqnal Mmxta Igbo*, 4 (1), 38-44.
- (6) Umoh, U. & Okeke, C.O. (2009). Mwulite asxsx Igbo n'xlq akwxkwq sekqnd[r] d[ na mgbago ugwu Na[jir[a. *Jqnal Mmxta Igbo*, 4(1), 37 – 81.
- (7) Okeke, C.O. (2008). A critical evaluation of language testing. *NKQÀ, Nkxzi na Qmxxmx Asxsx Igbo*, 1, 76 – 83.
- (8) Nwaozuzu, G.I. & Okeke, C.O. (2006-2008). An optimality account of the CV verb root and Nye in Igbo phonotactics. *Nsukka Journal of African languages and Linguistics (NJALL)* 3 &4,71-83.
- (9) Okorji, R.I. & Okeke, C.O. (2009). The effects of the difference between the sound systems of English and Igbo on the effective learning of English in Nigeria schools. *NKQÀ, Nkxzi na Qmxxmx Asxsx Igbo*, 2, 25 – 36.
- (10) Okorji, R.I. & Okeke, C.O. (2011). Revitalizing south-eastern languages in the face of Nigerian politics and governance. *Journal of Good Governance in Africa*, 2, (1), 65-80.
- (11) Okeke, C.O. (2011). Language use in commercial advertising: The place and problems of Nigerian indigenous languages. *USEM Journal of Languages, Linguistics and Literature*, 4, 30-45.
- (12) Okeke, C.O. (2011). Ethnography of communication: An empirical account of Dell Hymes SPEAKING paradigm on Ugbah's speech on April 9, 2011 elections in Benue state. *The Nasarawa Journal of Humanities*. 4(1), 162-175.
- (13) Okeke, C.O. (2012). The morphological structure of Nigerian pidgin English blend. *Kiabàrà Supplement on Language*, 3, 199-210.
- (14) Okeke, C.O. (2012). Traces in the Igbo language. *The Journal of West African Languages XXXIX* (2), 3-19.
- (15) Okeke, C.O. (2012). Meaning and thematic roles in the Igbo language. *UNIZIK Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 13 (2), 164-183.
- (16) Okeke, C.O. (2012). Anthroponymastic analysis of meaning in Igbo names. *Ikenga: International Journal of African Studies*, 14 (1 & 2), 381-399.

- (17) Mbah, E.E. & Okeke, C.O. (2013). Vowel raising in Nkpor dialect: A pattern of sound change. *Linguistik Online*, 59, 1-11.
- (18) Okeke, C.O. (2013). Pedagogical problems of Igbo learners of the English language concord: A contrastive analysis approach. *JOLINCS Journal of Linguistics and Communication Studies*. 3 (1), 188 – 203.
- (19) Okeke, C.O. & Obasi, G.T. (2014). Semantic content of Igbo traditional non-verbal modes of communication. *International Journal of Linguistics and Literature (IJLL)*. 3(2), 47-62.
- (20) Okorji, R.I. & Okeke, C.O. (2014). Ọfọ and ọgu in Nkpor speech community: A conceptual explication. *Ikenga: International Journal of African Studies*, 11 (1 & 2)
- (21) Okeke, C.O. & Obasi, G.T. (2014). Spelling pronunciation errors among students in the University of Nigeria. *International Journal of English and Literature (IJEL)*, 4(1), 97-108.
- (22) Okeke, C.O & Obasi, G. T. (2014). Word formation processes in Nigeria short-message service. *Theory and Practice in Language Studies (TPLS)* 4 (11) (Indexed by SNIP & SCIMAGO)
- (23) Okeke, C.O. & Ndiribe, M.O. (2014). English Language Use in Nigeria: An Assessment. *Nsukka Journal of Humanities*.
- (24) Okeke, C.O. & Ezika, C. G. (2014). Principles and problems of translating a foreign prose into the Igbo language: The Oliver Twist Example. *CASS Journal of Arts and Humanities*, 3(1), 117 – 144.
- (25) Okeke, C.O. & Igbeaku, B.N. (2015). Igbo verbs of cooking: A lexical semantic analysis. *Language Matters*, 46(1), 81-97. (Indexed by Thompson and Reuters)
- (26) Okeke, C.O. (2015). *Reflexive and reciprocal verbs in Igbo*. *Igbo Language Studies: A Journal of Igbo Language & Linguistics*, 1, 70 - 84.
- (27) Okeke, C. O. (2015). Remarks on the semantics of Nigerian legal language. *Humanities and Social Science Review*, 04(03), 305-315.
- (28) Okeke, C. O. & Ezika, C. G. (2015). Semantic connotations and symbolic reasons behind burial and tomb positions in Igbo land. *Kiabàrà Supplement on Language*, 3
- (29) Okeke, C. O. & Okeke, G.T. (2017). Cognitive domains of the sense relation of selected Igbo verbs. *Lingua*, 189-190, 96-112. (Indexed by Thompson and Reuters)

#### **(4) Primary School Series**

- (1) Eme, C.A., Nkamigbo, L.C. & Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Igbo ezuo maka ụlọ akwụkwọ ndị praịmarị dị na Naijiria: Beziiki mbido nke mbụ (1)*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (2) Eme, C.A., Nkamigbo, L.C. & Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Igbo ezuo maka ụlọ akwụkwọ ndị praịmarị dị na Naijiria: Beziiki mbido nke abụọ (2)*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (3) Eme, C.A., Nkamigbo, L.C. & Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Igbo ezuo maka ụlọ akwụkwọ ndị praịmarị dị na Naijiria: Beziiki mbido nke atọ (3)*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (4) Eme, C.A., Nkamigbo, L.C. & Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Igbo ezuo maka ụlọ akwụkwọ ndị praịmarị dị na Naijiria: Beziiki mbido nke anọ (4)*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (5) Eme, C.A., Nkamigbo, L.C. & Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Igbo ezuo maka ụlọ akwụkwọ ndị praịmarị dị na Naijiria: Beziiki mbido nke ise (5)*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (6) Eme, C.A., Nkamigbo, L.C. & Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Igbo ezuo maka ụlọ akwụkwọ ndị praịmarị dị na Naijiria: Beziiki mbido nke isii (6)*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.

#### **(5) Creative Works**

- (a) Okeke, C.O. (2007). *O d[ egwu*. Nsukka: University of Nigeria Press Limited.
- (b) Okeke, C.O. (2008). *Nd[ nwrx anwx na-aga ije*. Nsukka: Charisma Publishers.
- (c) Okeke, C.O. (2009). *Chakpii ... wọọ*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (d) Okeke, C.O. (2009). *Nkịka nyara akpa: Nsị agwụ n'ohia*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (e) Okeke, C.O. & Kalu, C. (2010). *The mystery land*. Nkpor: Brystevand Publishers.
- (f) Okeke, C.O. (2012). *Mmadu ka a na-aria*. Nsukka: University of Nigeria Press Limited.

#### **(6) Translations into Igbo**

1. **B.M. Mbah, C. N. Okebalama, E.E Mbah, C. Ugwuona, C.O. Okeke, M. C. Akaeze (2009)** Google translation style guide into Igbo for Google.com
2. **Okeke, C. O. (2016)**. *Translation of Breast self awareness messages* into Igbo for Project PINK BLUE-Health & Psychological Trust Centre. www.komen.org 1-877 GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636) or [www.projectpinkblue.org](http://www.projectpinkblue.org) 08000 CANCER (08000 226237)

## CONFERENCES AND LEARNED SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

### Fellowship and Membership of Learned Societies

1. Fellow, American Council of Learned Societies under the African Humanities Programme (AHP) 2014 and 2016
2. Member, Igbo Studies Association (Member Editorial Board)
3. Member, Linguistics Association of Nigeria
4. Member, West African Language Congress
5. Member, Acoustical Society of Nigeria

### Editorship of Journals

1. Editor, *Olu Journals* (Departmental Students' Journal, 2001-2003)
2. Associate Editor, *Journal of Igbo Studies Association* (2010 – till date)

### Attendance at Conferences/Workshops

#### Conferences (titles, date & place)

#### Paper Read

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| (1) 20th CLAN & Silver Jubilee (Linguistics Association of Nigeria) 13th – 17th November, 2006, Abuja                                | Language Attitude and Shift: The Nkpor Dialect Situation |
| (2) 21st CLAN Uyo, 2007. Conference of the Linguistics Association of Nigeria, 19th – 23rd November, 2007.                           |  |
| (3) 5th Igbo studies Association Conference (ISA) 12th – 19th October, 2010, UNN.  | Onqdx Asxsx na Omenala na Ntxghar[                       |
| (4) Maiden National Conference of the Department of Linguistics, Igbo and Other Nigerian Languages, UNN. 20th – 23rd November, 2010. |  |
| (5) 23rd Annual Conference/Workshop of the Linguistics Association of Nigeria (LAN) 29th – 3rd December, 2010. UNIPORT.              | Language and Culture in Translation                      |
| (6) Chinua Achebe Annual Lecture, Organised by Faculty of Arts, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 30th January – 3rd February, 2012.    |  |

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| (7) 25th Annual Conference/Workshop of the Linguistics Association of Nigeria (LAN) December, 2012.  | Igbo Verbs of Cooking: A Lexical Semantic Analysis  |
| (8) National Conference on Nigerian Languages, Education and Development from 23rd to 25th of April, 2013 @ Institute for Nigerian Languages, Aba, Abia State, Nigeria.                      | Anthroponymastic analysis of meaning in Igbo names  |
| (9) Maiden Conference of the Acoustical Society of Nigeria @ The University of Nigeria, Nsukka. 11th – 14th June, 2013   | Semantic content of Igbo traditional non-verbal modes of communication  |
| (10) West African Languages Congress (WALC)<br><br>&<br>26th Conference of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria July 29 – 2nd August, 2013 @ Dominican Institute, Samonda, Ibadan, Nigeria. | Semantic connotations<br><br>and symbolic reasons behind burial and tomb positions in Igbo land                                 |
| (11) 8th Igbo Studies Association Conference (ISA) 23rd – 26th September, 2014, UNN.   | Floating tone in the Igbo language  |
| (12) International Conference organised by International Journal of Arts and Sciences (IJAS) 19th – 22nd October, 2015, American University of Rome, Italy                                   | Remarks on the semantics of Nigerian legal language   |
| (13) 9th Igbo Studies Association Conference (ISA) 22nd – 25th September, 2015, UNN.   | Anglicization of Igbo place names   |
| (14) 28th Conference of the Linguistic Association of Nigeria November 2nd – 6th November, 2015 @ the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria.  |   |
| (15) Maiden Agbogidi, Igbo culture and leadership: A Multidisciplinary conference in honour of Igwe Alfred Achebe, obi of Onitsha, July 17-19, 2016  | The concept of Igbo enwe eze: Its origin and manifestations as seen from Igbo folktales (co-authored Paper with G. I. Nwaozuzu) |



## **Consultancies & Projects Carried Out**

- (1) Project Assistant in Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of Enugu State Urban Water Scheme. Sponsored by World Bank and Implemented by Earth Guards Nigeria Limited, 2007.
- (2) State coordinator, opinion pool rating of transparency and effectiveness of NCC and the performance of service providers and telecom operators in Nigeria. Funded by NCC, 2011.
- (3) State coordinator, opinion pool rating of transparency and effectiveness of NCC and the performance of service providers and telecom operators in Nigeria. Funded by NCC, 2013.
- (4) State supervisor, survey on fisheries in Nigeria in partnership with University of Kiel, Germany. 2017.

## **Research Workshops/Trainings Attended**

- (1) Trainee, African Linguistics School, University of Ibadan 15th – 26th July 2013.
- (2) Visiting Research Fellow on African Humanities Program (AHP) of American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). International Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Ghana, Legon. Feb. 02 – April 05 2015. (AHP Dissertation Completion Research Fellow)
- (2) Trainee, The Nigerian Universities Electronic Teaching and Learning Platform Organized by Spectrum Engineering Limited and sponsored by Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (25th – 26th of November, 2015 at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka).
- (3) Participant in a two day Interactive Workshop organised by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC world Service) in conjunction with the University of Nigeria, Nsukka held on the 31st of January and 1st of February, 2017.
- (4) Visiting Research Fellow on African Humanities Program (AHP) of American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Rhodes University, South Africa. March 01 – April 30 2017. (AHP Post Doctoral Research Fellow)

## **Church Activities**

- (a) Member, harvest committee, St John's Anglican Church Onuiyi, Nsukka, 2012 – till date.
- (b) Secretary, Christian Fathers' Fellowship (CFF) Organising Committee for 2014, 2015 and chairman, 2016 Fathers' Sunday organising committee, St John's Anglican Church Onuiyi, Nsukka.
- (c) Member, Nsukka Archdeaconry Women Conference Organising Committee, 2015.
- (d) Member, St John's Parish Onuiyi Parochial Church Committee (PCC), 2013 till date.

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**EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES:** Reading and Writing

### **Current Research Activities:**

1. Semantics and Pragmatics interface in Igbo perceptive verbs
2. Polysemy in the Igbo Language
3. Language and Culture in Translation

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1. **Prof. Gabriella Ihuarugo Nwaozuzu**  
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