

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

Certificate in Human Subject Research, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 2022

Ph.D (History), University of Ibadan, 2014

M.A (History), University of Ibadan, 2006

B.A (Hons) (History), University of Ibadan, 2000

### Employment History

- Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Ibadan since 2020
- Senior Lecturer, Department of History, University of Ibadan 2017 - 2020
- Lecturer I, Department of History, University of Ibadan 2014-2017
- Lecturer II, Department of History, University of Ibadan, 2011-2014
- Assistant Lecturer, Department of History, University of Ibadan, 2008-2011
- Head Customer Service, Intercontinental Bank PLC, Ile-Ife, 2007-2008
- Banking Officer, First Bank of Nigeria PLC, Osogbo, 2003-2007
- Research Assistant to Dr. Olutayo Adesina, Department of History, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, 2001-2003

### Research Interest

African History, Economic History and Urban History since pre-colonial period

### Courses Taught

East and Central Africa, 1500-1800

Economic History of West Africa Since 1800

Topics in World History Since 1914

African Response to European Invasion

The African in Diaspora

Colonial Rule and Independence Movements in Africa

Nigeria: From Earliest Times to 1800

Nigeria Since 1800

Development: Concept and Realities in the Third World

The Third World in a Globalized Economy

World Development History

The Industrial Process and the Economy of Colonial West Africa, 1865 - 1960  
Global Encounters in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (**Queen Mary University of London, 2018**)  
Kingdoms, Empires and Colonization in African History (**Queen Mary University of London, 2018**)  
Globalization and the New World Order (**Osun State University, 2021**)  
Post Military African Politics (**Osun State University, 2021**)  
West African States since 1960 (**Osun State University, 2021**)  
Foreign Policies and Diplomatic Practice of African States (**Osun State University, 2021**)

## **Publications**

### **Books**

#### Authored

- 1) *The Living Legend: Sir (Dr.) Chief Gabriel OsawaruIgbinedion- A biography* (Ibadan: University of Ibadan Press, 2014), 485pp, co-authored.
- 2) *Names and Monuments in the University of Ibadan* (Ibadan: University of Ibadan Press, 2015), 361pp, co-authored.
- 3) Muritala, M.O. 2019. *Livelihood in Colonial Lagos* (London: Lexington Books), 180pp, authored

#### Edited

- 4) Muritala, M.O and Adesina. O.C. 2019. *African Cultures and Civilization* (Ibadan: University of Ibadan Press), 211pp.

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

5. Muritala, M.O. (Feb.2023). Changing Lanes: Enabling New Skills to Succeed in Nigeria. *Journal of Arts and Humanities* (JAH), Vol. 7 No.1:259 -283.
6. Muritala, M.O. (2021). Livelihood, Crime and Cross-border Security in Africa: Nigeria and the Republic of Benin, *Lapai Journal of Nigerian History*, vol. 13 no.2:221-239.
7. Muritala, M.O. (2019). Second World War, Taxation and the failure of Community in Colonial Ilesa Metropolis, Western Nigeria, *Southern Journal for Contemporary History*, vol. 44 no.2:96 – 113.
8. Muritala, M.O. (2019). Identity, Neighbourhood Cultures and the Re - definition of Social Values in Colonial Lagos, *West Bohemian Historical Review*, vol.9no.1:21-40.
9. Muritala, M.O. (2019). Past in the Present:Re-thinking the influence of 1941 Riots on Ilesa Political History, *Ibadan Journal of Humanistic Studies*, Vol. 29:39-54.

10. Muritala, M.O. (2015) Women and Urban Experience in Colonial Lagos. *Afrika Zamani: An Annual Journal of African History*, vol. 22&23:1-17.
11. Muritala, M.O. (2015) The Impact of Urbanization Policy in Colonial Lagos. *AMU: Akungba Journal of the Humanities*, vol.2 no.1:80-105.
12. Edo,V.O and **Muritala, M.O** (2014) Overcrowding and Disease Epidemics in Colonial Lagos: Rethinking Road and Railway Infrastructure. *The Nigerian Journal of Economic History*, no. 11 &12:177-192(Contribution: 50%)
13. Muritala, M.O. (2014) Desires, Designs and Nationalist Visions: Understanding the Igbo-Yoruba Nationalist Divide. *West African Journal of Archaeology*, vol.44, no. 1&2:65-81.
14. Muritala, M.O. (2012) Urban Poverty and Livelihood Strategies in Colonial Lagos. *Journal of Social Sciences*, vol.5, no.1:72-91
15. Muritala, M.O (2012) Playing Politics with Epidemics: Urban Planning and Slum Clearance in Colonial Lagos. *African Journal of Humanities and Society*, vol.13, no.1: 149-160.
16. Muritala, M.O (2012) Urbanity, Livelihood and Crime in Lagos, 1930-1960. *Journal of Environment and Culture*, vol.9, No.2:59-78
17. Muritala, M.O. (2011) Report on on-Going Research titled “Urban Livelihood in Lagos, 1861-1960”. *Journal of the Historical Society of Nigeria*, vol.20: 193-200
18. Muritala, M.O. (2011). Change and Adaptation: A Historical Study of Farmers’ Response to Colonial Influence on the Production and Development of Indigenous Tobacco Economy in Ago-Aare, 1940-2000. *AAU: African Studies Review*, vol.10: 135-154
19. Muritala, M.O. (2010). Multinational Oil Corporations and Governance in Nigeria’s Niger Delta in the Era of Resource Control Agitations, 1994-2004. *Journal of History and Diplomatic Studies*, vol.7: 63-86.

### **Book Chapters**

20. Muritala. M.O (2024). ‘Teaching Colonial History Online Through Women and Resistance in Colonial Southern Nigeria:In-class Debate Approach’ in *Interrogating Colonial Documents and Narratives* (Marlborough:AM, 2024).
21. Muritala, M.O. (2023). Modern Political Experience: Constitutional Development in Nigeria, 1960 – 2020, In Aderemi Sulaimon Ajala and Samuel Oluwole Ogundele (eds) *Nigerian Cultural History and Challenges of Postcolonial Development*, Cambridge:Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 189 – 205pp. ISBN:978-1-5275-0226-0

22. Muritala, M.O. (2020). Peter Okebukola and The Challenge of Academic and Financial Corruption in Nigerian Universities, In Sola Akinrinade et al(eds) *Pivotal Issues in Higher Education Development in Nigeria: Essays in Honour of Distinguished Professor Peter Okebukola*, Ibadan:University Press Plc, 182-195pp. ISBN:9789789408603.
23. Muritala, M.O, (2019). Livelihood Strategies in an African city: Scavengers and Urban Renewal in Osogbo Metropolis, In Isaac Olawale Albert and LawansonTaibat(eds) *Urbanism and Crisis Management in Nigeria: Essays in Honour of Professor Akin Mabogunje*,Ibadan: IPSS. 419 – 432pp. ISBN:978 – 978 -56555 – 2 - 0
24. Muritala, M.O. (2019). Historicizing the Corruption War in Nigeria. In SiyanOyeweso and Sola Akinrinade(eds) *Perspectives on Higher Education and Good Governance in Nigeria*,Ibadan: Noirledge, 203 – 218 (Nigeria)
25. Muritala, M.O. (2018). Landuse and Religious Movements: Entangled Spaces and Impending Conflict Along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Nigeria. In Brandon.D.Lundy, Akanmu.G.Adebayo, and Sherill.W.Hayes(eds.) *Atone: Religion, Conflict and Reconciliation*, New York: Lexington Books, 91-111pp.(United States of America).
26. Muritala, M.O. (2017). Nigeria in the Twentieth Century: A Historical Exploration. In Adesina.O.C(Ed.) *Nigeria in the Twentieth Century: History, Governance and Society*. Ibadan: Connel Publications. 24-51pp. ISBN:978-978-955-190-3. (Nigeria)
27. Muritala, M.O. (2013). Cementing the Cracking Walls: The Interface of Corruption and National Economic Development in Nigeria Since 1960. In Sofela.B, Edo.V.O and Olaniyi.R.O (Eds.) *Nigeria at 50: Politics, Society and Development*.Ibadan:John Archers. 293-306pp. ISBN: 978-978-52024-0-3.(Nigeria)
28. Muritala, M.O. (2012). From Jesse to Ijegan: Poverty, Environmental Degradation and the Quest for Redistribution of Nigeria's Oil Wealth. In Falola,T. and Amutabi,M. (Eds.) *Perspectives on African Environment and Technology:From Pre-Colonial to the Post-Colonial Period*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press. 116-125pp.ISBN: 978-1-59221-884-4. (United States of America)
29. Muritala, M.O. (2012). “Dynamics of the Evolution of Nigeria as a Political Unit, in Edo.V.O and Familusi.O.O (eds) Revised Edition, *African Cultures and Civilization*, Ibadan: General Studies Programme(GSP). 43-53pp. ISBN 978-978-151-861-4
30. Muritala, M.O. (2011). Colonel Segun Leo Ajiborisha: The “Builder” in a Military Administrator. In Oyeweso,S. and Afolabi. K (Eds.) *From Ajiborisha to Rauf Aregbesola: Perspective on Osun State at 20*. Osogbo:College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Nigeria. 212-227pp. ISBN: 978-978-48425-2-5. (Nigeria)

31. Muritala, M.O. (2011). "Sheikh Abdul-Azeez Ajagbemokeferi: The Making of a Muslim Evangelist and Nationalist", in Siyan Oyeweso (ed), *Ijesa Icons and the making of Modern Nigeria*. Osogbo: College of Humanities and Culture, Osun State University, Nigeria. 622-631

### Encyclopedia Entries

32. "Sokoto" in SaheedAderinto, ed, *African Kingdoms: An Encyclopedia of Empires and Civilisations* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, August 2017), 257-258

### Book Reviews

33. Muritala, M.O. (2009). A Review of Akanmu Adebayo and Olutayo Adesina. (eds). *Globalization and Transnational Migrations: Africa and Africans in the Contemporary Global System. Journal of Global Initiative, Pedagogy, Perspective*, vol.4 no 2: 305-308(United States of America)
34. Muritala, M. O. (2022). A Review of Laurent Fourchard. *Classify, Exclude, Police: Urban Lives in South Africa and Nigeria. African Studies Quarterly*, vol.21 no.1: 77 – 79 (United States of America).

### Major Conferences and workshops Attended (in the last 5years)

- **Participant**, "Politics and Politics of Africa's Intermediate Cities". A conference organised by Institut Francais des relations internationales (IFRI), Paris, France, 28 November 2023.  
**Paper Read:** Symbiotic relationship between southwestern Nigeria's medium-sized city and intermediate city: The cases of Ibadan and Abeokuta.
- **Participant**, "Slavery and Post-Slavery in Modern African History". An International Conference organized by the Department of History, University of Dares Salam, Tanzania, 7 -9 November 2023.  
**Paper Read:** Muslim Clerics and Abolitionism in Colonial Lagos: Mustapher Adamu and the History of a Vanishing Past.
- **Participant**, "The Afterlives of Slavery in the Trans-Atlantic World: Colonization, Christianity and Commerce". Joint International Conference organized by the University of Liberia, Monrovia and Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, USA, 17 – 19 October 2022.  
**Paper Read:** The Life of Mustapher Adamu: A Historical and Biographical Sketches of Abolitionism in colonial Lagos, Nigeria.
- **Panel Discussant**, "Environment, Economy and Health in African Marginal Communities", Alexander von Humboldt sponsored International Colloquium, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria. 14 – 16 , June 2022.

- **Panel Chair**, “European Legal Abolitions and African Strategies”. One of the panels at the conference titled, “Slavery in Africa: Knowledge and Openings”, University of Yaounde I, Cameroun. 19-21, April 2022.
- **Participant, Webinar on** “Future Challenges for Africa’s Cities” organised by Wits-TUB-UNILAB Urban Lab, 14 March, 2022 (Virtual).
- International Interdisciplinary Conference on “Repatriation in Africa, The African Diaspora, and other Global Contexts: Histories, Practices, Understandings and Constructions”, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, 11-12 November 2021.  
**Paper Read:** Liberated Slaves, Livelihood and New Occupation in Colonial Lagos, 1861-1918
- **Participant**, African Legal Abolitions: Rethinking Actors, Chronologies, and Frameworks, online conference, 21-23 September 2021 (Virtual).
- **Participant**, Work and Economic Futures: Africa and Beyond, online workshop organised by African Centre for Career Enhancement and Skills Support (ACCESS), University of Leipzig, Germany, 23 April 2021 (Virtual).
- **Webinar on** “Employability in the Digital Age”, organised by Brendan’O Malley of the University World News in conjunction with Mastercard Foundation, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- **Webinar on** “COVID-19 and Africa’s Engagement with China: Implication for India and other Major Partners”. African Studies Association of Aindia (ASA India), Jawaharal Nehru University, New Delhi, 2020.
- **Participant**, Faculty of Arts workshop on capacity building for academic staff, 05 -07 February, 2020
- **LOC member**, an international conference in memory of Emeritus Professor J.F.Ade Ajayi titled “African History and Historiography: Illuminating the Pathways and Understanding the Challenges”, 11 – 14 August, 2019  
**Paper Read:** Nigerian Historians and Post-colonial Historical Reconstruction: Understanding the Challenges of Contemporary History and Historiography
- **Convener**, British Academy fellow conference on “Africa and World War II”, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom, 17- 18 January, 2019
- Public lecture, Centre of African Studies (CAS), University of Cambridge, 7 November, 2018.  
**Paper Read:** The Second World War and the failure of Community in Ilesa Metropolis, Western Nigeria
- An international conference on “The *Alaafin* in Yoruba History, Culture and Political Power Relations, 8 – 11 October, 2018  
**Paper Read:** Royalty and Palace Administration under Colonial Rule: An Appraisal of the Life and Times of Alaafin Adeyemi I, 1876 -1905

- Association of African Studies United Kingdom(ASAUUK) conference, September 11 – 13, 2018, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom  
**Paper Read:** Politicizing City Planning in Colonial Lagos: The NNDP, AG and Colonial Authority Rivalry
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lagos Studies Association (LSA) conference on “Lagos: from Pepper Farm to Mega City”, June 15-17, 2017, University of Lagos, Lagos state, Nigeria  
**Paper Read:** Animating spaces: The Transformation of Colonial Prison to Freedom Park in Lagos.

### **Service to the Department, Faculty, and University**

#### *University*

- GES 102 Course Supervisor, Centre for General Studies , 2016-2019
- Member, Senate Committee on General Studies, 2016-2019
- Member, Finance Committee, Centre for General Studies , 2016-2019

#### *Faculty*

- Member, Faculty of Arts Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2021 till date
- Faculty Representative, University of Ibadan Board of Media Studies, 2018 to 2019
- Member, Faculty of Arts Committee on Environment, 2011-2015

#### *Department*

- Post- Graduate Coordinator, 2023 till date
- Examinations Officer, 2019 - 2020
- Departmental Library Coordinator, 2015- 2018
- Departmental Coordinator GES Matters , 2015-2020
- Deputy Coordinator, History Department Distance Learning Programme, 2011-2015
- Member, Finance Committee, Department of History, 2011-2015
- Member, Examinations Committee, Department of History, 2009-Present
- Member, Oral History and Documentation Unit, Department of History 2009 – present

### **Membership of Journal Editorial Board**

- Editorial Board Member, African Journal of History and Culture, 2017-Present

### **Recently Completed/On-going Research Activities**

- **Funded:** “ Changing Lanes:Enabling New Skills to Succeed in Nigeria”. A 2020 sponsored research project by African Centre for Career Enhancement and Skills Support (ACCESS), University of Leipzig, Germany.
- **Funded:** Principal Researcher(searching and documentation of archival materials) for the book entitled “Nigeria’s Oil and Gas Industry:Landmarks, Legends and Legacies, 1950-2020, sponsored by the Adedayo-Ojo Integrated Resources Limited, Lagos, Nigeria.
- **Funded:**Nigerian Team Leader; “African Abolitionism :The Rise and Transformation of Anti-Slavery in Africa” (AFRAB). A 2020 ERC sponsored project in partnership with University College, London (UCL).
- **Funded:** Second World War, Taxation and the failure of Community in Colonial Ilesa Metropolis. A 2018 sponsored research project of the British Academy, United Kingdom.

- **Non-funded/Self-sponsored Research Interest Region:** African History, Nigerian History, Economic and Urban History since pre-colonial period.

### **Fellowships and Scholarships**

- Post-Doctoral Fellow, African Centre for Career Enhancement and Skills Support (ACCESS), University of Leipzig, Germany, 2020.
- African Humanities Program (AHP) Research Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), University of Ghana, Legon, 2019
- British Academy Visiting Research Fellow, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom, 2018.
- Cadbury Visiting Research Fellow, Department of African Studies and Anthropology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom, 2015.
- Recipient, Federal Government of Nigeria Scholarship for Post-graduate studies, 2003.

### **Membership of Learned Societies**

- Lagos Studies Association (LSA), 2017 till date
- Global African Development Network (GADN), 2016 till date
- Member, African Economic History Network (AEHN), 2014-Present
- Member, Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN), 2008 –Present

### **Referees**

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