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EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, College of Communication and Information August 2025-May 2029
Ph.D Candidate

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism Aug 2024-May 2025
M.A Journalism

Key Courses: Financial Accounting, Data Analysis, Corporate Finance, fiscal policy, Investigative Reporting, taught by Columbia Business School and School of International and Public Affairs.

M.A. Thesis: An 8,000-word story which tracks efforts at ending gas flares in the Nigeria's Delta, and the inclusion of historically marginalized communities in the climate and energy transition conversations.

Thompson Reuters Foundation, London September 2004
Certificate, Writing International News course

University of Ibadan, Nigeria May 2000
Bachelor of Science Microbiology: Thesis: Bioremediation of Oil Spills in Nigeria's Oil-rich delta

AWARDS

Winner: Morton Mintz Award for MA projects of high quality and ambition, Columbia University (2025)
Winner: Bertha Fellowship for Journalists and Activists (2021)
Nominee: Red Ribbon Awards, Best News Reporting, HIV/AIDS (2006)
Nominee: JSK Fellowship, Stanford (2013)
Nominee: Global Health Reporting of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism, Harvard University (2006)
Winner: Science Journalist of the year, by the Nigeria Association Science Journalists (2011)

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee August 13 till present

Columbia News Service, New York City August 2024 till date
Freelance Journalist

- Coverage of Business and Economic stories, the Stock Market and Big Tech
- Investigative Reporting
- Financial Statement Analysis and Investigations

Senior Programme Manager, Cable News Journalism Foundation, Lagos January 2018 – August 2024

- Launched and managed eight-year MacArthur Foundation donor-fund for journalists in investigative reporting
- Organized and led trainings for journalists on factchecking, podcasting, investigative journalism
- Recommended approval of small grants for investigative journalists across Nigeria
- Wrote proposals to donor organizations securing more funds journalism sustainability

Editor

- Headed the screening committee where over 60 investigative pitches are assessed per year
- Wrote longform investigative stories that follow-the-money, exposes corruption in oil&gas development
- Designed mentoring programmes for student journalists under Campus Journalism and Civic Engagement project funded by Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA).

Managing Editor, The SecurityWatch.Com Lagos, Nigeria January 2016 – December 2017

- Pioneered and managed editorial content of the website, exercising editorial judgement and discretion in news
- Raised money for the growth of the website through marketing, ad revenue, subscription, SEO optimization
- Trained and recruited reporters and freelancers for the website

Assistant Editor, International Center For Investigative Reporting October 2010 – December 2015

- Wrote breaking news, investigated cocoa trade and economy in cocoa-producing states of Nigeria
- Investigated malaria funds for maternal and newborn intervention in 25 public health centers for across Nigeria.

Enterprise Reporter, 234Next Newspaper: July 2008- September 2010
Health Reporter, National Daily Newspaper: June 6, 2006- July 2008
Stringer, Reuters News, Lagos: January 2004-May 2006

SPECIAL PROJECT & IMPACT

- OSIWA-funded project exposed corruption in Nigeria's Identity Management Commission (2021)
- MacArthur-funded project resulted in the removal of tax on sanitary pads, promoting menstrual hygiene
- U.S Consulate Climate Reporting for Nigerian media and communities

SKILLS

- Playwriting: Used the tool of investigative reporting to write a staged drama on ecological degradation in Niger Delta
- Fund raising, grant proposal writing, editing
- Indesign, excel, data analysis & interpretation

Affiliation: Vice President: Women in Media, Columbia Journalism School