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Education

Ph.D. Journalism, University of Texas at Austin (2002)

MPhil Media & Communication, Coventry University, England. (Completed coursework, '94)

M.A. Mass Communications (Broadcast Journalism), University of Nigeria, Nsukka. (1992)

B.A. Dramatic Arts, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. (1987)

Computer Information Systems Certificates/Programs

Computer Information Systems Technology (Networking), Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, N.C. (1998)

BTEC in Computer Studies, Hartlepool College of Education, England (1994)

Work Experience

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Professor of Communication, Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA (Sept. 2023 – June 2026)

- Provided oversight for all academic programs, including undergraduate, graduate, accelerated, online, and certificate programs, the General Education program, the Honors Program, Study Abroad, the Registrar's Office, Career Services, the Mondor-Eagen Library, and Student Academic Success Services
- Led the reorganization of the division into an Instructional Technology and Online Learning unit and four Schools- the School of Business, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the School of Professional Studies, to boost student success, growth, visibility, and community impact
- Introduced a new vision for the Academic Affairs division to prioritize Growth, Impact, Visibility, and Excellence (G.I.V.E.)
- Boosted CEUs and short-term online micro-credentials

- Upon hire, led efforts that resulted in the removal of an academic notice of concern placed by the College's accreditor

- Maintained oversight for Academic Centers and Institutes- the Mental Health Training Institute, Sister Mary Claire Ethics Institute, and the Center for Local and Community Studies
- Introduced an online Artificial Intelligence program in the School of Business
- Under tenure, the College had a 96% NCLEX pass rate, the student Placement rate increased from 76.5% to 95%, and the number of students with GPAs under 2.0 decreased
- Partnered with the Honorary Consulate of Ghana in Worcester to create an executive training program for visiting Ghanaian government officials
- Directed the development of a Mental Health Institute, with the College named a Top-Five Institution for Mental Health First Aid Training
- Led a student recovery effort that boosted retention numbers
- Raised faculty professional development funds by 40%
- Promoted agreements with colleges and industry partners, achieving an acceleration of partnerships with local and international schools, towns, and health agencies
- Fostered the improvement of Academic Affairs processes and procedures
- Created an International Student Advisory Board and initiated a gala that raised scholarship and retention funds for the students
- Boosted academic excellence and innovative practices
- Initiated a Common Hour to build community

Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Professor of Communication, Cabrini University, Radnor, PA (Dec. 2018 – Dec. 2022)

Started as Provost/VPAA, but promoted to Provost/SVPAA, August, 2021

- Provided oversight for all Schools, the Library, Institutional Research, Academic Centers for Research and Action, and departments of the University, both undergraduate and graduate, etc.
- Chair of the University Planning Council. Led the work on the University's strategic plan, Mission 2027
- Led an academic efficiency and prioritization work, generating more than $5 million in savings
- Deepened High Impact Practices that engaged and retained students. Students' responses to the NSSE survey showed they scored significantly higher on high-impact practices than students at peer institutions by 25 to 45 percentage points. For the Learning Community category, the score was 45 points higher than IPEDS comparison group
- Under tenure, Cabrini maintained a 95-96% Placement rate for students
- Assisted with the creation and management of accelerated and graduate programs, including the online global MBA and online EdD programs
- Led the management of classroom policies, modalities, and training during the height of the pandemic, ensuring flexible and efficient student services and elevated support for faculty. Survey of students revealed satisfaction rates in the mid 90s for various academic services, including advising
- Tri-Chair of Cabrini's reaffirmation of accreditation process

- Helped to boost students' graduation rates. Hispanic students' graduation rate went up by 26 points and Black students' by 6%
- Worked on a successful proposal that provided funds through the Mexican Consulate for students of Mexican heritage through the IME-Becas fund
- In partnership with a faculty committee, guided efforts that resulted in the creation of new core curriculum provisions for mission-centered course requirements
- Steered efforts to reinvigorate the University's Leadership Institute to make it more entrepreneurial, inclusive of both academic and co-curricular initiatives, and a strong pillar of the University's mission. The Nerney Leadership Institute started providing micro-credentials as a result. Within a couple of months of establishing a website to offer these micro-credentials, the NLI enrolled 132 students, issued 56 badges through Credly, and received 161, 334 site visits and an average of 20.84 pages per visit
- Established "Assessment Day" to ensure continuous improvement of programs and student learning goals
- Improved processes for program reviews and ensured completion of reviews
- Instituted Cabrini's Common Hour to build community and rally employees around the University's mission
- Transitioned the University away from paper registration through Degree Works graduation audit software, thus enhancing advising and registration protocols
- Initiated a faculty and staff mentoring program for students to enhance student satisfaction and retention rates

Vice President for Academic Affairs & Dean of Faculty, Cottey College, Nevada, MO (July 2015 – July 2018)

- Provided oversight for all academic divisions- the Library, Academic Records, Academic Computing, the Serenbetz Institute for Women's Leadership, and the Kolderie Center for Student Success
- Responsible for all aspects of academic programming, including planning and implementation, fiscal management, assessment and accreditation, faculty recruitment and development, and academic support services
- During tenure, the College improved its academic ranking, moving up to #1 in the US News ranking of Regional Colleges in the Midwest
- Encouraged innovative practices and an entrepreneurial approach through an initiative called "Big Ideas." Cottey's youth dance lessons and yoga classes for members of the community emanated from the initiative
- Led efforts to increase enrollment by diversifying academic offerings & delivery methods through new majors, online courses, & proposals for professional certificates
- Facilitated an agreement with Indiana University for a Cottey Law Scholars' program, which guaranteed Cottey graduates accepted into Maurer School of Law scholarships in the amount of $45,000 (In-state students) or $75,000 (Out-of-state)
- Served as a key member of the College's strategic planning process and the unveiling of the College's new brand identity

- Started the conversation that led to the funding of a campus-wide ERP system to ensure consistency and efficiency in the management of student data from the recruitment and engagement phases to the graduation phase
- Implemented an early registration program for new students to prevent summer melt
- Facilitated a study abroad partnership with York St. John University, England
- Developed Cottey's online-only summer semester to enhance graduation rates and diversify revenue streams
- Created a partnership with the Arts Council of Johnson County that resulted in a dedicated internship for Cottey students
- Initiated efforts to reimagine the core curriculum and integrate threads of the College's mission- leadership, global awareness, and social responsibility. This resulted in a revised core and a first-year seminar focused on writing
- Increased professional development funds to support faculty and staff members
- Initiated an eLearning forum for first-year students to enhance retention
- Restructured the College's Leadership program, proposed a signature conference, and streamlined grant funding procedures
- Created "Cottey Cares Committee," which worked on matters related to campus support and engagement
- Developed five new majors, including four of the most popular majors
- As a co-chair of Cottey's International Travel Advisory Board, worked with the committee to codify and create program goals and assessment plans for College-sponsored international trips and expanded opportunities for student travel

Dean, School of Social Sciences, Business & Education, Mount Mary University, Milwaukee WI (August 2013 – March 2015)

- Supervised the Education, Justice, Social Work, Behavioral Science, and Business Departments, including all associated accelerated programs
- Utilized and accurately interpreted metrics provided by the Institutional Research and Business Offices to ensure academic quality and integrity of all programs
- Collaborated with representatives from the Center for Creative Leadership, NC, to restructure a core freshman course (Leadership for Social Justice) as a member of a team charged with infusing the curriculum with creative elements
- Served as a visible leader of the School and developed relationships with corporate and community partners to establish internships and other applied academic opportunities
- Proactively sought fundraising and grant opportunities to further strategic initiatives in collaboration with faculty and University Communications staff

- Initiated the plan to start a summer business boot camp for high school students aimed at boosting the entrepreneurial drive of girls in the Greater Milwaukee area, in partnership with the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)

- Led the School in strategic planning initiatives targeting curriculum and co-curriculum development, enrollment growth, retention and persistence efforts, and cost-effectiveness
- Assisted with the creation of the graduate Health Systems Leadership program

Assistant Dean for Student Services, Diederich College of Communication, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (July 2010 – June 2013)

- Provided oversight for the academic and student services unit and staff
- Managed the college's enrollment and retention services. Boosted enrollment yields by 15%, and maintained retention at 89%
- Served on the University's Committee on Academic Procedures (CAPS)
- Supervised study abroad programs, internships, student organizations & student media
- Served as adviser to the freshman class
- Managed the collection of data for accreditation visits
- Conducted career planning activities, including career fair previews and recruiter visits
- Served as chair of the college's Outreach, Alumni, and Events Committee
- Organized Open Houses, Honors' Convocation, Scholarship Day, and Commencement
- Managed scholarship awards and interviews
- Served as editor of the college's newsletter and assisted with the Alumni Magazine
- Managed the college's Student Ambassadors and Student Council groups
- Oversaw appropriate correspondence and data collection for student services

Associate Professor/Assistant Professor of Journalism, University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, S.C. (Aug. 2002 – June 2010)

Received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor in 2008.

- Taught New and Emerging Media, Communication Research Methods, Newswriting, Mass Communication Theory, Law and Ethics of the Mass Media, and Senior Seminar, etc.
- Chaired the Teaching Excellence task force whose work and recommendations were critical to the establishment of the Center for Teaching Excellence at USC Upstate
- Served in the following administrative roles as a USC Upstate faculty member:

A. **Coordinator, Journalism and Electronic Media (Aug. 2006 – June 2010).** Reviewed unit's academic programs and introduced new courses; coordinated assessments, internships, and faculty teaching schedules; designed unit's media lab and managed software procurement for lab; and co-chaired Media Day, an annual high school recruiting event.

B. **Student Media Adviser (Jan. 2003 - June 2010).** Served as a key member of the University's Media Board; advised on budgets, contracts, staffing, and publications' procedures; explained operations and decisions of publications to

campus personnel; advised on possible stories and legal/ethical concerns; critiqued each published issue of the newspaper & accompanied staff to conventions; and planned the Media Board's annual publications workshops

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin (Jan. 1999 - May 2002)

- Teaching Assistant for Newswriting and Critical Issues in Journalism courses. This role involved researching, teaching, grading, and managing the newswriting lab.

Features Editor/Reporter: Served as a journalist in the early 90s. Worked as a political reporter, columnist, and Features editor for newspapers such as "Satellite Newspapers" and "The Newsman."

Finance and Fundraising Activities

- Led critical efficiencies and prioritization work for Cabrini University's financial innovation plan, which generated more than $5M in savings for the institution
- Led Academic Affairs divisions in acquiring nearly $10,000,000 in grants and gifts. Sample grants and gifts received include:
    - $1.5 million for Anna Maria College's Bureau of Justice, Stop School Violence grant
    - $975,000 foundation gifts for AMC's Nursing simulation and clinical labs
    - $53,000 for AMC's Retention Fund
    - $12,000 for International Student Fund
    - $53,839 grants from Gov. Healey to expand Early College across MA
    - Nearly $5.5 million Cabrini's Department of Education's National Professional Development Fund to support English as a Second Language (ESL) program
    - $300,000 Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women grant for Cabrini's Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence Education
    - $111,000 from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency for Cabrini's ACT 101 funds
- Took the lead in writing proposals and seeking endowments for leadership programs that were supported in the million-dollar range. Submitted a proposal for Cabrini's leadership program, which resulted in a $100,000 gift
- Worked on a successful proposal that provided funds through the Mexican Consulate for Cabrini students of Mexican heritage through the IME-Becas funds
- Raised $50,000 for a speaker series. Received funds from the Mayor of Spartanburg's Cultural Foundation and the Community Outreach Partnership Center grant
- Worked with different Institutional Advancement teams on various fundraising activities that generated scholarships and funding for academic buildings and programs
- Received $17,000 from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Journal Foundation/ Walter J. and Clara Charlotte Damm Fund

- Served as the Vice-President of the Governing Board of the Arts Council of Johnson County (volunteer position). As a board, the Council raised and awarded $250,000 to high school students

Honors and Awards

- AALI Grant recipient for the Council of Independent Colleges' Executive Leadership Academy (2021)
- Named one of Philadelphia Region's Women of Influence, *FunTimes Magazine* (March 2020)
- Received Citation from the City Council of Philadelphia (2019)
- Inducted as an honorary member, Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society (2019)
- Inducted as an honorary member, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (2021)
- Golden Roses recognition at Marquette University (2012)
- Advocate Award, USC Upstate (2006)
- Bank of America's Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award (2006)
- Nominated for South Carolina Governor's Professor of the Year Award (2006)
- USC Upstate Student Affairs' Outstanding Adviser Award (2006 and 2005)
- Recipient of the prestigious University of Texas' "University Continuing Fellowship" (2001)
- Ada Frances Miller Fellowship for Excellence in Journalism (2002)
- Broadcast Education Association's Best "Research in Progress" Paper (April 2002)
- Member Kappa Tau Alpha- Journalism Honor Society (1999-present)
- Prize Winner- Royal Commonwealth Essay Competition (1982)

Select Programs Initiated

College Rockz Talent/Scholarship Show: Initiated the concept to promote the arts and collegiality among college students by offering scholarship prizes to students with outstanding talents. College Rockz brought together students from several universities in the Southeast to compete for scholarship prizes in various talent categories.

Annual Conference/Speaker Series, University of South Carolina Upstate
Initiated this Annual Conference/Speaker Series at USC Upstate (2004-2010). A few of the invited speakers for the Series included:

- Senator Mobina Jaffer, Canadian senator representing British Columbia and the Canadian government's special envoy for the peace process in Sudan
- John Prendergast, co-founder, Enough Project and former special advisor, Department of State and National Security Council Director in President Clinton's administration
- Debra Kocher, Vice President, CNN International
- Dr. Liliane Koziol, Deputy Consul of Madagascar
- Gwen Goad, UNICEF representative for South Carolina
- Fredricka Whitfield, anchor, *CNN Saturday*

- Femi Oke, host, CNN's *Inside Africa*
- Dr. Lanze Thompson, Vice President of Finance at CNN

Select Media Features

- Featured on the cover of *FunTimes Magazine* as one of Philadelphia's Women of Influence and a "Black Woman Icon"
- Featured in media interviews and appearances, including Kansas City's Hot 103.3; Bill Drake's morning show, and Spartanburg's 107.3's "Pause for the Cause"
- Featured in *Belle Magazine* ad as one of the "Women of Accomplishment" at the University of South Carolina Upstate
- Featured in *Spartanburg Herald Journal's* pieces on Annual Conference

Select Community and Professional Service

- Vice President, Board of Directors, Arts Council of Johnson County (2017 to 2019)
- Editorial Assistant, Book Reviews, Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly (Sept. 2000-June 2002)
- Conference paper reviewer for several divisions of the International Communication Association (Nov. 2014)
- Member, steering committee, Celebrate Teachers and Teaching, a sub-group of the
  Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee
- Board member, Courage to Dare Breast Cancer Foundation (2011-2015)
- Member, College Media Advisers Committees (2009-2019)
- Country Host, Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce's International Festival (fall 2009)
- Volunteer, Mobile Meals of Spartanburg (2008-2010)
- Judge, National Mock Trial (October 2006)
- Judge, Speech and Communication Competition (February 2005)
- Member, Women's Caucus, African Studies Association (2005-2010)
- Served on the Internet and Communication Technology Group-ICTG's programming and recruitment committee (fall 2004). Part of the African Studies Association
- Board member, Kreative Dimensions- a non-profit organization for the preservation and restoration of African and African-American culture (2003-2004)
- Reviewer, Mental Health Association's United Way's grant presentation (spring 2004)
- Invited Speaker, Heritage Month Program- T.K. Gregg Recreation Center, (2004)
- Guest media facilitator- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's (NICHD) Media Smart program (spring 2003 and fall 2003)

Select University Service Activities

- Chair, International Students Advisory Board (2023-present)
- Chair, Cabrini University Planning Council (2019-2022)
- Member, Cabrini University's COVID Taskforce (2020-2022)

- Chair, Cabrini University's Taskforce, "Create a Welcoming Campus" Group
- Co-Chair, Academic Planning Council, Cabrini University (2019-2022)
- Chair, Cottey College's Committee (2015-2018)
- Chair, International Travel Advisory Board, Cottey College (2015-2018)
- Member, Cottey College Planning Committee (2015-2018)
- Chair, Center for Teaching Excellence Taskforce, USC Upstate (2009-2010)
- Member, Marquette University's Committee on Academic Procedures- CAPS (Aug 2010-May 2013)
- Marquette University's Collegiate Committee (2010-2011)
- Chair, Center for Teaching Excellence Taskforce, USC Upstate (2009-2010)
- Member, Peer Review Committee (2008-2010)
- Member, Academic Affairs Committee (2007-2010)
- Chair, Third Upstate Research Symposium panel (April 2007)
- Chair, Programming sub-Committee, Center for Women's Studies and Programs' Advisory Board (2007-2010)
- Chair, Teaching Excellence Committee, USC Upstate (2005-2006)
- Facilitator, Heritage Month events (spring 2006)
- Member, Excellence in Teaching Selection Committee (2007)
- USC Upstate's Representative at the *Spartanburg Herald Journal's* "Celebrate Community" benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center of Spartanburg (2005)
- Served as Electronic Media search recruiter at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications Conference in San Antonio, and the Broadcast Education Association Conference in Las Vegas (April and August 2005)
- Recording Secretary, Teaching Excellence Committee (2004-2005)
- Board member, Center for International Studies' Advisory Board (2004-2010)
- Board member, USC Upstate Women's Studies Advisory Board (2004-2009)
- Announcer, Commencement Ceremony, USC Upstate (December, 2003)
- Reader, Multi-cultural Women's Voices (spring 2003)
- Served as a reader for several graduating seniors' research papers (2002- 2010)

Membership in Professional Associations

- Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce's DPR Round Table (2023-present)
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (1999-present)
- International Communication Association (1999-present)
- Broadcast Education Association (1999-present)
- Central Exchange (2015-2019)
- Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (2014-2016)
- College Media Advisers (2004-2019)

Publications and Manuscripts

"Rethinking Cultural Imperialism: Cultural Resistance and Resilience amid Imported TV Programs," ***Africa Today Journal***, Indiana University Press, Vol. 55, No. 1, fall 2008.

"Faces without Voices: Nigerian Women in the News." Contribution in ***Women, Men, and News: Divided and Disconnected in the News Media*** edited by Paula Poindexter, Sharon Meraz, and Amy Schmitz Weiss, December 2007.

"Impact of Facebook on Students' Knowledge and Political Activity." Research completed in 2010 with a grant received from the Greater Milwaukee Journal Foundation.

"Nigerian Women in the News." Proceedings from the **Athens Institute for Education and Research** conference, Athens, Greece, May 2007.

Girl Talk: Whose Am I? Conversations with Young Nigerian Women. Book in Progress. Based on conversations with young Nigerian-American girls. Explores the challenges of growing up as Americans with parents of African heritage.

Peer-Reviewed & Conference Paper Presentations

"Foreign Media Programming: An Alienating or Homogenizing Force." Presented at the Global Media Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 2011.

"Faces without Voices: Nigerian Women in the News." Presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, May 2007.

"The Cross-cultural Effects of American TV Programs on Nigerian Audiences." Paper presented at the Annual Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) Conference in Toronto, Canada, August 2004.

"Straddling Progressive and Recuperative Elements: A Critical Analysis of *The First Wives' Club.*" Paper presented at the 52nd (2002) Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference in Seoul, Korea.

"Avoiding Unintended Biases in News Stories." Session presented at the National Media Convention in Chicago, Oct. 2012, New York, March 2010 & 2011, Louisville, KY and Orlando, FL, Oct 2010 & 2011.

"Revisiting Cultural Imperialism: Cultural Resilience amid Imported TV Programs." Poster presented at the International Research and Forward Thinking Conference at Marquette University, November, 2011.

"You Don't Own Me: Hollywood's Cooptation of Feminist Strategies." Paper presented at Faculty Symposium, Marquette University, April 2010.

"A Tale of Two Deltas: Oil, Politics and the Environment in the Mississippi and Niger Deltas." Roundtable presentation accepted for the 52nd (2009) Annual Convention of the African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans.

Panelist, “Purpose Drives Relevance and Resilience,” Central Exchange Leadership Lyceum, Overland Park, KS, April 24, 2018.

Panel Chair, “Mr. Popular becomes Mr. President: The Golden Global Image of Barack Obama.” A Panel at USC Upstate’s “Great Conversations” Series, March 5, 2009.

Panel Chair, “Gendered Narratives in African Literature and Life.” Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies, Spartanburg S.C., February 22, 2009.

“Nigerian Women’s Media Images.” Presented at the 51st Annual Convention of the African Studies Association Conference, Chicago, November 13, 2008.

“Facebook.com and MySpace.com: Critical Issues in Invasion of Privacy.” Presented at the Fourth Annual Upstate Research Symposium, April 11, 2008.

“Gendering the Problem, ‘Class’ifying the Blame: Intimate Partner Violence in Tyler Perry’s Movies.” Presented at the Third Annual Upstate Research Symposium, April 2007.

“Globalization and the Impact of Foreign Media.” Presented at the Second Annual Upstate Symposium, April 2006.

“Nigerian Television Programming Flows through the Decades: 1960s-2000s.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference in New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2004.

“Rethinking Cultural Imperialism: Cultural Resilience amid Imported TV Programming.” Presented at the 48th Annual African Studies Association Conference in Washington D.C., November 2005.

“Jammin' for Change: The Impact of 107.3 Jamz' Campaign on the Approval of an MLK Holiday in Greenville County.” Presented at the First Annual USC Upstate Research Symposium, April 2005.

“A Uses and Gratifications Approach to the Study of Soap Viewers' Adoption of Online Forums.” Presented at the International Conference on TV, Audio, Video, New Media and Feminism, in New Orleans, LA, May 2004.

“Global Television Flows: Still a One-Way Phenomenon? A Content Analysis of TV Programming in Nigeria.” Paper presented at Global Fusion International Conference in Austin, TX, October 2003.

“Manufacturing Consent in Soap Operas: How ‘The Bold and Beautiful’ Legitimates Incestuous Behavior.” (2002) Annual Gender Studies Conference, Austin, TX.

"Cultural Resistance and Resilience amid Imported TV Programming in Nigeria." Paper Competition Winner for Research in Progress, Broadcast Education Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 2002.

"Television Flows in Nigeria: 1960s to 2000." Paper presented at the Nineteenth Annual (2002) Intercultural Communication Conference, Miami, FL.

"Revisiting TV Programming in Nigeria." Paper presented at the Nineteenth (2002) Annual Intercultural Communication Conference, Miami, FL.

"African-American Women in the Media." Paper presented at the Eighteenth Annual (2001) Intercultural Communication Conference, Miami, FL.

"Female Recuperation and Family Reconstitution in the First Wives Club." Paper presented at the Fifth Annual (2001) Graduate Student Conference on Race, Identity, and Representation at the University of Texas, Austin.

"Internet Chat Rooms and Message Boards: Why Soap Fans Find Them Irresistible." Presented at the Eight (2001) Annual Gender Studies Conference, Austin TX.

"Nigerian Women in the United States: A Case of Changing Expectations?" Paper presented at the Seventh (1999) Annual Gender Studies Conference, Austin TX.

"Social and Environmental Issues Affecting Nigeria." Presented at USC Upstate's International Day Panel, October 2005.

Invited Talks

Panelist for ACE Worcester's Africa Day, in Worcester, MA, May 21, 2025.

"New Strategies for Today's Education." Invited talk, 8th Annual Global Women's Conference, Los Angeles, CA, Sept. 18, 2021.

"Building Your Brand" Invited talk for New England Business Expo, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, May 4, 2024.

Chaired two sessions at the CIC's Chief Academic Officers Institute in Louisville, KY, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, Women of Influence Award, African American Museum, March 2019.

Keynote Speaker, Encounter Day, organized by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office for the African Catholic Apostolate and Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, June 8, 2019.

"Navigating Sensitivity in the Workplace." Presented at Central Exchange,

April 28, 2016.

Moderated “Women Who Wow.” Cottey College, Nevada, MO, Oct. 26, 2017.

“International News in Practice.” Presented to the Society of Professional Journalists, Austin TX, September 2000.

“The Effects of Entertainment Programs on Nigerian Audiences.” Presented to the University of South Carolina, Upstate's Honors House, fall 2002.

“Cultivating Strategies for Effective Media Relations and Visibility.” Invited talk presented at the Third Annual Symposium of the National Soccer Coaches of America- Black Soccer Coaches Committee, May 16-18, 2008.

Leadership Meetings

Regularly attend and/or facilitate sessions at the annual Council of Independent Colleges’ Chief Academic Officers Institute; TIAA Institute’s Women’s Leadership Forum; and the International Communication Association Conferences, including ICA in Prague, Czech Republic (2018) and Fukuoka, Japan (2016).