# Olabanke Oyinkansola GORIOLA, BA, MA MScR, M.A.

# **Northwestern University**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy: Performance Studies
 2021-Present

Northwestern University, Evanston, USA.

Doctoral Committee: Bimbola Akinbola, Dotun Ayobade, Aymar Jean Christian.

Cumulative GPA: 3.974/4.0

Master of Arts: Performance Studies
 2021-2022

Northwestern University, Evanston, USA

Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

Master of Science by Research: Religious Studies

2020-2021

The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Master of Arts in Choreomundus: Anthropology of Dance

2018-2020

 $Erasmus\,Mundus\,Joint\,Master\,Degree\,Program\,(EMJMD)\\ -a\,consortium\,of\,four\,European\,Universities.$ 

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Trondheim, Norway)

University Clermont Auvergne (Clermont Ferrand, France)

University of Szeged (Szeged, Hungary)

University of Roehampton (London, United Kingdom)

Bachelor of Arts: Theatre Arts (First Class Honors)

Addison Books (Control of Arts)

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2013-2016

Major: Dance & Choreography. Minor: Scenic & Lighting Design, Make-up & Costume Design.

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Hans E. Panofsky Program of African Studies Summer Fieldwork, Northwestern University

Jun. 2023- Sept. 2023

Research topic: Black Girls, Black Dance: Disrupting the Color Spectrum.

Explored the influence of colorism in Nigerian dance, utilizing interviews and participant observation.

Research Assistant, Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University.

Mar. 2022-Jun. 2023

<u>Research topic:</u> Black Vaudeville at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture Supported Dr. Nadine George-Graves in research on Black Vaudeville, enhancing data analysis and critical thinking skills

Hans E. Panofsky Program of African Studies Summer Fieldwork, Northwestern University.
 Jun. 2022- Sept. 2022

Research topic: Colorism and the perpetuation of Euro-American beauty standards in the Nigerian dance industry.

**Skills Acquired:** Interview, Participant observation, data analysis.

• Masters Dissertation, The University of Edinburgh

2020-2021

<u>Thesis:</u> Innovations in the Afro-Brazilian Candomblé Religion: Practicing Candomblé in the times of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Brazil.

<u>Skills Acquired:</u> Online research, desk research, writing a literature review, data analysis, interview, transcription, critical and logical thinking.

• Masters Dissertation, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Program

2018-2020

<u>Thesis:</u> Dancing Orishas: An analysis of the personalities of the Afro-Brazilian Candomblé *Ogun, Oshun, and Oya* 

**Skills Acquired:** Understanding fieldwork in practice, archiving and digitization, methods, and implementation of fieldwork.

# • Fieldwork Archiving and Digitization Master Mini Project

2018

<u>Thesis:</u> Stranger Abroad or Outsider in an Inside World: Experience at the Grupo Uniao Na Capoeira Batizado (festival) <u>Skills Acquired:</u> Fieldwork equipment usage; Archiving and Digitization; Fieldwork Planning and Presenting Field data.

Bachelors Dissertation, University of Ibadan

2016

<u>Thesis:</u> Audience Perception of Domestic Violence and Child Marriage in Nigerian Home Videos: A Case Study of *DRY* and *Mr.* & *Mrs. Films.* 

**Skills Acquired:** Preparing fieldwork materials, analyzing, and transcribing interviews.

#### FELLOWSHIP AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

• Black Metropolis Research Consortium (BMRC)

BMRC Summer Short-Term Fellowship

Jun. 2024- Aug. 2024

Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences- Council for Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES)

Sept. 2023- Aug. 2024

Council for Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Graduate Fellowship (2023-2024)

• Black Metropolis Research Consortium and Northwestern University

Black Metropolis Graduate Assistantship (BMGA) with Newberry Library and Uchicago

Oct. 2022- Mar. 2023

Project: Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project.

#### **HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS**

| The <b>Edward Alexander Bouchet</b> Honor Society, Northwestern University                                      | 2024 |
|---|------|
| Buffett Research Fellowship Program (Declined)  | 2024 |
| Buffett International Research Travel Grant   | 2024 |
| Black Metropolis Summer Short-Term Fellowship   | 2024 |
| Interdisciplinary Conference Travel Grant for Mellon Cluster, Northwestern University                           | 2024 |
| Northwestern University Program of African Studies Conference Travel Grant                                      | 2024 |
| The Graduate School Conference Travel Grant   | 2024 |
| Northwestern University Buffet Institute Conference Travel Award  | 2024 |
| Dance Cluster conference travel grant, Northwestern University  | 2024 |
| School of Communication Humanities Ph.D. Research Grant   | 2024 |
| School of Communication Humanities Ph.D. Travel Grant   | 2024 |
| The Graduate School Spotlight, TGS, Northwestern University   | 2023 |
| Northwestern University Program of African Studies Conference Travel Grant                                      | 2023 |
| Northwestern University Buffet Institute Conference Travel Award  | 2023 |
| Interdisciplinary Conference Travel Grant for Mellon Cluster, Northwestern University                           | 2023 |
| Hans E. Panofsky 2023 Pre-dissertation Research Award   | 2023 |
| The Graduate School Conference Travel Grant   | 2023 |
| School of Communication Humanities Ph.D. Travel Grant   | 2023 |
| Northwestern University Program of African Studies Conference Travel Award                                      | 2023 |
| Alice Kaplan Public Humanities Graduate Research Workshop Grant   | 2022 |
| Black Metropolis Graduate Assistantship (Newberry Library, The University of Chicago & Northwestern University) | 2022 |
| Hans E. Panofsky 2022 Pre-dissertation Research Award   | 2022 |
| The Graduate School Doctoral Scholarship, Northwestern University   | 2021 |
| The University of Edinburgh Kirby Laing Foundational Scholarship  | 2020 |
| Government of Ireland International Educational Scholarships (GOI-IES) (Declined)                               | 2020 |
| European Union Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Scholarship Program (Choreomundus)                            | 2018 |
| Dancer of the Year in Dance, Drama, and Comedy: National Youth Service Corps, Lagos, Nigeria.                   | 2018 |
| The Dance Deal Training Foundation Scholarship (tddtf)  | 2017 |
| First-Class Honors, B.A Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan  | 2016 |
| Dancer of the Year, Department of Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan  | 2016 |
| Best graduating student, Department of Theatre Arts, The University of Ibadan                                   | 2016 |
| The Student of the Year, Department of Theatre Arts, The University of Ibadan                                   | 2016 |
| Recipient of the National Council of Arts and Culture Prize in Theatre Arts                                     | 2016 |

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. **Goriola, O.** (2024). "An African Feminist Reading of Wole Soyinka." The Republic. <a href="https://republic.com.ng/august-september-2024/african-feminist-reading-of-wole-soyinka/">https://republic.com.ng/august-september-2024/african-feminist-reading-of-wole-soyinka/</a>
- 2. Ayobade, D. & **Goriola, O.** (2024). "Monsters You Made": Burna Boy, #EndSARS, and the Use of Restlessness. *The Black Scholar*. 54:3, 42-56, DOI: 10.1080/00064246.2024.2367946

### Featured media publication

Cole-Adeife, F., **Goriola, O.,** & Grimberg, M.(2024). "Melanin Matters- Skin Tone Differentiation in Lagos, Nigeria (Part 1)." <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXxxMM2vQao">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXxxMM2vQao</a>

**Goriola, O.** & Grimberg, M.(2024). "Melanin Matters- Skin Tone Differentiation in Lagos, Nigeria (Part 2)." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LfNKbeOEes

Cole-Adeife, F., Ezeanyaeche, C., **Goriola, O.**, Grimberg, M. & Naya, B. (2024). "Living in Your Own Skin- A Panel Discussion on Skin Tone in Nigeria." <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjbLIJEydKg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjbLIJEydKg</a>

# "Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society"

2024

Induction announcement made by The Graduate School, Northwestern University

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/the-graduate-school-at-northwestern-university\_the-graduate-schools-office-of-diversity-activity-7171278604914290689-9tqt?utm\_source=share&utm\_medium=member\_desktop

TGS Spotlight Series, Northwestern University.

2023

https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/about/our-people/spotlight/olabanke-oyinkansola-goriola-sheher.html

"Scholars from Around the World Present Research At Afrobeats Symposium." Published by The Daily Northwestern. **2023**<a href="https://dailynorthwestern.com/2023/10/22/campus/scholars-from-around-the-world-present-research-at-northwestern-afrobeats-symposium/">https://dailynorthwestern.com/2023/10/22/campus/scholars-from-around-the-world-present-research-at-northwestern-afrobeats-symposium/</a>

"Candomblé Dances and An African Technological Perspective." Published by **CORPUS LAB**, UEMG, BRAZIL. https://corpuslab.info/candomble-musica-movimento/?lang=en

2021

"Culture Without Borders: Nigerian researches Afro-Brazilian Culture with support from UEMG"

2019

https://www.eduemg.uemg.br/noticias-1/2568-cultura-sem-fronteiras-nigeriana-pesquisa-cultura-afro-brasileira-com-o-apoio-dauemg

### **Op-Eds**

**1. Goriola, O. (2023).** "History is Written by its Victors: From Nigeria to America, telling our Dance Stories and reclaiming our Voice" **In** *CBDLP Collector's Edition Program Book*. **Issue 02.** 

#### **Blog Post**

**1. Goriola, O. (2020).** "Bata: Kaabo, Se Daa daa lo de" **In** *Performing the heritage of British Colonialism in the Ultimate British Colonial Institution: A Performance project in the British Museum*.

https://britishmuseumpohproject.weebly.com/goriola-oyinkansola.html

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

### Winter 2024 Ph.D. Student Mentoring Up + Down Training

Feb-March 2024

• Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Training and Development in the Graduate School Northwestern University.

Reflective and Effective Teaching (RET)

Sep 2023-Present

| <ul> <li>SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University</li> <li>Research Communication Training Program</li> <li>The Graduate School, Medill School of Journalism, Media Integrated Marketing Communications And CIERA, Northwestern University.</li> </ul>   | Mar 2023-June 2023                                      |
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| Kaplan Public Humanities Graduate Practicum  | Nov 2022 - June 2023                                    |
| Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University   |   |
| Leadership Coaching Participant  | Oct 2022-Dec 2022                                       |
| <ul> <li>Center for Leadership Program, Northwestern University</li> </ul>   |   |
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| CERTIFICATION  Control (substitute of Research Teaching and Leave in the CONTROL (SUBT) Associated   | 2024  |
| <ul> <li>Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL Associate)</li> <li>Authorized by The SEARLE Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching at Northwestern University</li> </ul>  | 2024  |
| Certificate in Research Communication  | 2023  |
| RCTP Research Communication Training Program at Northwestern University  | 2023  |
| Time Management Fundamentals   | 2023  |
| Authorized by LinkedIn Learning and PMI.   |   |
| Public Speaking Foundations  | 2023  |
| Authorized by LinkedIn Learning and PMI.   |   |
| Project Management Foundations   | 2023  |
| Authorized by LinkedIn Learning and PMI.   |   |
| The Non-Technical Skills of Effective Data Scientist   | 2023  |
| Authorized by LinkedIn Learning.   |   |
| Foundations of Project Management  | 2022  |
| Authorized by Google and offered through Coursera. Issued July 8, 2022.  |   |
| <ul> <li>Certificate of Dance: (Specialization: Dance, Art of Choreography, Business of Dance)</li> </ul>  | 2017-2018   |
| The Dance Deal Training Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria.  |   |
| ADMINISTRATIVE, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP   |   |
| Selection Committee  | Oct. 2024- Feb. 2025                                    |
| Edward Alexander Bouchet Honor Society, Northwestern University  | Oct. 2024- Feb. 2023                                    |
| Edward Alexander Bodenet Honor Society, Northwestern oniversity  |   |
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| Reflective Teaching Guide (RTG)  | Sep. 2024- Present                                      |
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|  | Sep. 2024- Present                                      |
|  | Sep. 2024- Present<br>Sep 2023 - Present                |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University   | •   |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University  Graduate Student Representative  Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  | Sep 2023 - Present                                      |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University  Graduate Student Representative  Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  Assistant Chair   | •   |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University  Graduate Student Representative  Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  | Sep 2023 - Present                                      |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University  Graduate Student Representative Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  Assistant Chair Public Affairs Residential College (PARC), Northwestern University.  | Sep 2023 - Present                                      |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University  Graduate Student Representative  Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  Assistant Chair   | Sep 2023 - Present Sep 2023 - Present                   |
| SEARLE CENTER for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University  Graduate Student Representative Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  Assistant Chair Public Affairs Residential College (PARC), Northwestern University.  Co-organizer  | Sep 2023 - Present Sep 2023 - Present                   |
| Graduate Student Representative Department of Performance Studies, Northwestern University  Assistant Chair Public Affairs Residential College (PARC), Northwestern University.  Co-organizer  AFRISEM 3D Humanities Speaker and Workshop Series, Program of African Studies and Alice Kaplan Institute for Humanities, Northwestern University. April 2 <sup>nd</sup> -April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024.   | Sep 2023 - Present Sep 2023 - Present Jan 2024-Jun 2024 |
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Bi-weekly African Seminar (AFRISEM), **Program of African Studies, Northwestern University** 

**TGS Peer Mentor** Sep 2022- Jun 2024

Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Graduate School, Northwestern University

**Conference Co-convener** June 2023- Oct 2023

AFROBEATS: Lower Frequencies of Contemporary African Sounds Conference,

**Northwestern University** 

**Panel Discussion Facilitator** May 2023

"Careers in and around archives...without an MLIS." Center for Civic Engagement, Kaplan Humanities Institute, and Northwestern Career Advancement, Northwestern University

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant to Prof. Helen Cho.** 

Sep. 2023- Dec. 2023

Course: Asian American 247- Asian Americans and Popular Culture

Role- Grading, Facilitation, Administration.

### SCHOLARLY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/INVITED SPEECHES

- "Journey Through Academia" (2023). Panelist at the Let's Talk About Graduate School and Research Panel Session. Organized by Northwestern Residential College Board (RCB), Northwestern University.
- 2. "Black Girls, Light Skin: Disrupting the Color Spectrum" (2023). Presentation at Seven Minutes of Scholarship: An Interdisciplinary Symposium. Research Communication Training Practice (RCTP). TGC, CIERA, Northwestern University.
- 3. "Telling Our Dance Stories and Reclaiming Our Voice: The Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project (CBDLP) Through a Black Metropolis Graduate Assistant (BMGA) Perspective" (2023). Presentation at Kaplan Institute Public Humanities Graduate Research Symposium. Alice Kaplan Institute for Humanities, Northwestern University.
- 4. "The Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project: Through an Archivist's Perspective" (2023). PowerPoint presentation at the **Newberry Library Colloquium.**
- 5. "Preserving Your Legacy, Activating Your Legacy" (2023). Presentation at the Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project Cohort 2 Opening Retreat at the Reva & David Logan Center.

# NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Goriola, O. (2024). Disrupting the Color Spectrum: African Women and the Performance of Colorism. Paper accepted for presentation at the "20th Annual Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education." New Haven, USA.
- 2. Goriola, O. (2024). Germaine Acogny-Postcolonial Hybridity and the Performance of Alterity for Sustainability. Paper Accepted for presentation at the Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) conference. Montreal, Canada.
- 3. Goriola, O. (2024). Colored Bodies: Danc(ing) the Archive and Afro-fabulation of Black Representation. Paper Accepted for presentation at the Performance Studies international (PSi) conference. London, United Kingdom.
- 4. **Goriola, O.** (2024). Disrupting the Color Spectrum: African Women and the Performance of Colorism. Paper presentation at the Conference on Colorism, USA.
- 5. Goriola, O. and Akanni, S. (2023). Traditional African Dances as Compelling Tools to Improve Mental and Physical Health. Dance Workshop at International Association for Dance Medicine & Science (IADMS) 33rd Annual Conference. Columbus, Ohio, USA.

- **6.** Ayobade, D. and **Goriola, O.** (2023). Monsters You Made: Burna Boy END SARS and the Paradox of Popular Struggle. Paper presentation at the **AFROBEATS Conference. Chicago, USA.**
- 7. **Goriola, O.** (2023). On Death and Returning. Paper presentation at the *Performance Studies International* (PSi). Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 8. **Goriola, O.** (2023). Dissenting Bodies and Gender Freedom in Afrobeats: Hermes lyele's Dance Experiment. Paper presentation at the **47**<sup>TH</sup> International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) World Conference. Legon, Ghana.
- 9. **Goriola, O.**, Hinderliter, A. Princess, C. (2023). Archiving the Past for Tomorrow: Chicago Black Dance History and its Global Reach. PowerPoint presentation at **The 33**<sup>rd</sup> **Annual International Conference and Festival of Blacks in Dance-Globally Connected: What Does Our TomorrowHold?** Ontario, Canada.
- **10. Goriola, O.,** Gweverende, S. Kibirige, R. (2022). Critical conversation on Insider Dance research and resulting discourses in Seven African Countries. Paper presentation at **Decolonizing Tertiary Dance Education: Time to Act. Stockholm, Sweden.**
- **11. Goriola, O**. (2021). Transmitting the Candomblé Dance Knowledge of the Afro-Brazilian Orishas. Paper presentation at the **31**<sup>st</sup> **Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology. Klaipeda, Lithuania.**
- **12. Goriola, O.,** Gweverende, S. Kibirige, R. (2021). Insider Dance Research and Resulting Discourses in Seven African Countries. PowerPoint presentation at the **International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) conference.**
- 13. **Goriola, O.** and Paracelelo, M. African Dance. (2019). Workshop at **AEC Pop and Jazz Conference:** European Association of Conservatoire. Trondheim, Norway.

#### SELECTED ARTISTIC PROJECT

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| New Spring (Dramaturg)   | USA (2023)          |
| Northwestern University Wirtz Center- Danceworks 2023: Nostalgia for The Night. (Dancer)                       | USA (2023)          |
| Red Roses-(writer and performer)   | USA(2022)           |
| Dance Residency with Contra-Tiempo Activist Dance Theatre  | USA (2022)          |
| Performance Studies Graduate Performance   | USA (2022)          |
| Danser Autour Du Monde   | France (2019)       |
| Performance Eve (Crotonix)   | Norway (2019)       |
| International Music Research School (Dancer)   | Norway (2018)       |
| Red Bull Cypher Africa Workshop  | Nigeria (2017)      |
| Creative Director and Choreographer: "Eniyan the Dance" (Final Year Dance Project, Department of Theatre Arts) | Nigeria (2016)      |
| University of Ibadan).   |                     |
| Assistant Choreographer- ``Initiation Theatre Festival'' (Department of Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan)    | Nigeria (2014-2016) |
| World Dance Day: Dance and Drums Workshop.   | Nigeria (2015)      |
| Lagos Black Heritage Festival  | Nigeria (2013)      |
| Ibadan Footprint Contemporary Dance Festival and Workshop.   | Nigeria (2013-2017) |

#### INTERNSHIP AND WORK EXPERIENCE

# Black Metropolis Graduate Assistant (BMGA)

Oct. 2022-Mar. 2023

## Newberry Library & The University of Chicago, Chicago USA.

- Graduate assistant who worked on the Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project and project liaison with the Black Dance companies.
- Engaged in gathering archives from the dance companies and assisted them in locating a suitable safeguarding and preserving location.
- Accessing, appraising, processing and digitization, and coordination of archives.

Create presentations and media documents such as slides, blog posts, academic publications, and exhibitions.

# **Project Intern (Cultural Heritage Curriculum Incubator)**

#### Chicago Cultural Alliance (CCA(, Chicago, USA.

- Member of a team of four who developed heritage-based curriculums for four Chicago-based museums and heritage centers to promote cultural and heritage knowledge in Chicago Public Schools.
- Effectively learned the required educational standards channeled towards creating excellent and up-to-standard curriculums.
- Developed and implemented activities within the museums' spaces that will assist students in making authentic connections with their cultures and heritages.
- Upheld each museum's standards and enforced strategic ideas that would protect their intellectual property.

# Freelancer Jul. 2021-Feb. 2023

### D-Tech Centrix Inc., USA & Canada

- Content creator and presenter at the bi-annual Graduate-Boot camp and career advancement.
- Graduate school application consultant and editor.

# Resident Assistant Sep. 2020 – Aug. 2021

### University of Edinburgh- Accommodation Services, Scotland, UK.

- Resident assistant to 60 assigned residents whom I help settle in and live safe and healthy lives while still playing active roles in the community.
- Organized events and promoted activities that improved residents' physical, social, and mental health, creating a socially responsible environment.
- Designed tailored approaches and responses to emergencies, encouraged self-help initiatives, and strived to protect residents from crises and abuse.
- Promoted an environment within a diverse and inclusive community that helped create an environment that supports academic and personal development and an inclusive space to collaborate, share, be more resilient, and connect.

## Conference Intern Jul. 2020 – Aug. 2020

#### Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, London, UK.

- Adequately co-delivered training on using the conference platform to delegates.
- Delivered hands-on training on using the conference platform to a 30-member group of volunteers and gave feedback to administrators highlighting the performances of the trained delegates.

#### **Administrative Assistant and Dance Teacher**

# Jan. 2017 - Jun. 2018

Jun. 2022-Sep. 2022

#### Corporate Dance World and the Dance Deal Training Foundation, Lagos, NG.

- Successfully taught grade 4-6 dance to 15 students at Greensprings School as part of the school curriculum.
- Co-designed and co-produced the "TransformationLecture Series" that focused and equipped dancers and interested individuals with the needed knowledge for the dance business and to convert their art into financial returns.
- Contributed significantly to building music and dance curriculum for the foundation, which heightened the quality of dance education the foundation exudes.
- Maintained relationships with clients, students, faculty members, and other stakeholders to manage expectations and stay informed and updated with changes in the company.

# **Personal Assistant to the Artistic Director**

## Apr. 2018 – Jun. 2018

### Lagos Dance Exhibition Project, Lagos, NG.

- Member of a team of 3 who wrote proposals, letters of support, and grant applications for the Lagos Dance and Exhibition project that brought in (>\$53k).
- Communicated performance reviews to committee members and other stakeholders to accurately understand scope, contracts, requirements, and deliverables.
- Worked with Lagos state security organizations and local authorities to obtain necessary permits and approvals for an organized and peaceful production environment.

#### Corporate Dance World, Lagos, NG.

- Worked as part of a team of 3 that wrote dance proposals that encouraged adding dance as part of primary school curriculums.
- Assisted the school director in sourcing grants, scholarships, and international collaboration with dance schools and companies.
- Prepared monthly performance reports, reviews of the students in the foundation, and financial statements of the company to avoid debts and bankruptcy.

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Front of House-Intern USA(2023)

# Sans Pareil Concert- Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project

• Assisted with ticket sales, Scenic design, poster duty, and welcoming guests.

Conference Intern U.K (2020)

#### Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland

- Advising and assisting attendees and conveners with technical issues such as loading presentations and fixing camera and microphone problems.
- Conducting a hand-over with the following volunteer
- Skill Acquired: Problem-solving, Interpersonal skills, Reliability, Punctuality, and Online conference software skills.

# Film Screening Volunteer for "Journey Chicago" USA (2022)

# Chicago Cultural Alliance; Irish American Heritage Center and Hibernian Media Chicago Cultural Alliance; Haitian American Museum of Chicago and Crossing Borders Music

USA (2022)

- Assisted with set-up at the "In Search of Weeping Jim film premiere."
- Assisted with set-up at the "We Walk: A celebration of Black Community program."

Production Assistant Norway (2019)

#### **Trondheim Folk: Dance Event with Roros Musicians**

Ticket Sale

- Lightning and Scenic Design
- Poster Duty

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

| Dance Studies Association (DSA)- Student Member                       | 2024-Present |
|---|--------------|
| Canadian Association for African Studies (CAAS)- Student Member       | 2024-Present |
| International Association for Theatre Research (IFTR)- Student Member | 2024-2025    |
| Performance Studies International (PSi)- Student Member               | 2023-Present |
| International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM)- Student Member    | 2022-2024    |
| International Association of Blacks in Dance (IABD)- Student Member   | 2022-2023    |
| Student Member- African Studies Association (ASA)-Student Member      | 2023         |
| Choreomundus Alumni Association                                       | 2020-Present |

# LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

• English: Official Language

Yoruba: Native Language