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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Sociology expected May 2011

Dissertation: “Being British vs. Being American: A Comparative Study of the Lives of the Adult Second Generation of African Descent in the U.S. and U.K.”

I am investigating their ethnic identities, national identification with Britain and US, relationships with other black groups, socio-economic outcomes, inter-generational social mobility, and composition of their social networks.

Committee: Mary C. Waters (chair), Orlando Patterson, Christopher Winship.

Oral Exam: Immigration – the first and second generation in the United States with a sub-focus on West Indian and African Immigrants; Second Generation Ethnic Minorities in Britain, Comparative Migration Studies in the US and UK.

M.A. Sociology, Harvard University 2008

Thesis: “Why Bother with US Education? The Influence of Source of Education on Wages of Highly Educated Immigrants in the United States.”

Cambridge University, United Kingdom

Masters in Philosophy (M.Phil.), Modern Society and Global Transformations 2002

Thesis: “Gender Segregation in the Nigerian Workplace: A Case Study of the Alcoholic Beverage Industry.”

University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Sociology 1999

First Class Honors (equivalent to a summa cum laude) GPA 6.75/7.0

Thesis: Socioeconomic Factors that affect Child Health (measured using child’s height and weight)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Migration, African Immigration to the US and Europe, Social Stratification and Social Mobility, Race and Ethnicity, Religion, especially the influence of new African Diasporan religions on established religions in receiving countries and the effects of transnationalism on belief systems, and Sociology of Education

PUBLICATIONS

Imoagene, Onoso. 2008. "Comparing Educational Outcomes of Second Generation Immigrants to Natives from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade," in Karin Hallden, Elias Le Grand and Zenia Hellgren (eds) *Ethnicity and Social Divisions: Contemporary Research in Sociology*. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Being British vs. Being American: Identification Choices among the Nigerian Second-Generation", Under Review at *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. *Negotiating into a Class Identity: Blackness, Ethnic Identities and Cross-cutting Identity Elements among Second Generation Adults of Nigerian Descent in the US and UK*

Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Why Bother with US Education? The Influence of Source of Education on Wages of Highly Educated Immigrants in the United States."

Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Second Generation Adults of African Descent in a Comparative Context , their Proximal Hosts, and a new ordering of relations – using social class as a sorting mechanism."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Primary Senior Thesis Adviser 2009-2010

- Elizabeth Powers; "South Asian Immigrant Women in Boston and Toronto: The Role of Government Policy on Support Networks."

Head Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology 2007, 2009

- Led a team of 4 teaching assistants and taught sections of 38 students for department course: Social Interaction led by Prof. Timothy Nelson.
- Led a team of 3 teaching assistants and taught sections of 31 students for Harvard core course: Foreign Cultures: Caribbean Societies led by Prof. Orlando Patterson

Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, 2006-2009

- Taught additional course sections in Immigration and the Transformation of American Society, American Society and Public Policy, Introduction to Sociology

Senior Thesis First Reader, Sociology 2008

Senior Thesis Grader, Sociology and Social Studies 2007, 2008, 2010

- Read, graded, and provided comments on five undergraduate senior theses
- Participated in and graded oral defenses of three theses in Social Studies

Naugatuck Valley Community College, Waterbury, Connecticut 2003/2004 session
Faculty member, Social Sciences and Sociology

- Developed syllabi, prepared, and taught courses on introduction to sociology and contemporary social problems

Manchester Community College, Manchester, Connecticut Fall 2003
Adjunct Faculty member, Sociology

- Developed syllabus, prepared, and taught courses on introduction to sociology.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Harvard University Graduate Prize fellowship	2010
Center for American Political Studies Seed Grant	2009
Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, Harvard University	2004, 2005
Harvard University Graduate Prize fellowship.	2004 – 2008
Research Grant from UAC of Nigeria	2002
Research Grant from the Bottom Levy Foundation, Christ College, Cambridge, United Kingdom	2002
African Educational Trust Masters Research Grant, United Kingdom	2002
Christ's College Bursary Award, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	2001
Best Graduating Student in the Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria	1999
Best Graduating Student in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ibadan, Nigeria	1999

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Layered Identities" Accepted for Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Session on International Migration.

Imoagene, Onoso. 2010. "Layered Identities: The Identities, and Boundary Making Processes Among Adult Second Generation African Immigrants in the US and UK." Presented at Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting Boston, MA. Regular Session Assimilation and the New Second Generation presided by Nazreen S. Bacchus

Imoagene, Onoso 2009. "Identity Choices, and the Mechanisms of Identity Formation among 1.5 to Second Generation Adult Nigerian Immigrants in the United Kingdom." Presented at the Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard University

Imoagene, Onoso I. 2007. "Why Bother With US Education? The Influence of Source of Education on Wages of Highly Educated Immigrants in the United States." Presented at the Summer Workshop on Immigration and Social Change in Britain and the U.S. Organized by Mary C. Waters, Robert Putnam, Robert Sampson, June 25-July 6, 2007 University of Manchester, UK.

Imoagene, Onoso I. 2007. "Are African Immigrants out-performing African Americans in School? A Study of both groups in First Grade." Presented at The Aage Sorensen Memorial Conference -Harvard Oxford Stockholm Conference in Oxford, UK.

Imoagene, Onoso I. 2006. "Do immigrants with "Some US Education" enjoy a wage advantage over Immigrants with "Foreign Education Only?" Revisiting the question: A study of legal, highly educated, male immigrants in the United States" Presented at the Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada

Imoagene, Onoso I. 2006. "Are African Immigrants out-performing African Americans in School? A Study of both groups in First Grade" Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer 2008 to present
Sociological Forum

Conference organizer for "Embracing Diversity: Latino Immigration and the Transformation of the American Society Conference." Held Oct 13 – 14th, 2006 at the Center for Government and International Studies, Harvard University. (Funded by the Committee on Ethnic Studies, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, the W.E.B Du Bois Graduate Society, the Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop and the Graduate Student Council.)

Department of Sociology, Harvard University

Co-Coordinator of Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop 2006-2008
Member, Committee on Higher Degrees 2006-2007

Student Services, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University

Residential Adviser, GSAS Graduate Residential Halls 2006-2008
Treasurer, GSAS Graduate Dormitory Council (GDC) 2005-2007
GSAS Residential Adviser Liaison officer to Graduate Student Council (GSC) 2006-2008

Presidential Instructional Fellow, Harvard University 2007-2008

Worked on course websites and web-based instructional applications. Also offered support to Faculty members

Naugatuck Valley Community College, CT

Member of the Community Survey Team the Strategic Planning Community, 2003

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Association of Black Sociologists

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Research assistant, Department of Sociology, Harvard University 2007

- Reviewed literature on first and second generation immigrants in the United Kingdom and produced a comprehensive report.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Attended ATLAS.ti Boot Camp: Advanced Workshop, Harvard University 2010

Immigration and Social Change in Britain and the U.S., Workshop, Manchester UK. J 2007
Organized by Mary Waters, Robert Sampson, and Robert Putnam; two-week workshop.

Graduate Writing Fellows Program 2007

Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

Semester-long, interdisciplinary training workshop on teaching and responding to student writing

Attended Teaching Conference, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University 2006, 2007

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

STATA, SPSS, and Atlas.ti

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Accenture, Lagos Office, Nigeria

March 2000 to June 2001

Business Analyst (Solutions Engineering and Strategy)

- Led a five man team in a large scale recruiting project to staff a startup GSM telecommunication company in Nigeria.
- Collaborated with team members on several client projects, accomplishments include;
- Streamlining and updating processes and facilities at Muritala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, Nigeria to make it a hub in West Africa.
- Creating the franchising blueprint for the biggest fast food chain company in Nigeria.
- Restructuring the corporate portfolio of a manufacturing company in Nigeria.

Acquired financial analyses, business modeling, and project management skills. Mastered industry research skills. Handled program management which included budget and personnel management, quality assurance, and the communication effort.

Procter & Gamble, Lagos Nigeria

July 1999 – March 2000

Account Executive (Customer Business Development)

Supervised a multi-million naira P&G distributorship (1USD = 186 naira)

- Led team in market development, improving market coverage, distribution, and visibility of P&G products.
- Had oversight over distributor's credit policy, inventory, and cash management.

- Developed and launched frequent distributor led promotion drives within territory to improve sales.
- Trained over 30 sales staff in sales technique improvement and warehouse management.

As a result of these efforts, the distributor's territory was enlarged and monthly sales increased by over 400 percent.

REFERENCES

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