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### **EDUCATION**

Stanford Law School: J.S.D (2000); Yale Law School: LL. M (1988)  
Nigerian Law School: BL (1985); University of Nigeria: LL. B (1984)

### **EMPLOYMENT**

University of Arizona College of Law: Professor, 1997-Present  
Rutgers University: Inst. for Research on Women, Global Scholar, 2018-23  
Yale University: Coca-Cola World Fund Visiting Professor, 2009  
Federal Govt. of Nigeria: Cabinet Minister for Mines and Steel, 2006-2007  
University of Connecticut: Gladstein Visiting Human Rights Prof., 2003  
World Bank Africa Region Gender & Law Program: Manager, 1999-2000  
Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis: Assistant Prof., 1992-96  
Stanford University: Lawrence Friedman's Teaching/Research Assistant, '91  
Yale University: Geoffrey Hazard's Research Assistant, 1988

### **LAW PRACTICE**

McCutchen Doyle, CA, 1990; UU Uche, Lagos, Nigeria, 1986-87; Ministry of Justice, Calabar, Nigeria, 1986. Bar Certificates: CT, 1988 & Nigeria '85

### **BOARD EXPERIENCE**

UniversalGiving. Past Trustee: Management Sciences for Health Board, Law & Society Association (Twice); Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; YWCA of Southern Arizona, Tucson Art Museum, Tucson Human Relations, Trinity Presbyterian, Casa de los Niños.

### **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

Member, Council on Foreign Relations. Participant: The Philanthropy Workshop & Leaders Quest (South Africa, Mozambique, China, India, Russia, Brazil). Convener: Institute for Research on African Women, Children & Culture; Odiso Leadership Academy, Stimulating Philanthropy in Nigeria, and Leadership Enterprise for African Development (LEAD).

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Social Entrepreneurship Startup Seed Grant: 2025  
Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Residency Workshop Fellowship: 2023  
MacArthur Foundation Workshop Facilitation Grant: 2022  
Fulbright Canada Distinguished Research Chair: 2021 – Finalist  
Agnes Helm Haury Program YWCA Seed Grant: 2017-19  
Ola Ndi Igbo Achievement Medal Award Inaugural Cohort: 2013  
Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Science, Stanford Fellowship: '08  
Genest Global Faculty, Osgoode Hall, York University, Toronto, 2008  
Djerassi Resident Artist Program, Woodside, CA Fellowship: 2004 & 2008  
Ford & MacArthur Foundations Philanthropy Leadership Forum Grants: '06  
Convener, Gender & Law Ministerial Conference, World Bank: 2000  
Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Study Center Fellowship: 2000  
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton Fellowship: 1998  
AAUW Educational Foundation International Scholarship Award: 1992  
Stanford International and Area Studies Scholarship Award, 1991  
Nigerian National Youth Corps Outstanding Service Award: 1986  
Founder, Indigent Patients Free Medical Center, Calabar, Nigeria: 1985

### **COURSES**

International Law, Human Rights, Art & Cultural Heritage, Jurisprudence, Gender and Law, Natural Resources, Social Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy, Law and Society, Comparative Law, Intl Development, Education Equity, Corporations, Property, Rule of Law, Governance, Leadership and Succession.

## *Executive Summary*

Leslye Obiora served as the Minister of Mines and Steel Development for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and is currently a Professor of Law at the University of Arizona. Her rich multi-sector experience has earned her distinguished honors and awards. She was the Coca Cola World Fund Visiting Faculty at Yale University and the recipient of prestigious fellowships from the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study Center, and the Djerassi Resident Artist Program. A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, she was a former Manager of the World Bank Gender and Law Program, the Genest Global Faculty at York University in Toronto, and the Visiting Gladstein Human Rights Professor at the University of Connecticut. She is on the Board of Directors for UniversalGiving. She has been on the Board of the Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study and the Management Sciences for Health and also served two nonconsecutive terms on the Law and Society Association Board. Dr. Obiora has been a trustee for the YWCA of Southern Arizona, Tucson Art Museum, and Casa de los Niños, among others. Her scholarship has contributed to critical interdisciplinary knowledge production and creative public policy.

Building upon the pragmatic lessons learned from high-stakes decision-making, Dr. Obiora has crafted an academic career which is anchored on an ethic of service. This enables her to complement research, scholarship, and teaching with an acumen for impactful outreaches and engagements finetuned to bolster meaningful cross-sectoral capacity to solve pressing problems facing society. For instance, she played a pioneering role in stimulating the growth of indigenous philanthropy in Nigeria which helped to catalyze the inauguration of the Africa Philanthropy Forum by the Global Philanthropy Forum. Her prescient interventions have enriched the invigoration of civil society effectiveness, governance reform, leadership development and succession planning, human rights, and gender empowerment.

Dr. Obiora grew up in Nigeria and holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nigeria, a Master of Laws degree from Yale Law School, and a Doctor of Juristic Science degree from Stanford Law School. Born on the cusp of the Biafra civil war and raised as the 7<sup>th</sup> of 9 children by a young widow, her formative experience bred fortitude and a passion for service. This has shaped her conception of leadership as an art of self-transcendence trained on promoting the greater good. Her background, interests and competences have enabled her to nurture vital transnational relationships and networks useful for advancing the vision, mission, strategies, objectives, and actions of veritable learning organizations.

### **Sample Achievements in Public Service:**

- Significantly exceeded ambitious target expectations in record time and under budget in achieving legacy KPIs of the government to accelerate growth and impact for a strategic sector.
- Secured the passage of innovative mining bill in first six months in Cabinet – a feat that eluded four predecessors and exemplifies a record that continues to outperform successors to date.
- Overcame storied obstacles to champion successful branding, public relations and affairs, rationalization of bureaucracy, stakeholders' engagement, and scientific data development.
- Entrenched groundbreaking provision to reduce volatile relations in mining communities.
- Courageously suspended problematic loans squandered by vested interests and cultivated cardinal partnerships that generated generous funding to underwrite crucial reform goals.
- Adeptly drove the implementation of choice legal, policy, regulatory and administrative frameworks that improved adverse reputation, foreign direct investment and revenue conditions.

#### Sample Achievements in Social Entrepreneurship:

- Unlocked pivotal resources and galvanized a learning community to harness what is right with Africa as a watershed to foster homegrown opportunities for Africa to lead its self-renewal.
- Ascertained exigent gap, reframed accountability, and mobilized peak-performing executives to help innovate on the fundamentals to disrupt the status quo and find new ways to animate Africa's agency in driving governance reforms and leadership development across generations.
- Formulated key analysis of indigenous philanthropy and convened landmark fora of prospective and established donors, development partners, industry, and civil society to grow the subsector.
- Made priceless investments to train formally with leading philanthropy education and global networking organizations like The Philanthropy Workshop originated by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Leaders Quest. This was primarily to tool up to help change makers across sectors align purpose and profit through experiential learning and breakthrough collaborations.
- Adapted and administered consequential learning tours, tools, and training to propagate giving.
- Advanced Boards' strategic and generative roles compared to default focus on stewardship.
- Built on lessons learned from teaching, research, and scholarship to help conceptualize and negotiate strategies to advance protecting women's rights in development and peace processes.
- Championed start up school for entrepreneurial STEAAM education of talented ultra-poor girls.
- Facilitated technology, education, and livelihood strategies to cut out-of-school population.
- Devised learning agora to empower African heritage youth to help bridge digital divide.
- Designed, tested, and replicated scalable grassroots pilot to substantiate gender equity agenda.

#### Sample Achievements in Academia:

- Forged creative and productive paths from scholarship and teaching to impactful service.
- Assiduous service and evidence-based scholarship made important differences at various levels of society, including evolving needful cornerstone to spur indigenous philanthropy and to promote quality educational access, outcomes, and impact for talented poor girls.
- Awarded choice grants and support for poignant research projects presented at diverse lectures, keynotes, panels, symposia, workshops, and multiyear collaborative forums.
- Research and scholarship often invited and refereed far above the norm for the US law faculty.
- Tapped to guest-edit and review important works for notable prizes, publishers, and journals.
- Demonstrable record of innovative & impactful diversity, equity & inclusion advancement.
- Exceptional dedication to students captured by resourceful investments in robust hands-on education, teaching, learning, support, and network opportunities to mentor, supervise, and guide underrepresented students to energize overarching values, potentials, and experiences.
- Singularity of commitment to students across disciplines shaped intellectual aptitude, moral compass, cultural competence, social and emotional intelligence, strategic and outcome orientation, and leadership skills of celebrated alums for personal, professional, and civic growth to compete in global technology, entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem.
- Enhanced home institute's global reputation and core purpose by drawing on organic engagements with the intricacies of law and society to apply academic knowledge and expertise to solve social problems through work respectively profiled for high impact.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

### A. Books and Book Chapters – Invited/Commissioned

Obiora (2025, forthcoming) *Benin Bronzes Restitution and the Right to Culture*. Springer Nature.

Obiora et al (2025) “Skin and Screen: Signifying a Change of Times.” In *Public Catastrophes, Private Losses* – Invited. Edited by Sarah Tobias & Arlene Stein. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press)

Obiora (2024) “Intersecting Exit, Voice and Loyalty: Feedback from Nigeria”. In *Albert Hirschman: Legacy and Debates* 183 – Invited. Edited by Meldolesi, Luca & Stame, Nicoletta. New York: Peter Lang [originally published in *For a Better World: Excerpts from First Conference on Albert Hirschman's Legacy – Theory and Practice*, 197-211. Edited by Meldolesi & Stame. Roma: Italic Digital Edition]

Obiora (2021) “The Past Before Us: Reimagining Patriarchy and Gender in Africa”. In *Patriarchy and Gender in Africa* – Invited. Edited by Bruey, Veronica Fynn. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Obiora (2021) “Feminist Legal Theory & the Technology of Culture”. In *Palgrave Handbook on African Women's Studies* – Invited. Edited by Yacob-Haliso, Ola & Falola, Toyin. New York: Palgrave MacMillan

Obiora (2020) “The Discipline for a Passion for the Possible: Feedback from Africa to Enhance Development”. In *A Passion for the Possible – Excerpts from the Third Conference on Albert Hirschman's Legacy*, 334-356 – Invited. Edited by Meldolesi & Stame. Roma: Italic Digital Ed.

Obiora (2019) “Culture and Development: A Bias for Hope in Africa”. In *Second Conference on Albert Hirschman's Legacy – A Bias for Hope*, 108-123 – Invited. Edited by Meldolesi & Stame. Roma: Italic.

Obiora (2018) “International Organizations and Technologies of Governance”. In *Rethinking Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Report of the International Panel on Social Progress*, 457-490 – Invited. Edited by IPSP, Vol 2, Chapter 11. UK: Cambridge University Press (Co-Lead Author with H. Charlesworth, S. Merry, et al.)

Obiora (2015) “Probing the Parameters of Gender, Power, and Democracy in Nigeria”. In *Gender and Power: Towards Equality and Democratic Governance*, 64-81 – Invited. Edited by Vianello, Mino & Hawksworth, Mary. UK: Palgrave MacMillan

Obiora & Toomey (2010) “Federalism and Gender Politics in Nigeria”. In *Feminism, Federalism and Multi-Level Governance*, 211-228 – Invited. Edited by Haussman, Mellissa, Sawyer, Marian, and Vickers, Jill. (With Toomey, Sarah). London: Routledge (First Published 2010 by Ashgate Publishing)

Obiora (2007) “A Refuge from Tradition and the Refuge of Tradition: On Anti-Circumcision Paradigms”. In *Transcultural Bodies: Female Genital Cutting in Global Context*, 67-90 – Invited. Edited by Hernlund, Ylva & Shell-Duncan, Bettina. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press

Obiora (2006) “Safe Harbor and Homage”. In *Female Circumcision: Multicultural Perspectives*, 234-242 – Invited. Edited by Abusharaf, Rogaia. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press

Obiora & Perry (2002) “Bridging False Divides”. In *Moral Imperialism: A Critical Anthology*, 255-268 – Invited. Edited by Truyol, Berta. (With Perry, R.W.) New York: New York University Press

### B. Peer Reviewed Articles

Obiora (2026, forthcoming). Restituting the Usefulness of Traditional Institutions for Cultural Heritage Law *Journal of African History*.

Obiora, L.A. (2025) How Can the Protection of Cultural Property Be Strengthened in Africa? Combining

International Frameworks with Customary Traditions, *Antiquities Coalition* (Commissioned), <https://acthinktank.scholasticahq.com/article/133677>.

Obiora (2025). The Primacy of Care for Global Security. *Journal of Human Rights*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2024.2439259>

Obiora (2024). Deepening the Case for Egalitarianism in the International Order: A Comparative Perspective. *ICL Journal*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1515/icl-2023-0051>

Obiora, Debarati Sen & Sreeparna Chattopadhyay (forthcoming). Voices in Conversation: Cost of Living Crisis. *Feminist Anthropology* (Commissioned)

Obiora & Whalen (2015). What is Right with Africa: The Promise of the Protocol on Women's Rights. 2 *Transnational Human Rights Review*, 153-167 (With Crystal Whalen). Toronto: Nathanson Center for Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security at Osgoode Hall Law School, and Abuja: Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. (First Commissioned/Published in 2010 *Pambazuka*)

Obiora (2006). The Full Belly Quotient: Renegotiating a Rite. 7 *Human Rights Rev* 35-48. New York: Springer. (1<sup>st</sup> Published 2003 in 24 *Women's Rights Law Reporter* 181-185 Newark: Rutgers Law School)

Obiora (2006). Book Review – Anghie, *Imperialism and the Making of International Law*. 40 *Law and Society Review* 729-731. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell (Commissioned)

Obiora (2005). Book Reviews. Meillon, Cynthia and Bunch, Charlotte, eds., *Holding on To The Promise: Women's Human Rights And The Beijing +5 Review*; Walters, Lynn, ed., *Women's Rights: A Global View*; Agosin, Marjorie, ed., *Women, Gender And Human Rights: A Global Perspective*, 31(1) *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 256-261. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (Commissioned)

Obiora (2004). Supri, Supri, Supri Oyibo? 29 *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society* 649-662. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (Commissioned)

Obiora (1999). Symbolic Episode in the Quest for Environmental Protection. 21 *Human Rights Quarterly*, 464-412. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press (Commissioned)

Obiora (1998). Toward an Auspicious Reconciliation of International and Comparative Law. 669-682, 46 *American Journal of Comparative Law*. New York: Oxford University Press (Commissioned)

Obiora (1997). The Little Foxes that Spoil the Vine: Re-visiting the Feminist Critique of Female Circumcision. 9 *Canadian Journal of Women and Law* 46-73. Toronto: University of Toronto Press  
Excerpted in *African Women and Feminism: Reflecting on The Politics of Sisterhood*, 197-229.  
Edited by Oyewumi, Oyeronke. Trenton: Africa World Press (2004)

Obiora (1996). Neither Here nor There: Of the Female in American Legal Education. 21 *Law and Social Inquiry: Journal of American Bar Foundation* 355-432. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell

Obiora (1996). Beyond the Rhetoric of a Right to Development. 18 *Law & Policy* 355-418. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers (Commissioned)

Obiora (1994). Rekindling the Domain of Social Reform through Law. *Third World Legal Studies: Journal of International Third World Legal Studies Association*, 103-140. Valparaiso: Valparaiso U. School of Law

Obiora (1993). Reconsidering African Customary Law. 217-252, *XVII Legal Studies Forum*. Amherst, Mass: American Legal Studies Association. (Special Symposium – Customary Law: Problems and

Possibilities with Invited Comments.)

Richard Roberts (Professor of History, Stanford University) "Colonialism and Customary Law in Africa: A Response to Leslye Obiora, *XVII Legal Studies Forum* 253-260

Rene Gadacz (Professor of Sociology, British Columbia) "Customary Law: Terror of Colonialism or Orphan of Tradition – A Response to Leslye Obiora," *XVII Legal Studies Forum* 261-268

George Westermarck (Professor of Anthropology, Santa Clara University) "Reflections on Customary Law: The Mirror of Pacific Kastom," *XVII Legal Studies Forum* 269-274

### C. Other Journal Articles – Student Edited Law Reviews

Obiora (2003) "Affirmations and Ambiguities," 67 *Albany Law Review* 629-635. Albany: Albany Law School. (Special Issue: Globalization Symposium)

Obiora (2001) "Remapping the Domain of Property," 12 *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy* 57-70. Gainesville: University Florida College of Law (Special Issue: AALS Symposium)

Obiora (1999) "Reclaiming a Heritage of Resistance," 26 *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce* 203-214. Syracuse: Syracuse College of Law (Special Issue: Human Rights Symposium)

Obiora (1998) "Reconstituted Consonants: The Reach of a Common Core," 21 *Hastings International and Comparative Law Journal*, 921-955. San Francisco: U.C. Hastings College of Law

Obiora, *et al.* (1997) "Colloquium: Bridging Society, Culture, and Law: The Issue of Female Circumcision, 263-552, 47 *Case Western Reserve Law Review*. Atlanta, GA: Darby Publishing

Obiora, "Bridges and Barricades: Rethinking Polemics and Intransigence in the Campaign against Female Circumcision," 47 *Case Western Reserve Law Review* 275-378

Excerpted in *Gender and Law*. Edited by Bartlett, Katherine, Rhode Deborah, and Grossman Joanna, 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> eds. New York: Wolters Kluwer (Aspen Casebook Series)

Excerpted in *Global Critical Race Feminism*, 260-274. Edited by Wing, Adrienne. New York: New York University Press (2000)

Excerpted in *Female Circumcision and the Politics of Knowledge: African Women in Imperialist Discourses*, 183-207. Ed. – Nnaemeka, O. Westport: Greenwood (2005)

James Dixon, "Introduction," 47 *Case Western Reserve Law Review* 263-274

Lawrence Friedman, "The War of the Worlds," 47 *Case Western Reserve Law Review* 379-388

Edmund Gordon, "Cultural Identity and Behavioral Change," 47 *Case W. Res. Law Rev.* 389-398

Kathy Abrams, "Rethinking Women's Lives and Investigating Women's Consciousness," 399-410

M.A. Ogbu, "Comment on Obiora's Bridges and Barricades," 47 *Case W. Res. Law Rev* 411-422

R Krotoszynski, "Building Bridges and Overcoming Barricades," 47 *Case W. Res. L. Rev* 423-444

Isabelle Gunning, "Uneasy Alliances and Solid Sisterhood: A Response to Obiora," 445-459

Pauline Peters, "Another Bridge to Cross," 47 *Case W. Res. Law Rev* 481-490

Preston Williams, "A Personal Perspective on the Elimination of Female Circumcision," 491-500

Sylvia Wynter, "'Genital Mutilation' or 'Symbolic Birth'," 47 *Case W. Res. Law Rev* 501-552

Obiora (1997) "Feminism, Globalization and Culture: After Beijing," 4 *Journal Global Legal Studies* 355-406. Bloomington: Indiana University Press

Obiora (1996) "Situating a Critic in Her Discourse: A Conversation," 4 *Circles: Buffalo Women's Journal of Law and Social Policy*, 73-81 (with Responses by Monika Jardine & Julia Hall). Buffalo: University of Buffalo School of Law

Obiora (1995) "Situating a Critic in her Critique: A Vignette," 3 *Circles: Buffalo Women's Journal of Law and Social Policy* 48-49. Buffalo: University of Buffalo School of Law

Obiora (1995) "New Wine, Old Skin: (En)Gaging Nationalism," 28 *Indiana Law Review*, 575-599.

(Special Symposium Issue). Indianapolis: Indiana University School of Law

**D. Major Reference Works & Reviews – Commissioned & Peer Reviewed**

Obiora (2005) “Access to Legal System”. In *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures: Family Law and Politics*, 381-383. Edited by Joseph, Suad. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishing

Obiora (2001) “Feminist Legal Theory”. In *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences* 5464-5469 Edited by Smelser, Neil & Bates, Paul, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Amsterdam: Elsevier (< 10% by Perry, R.W.)

Obiora (2001) “Female Excision: Cultural Concerns”. In *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 5443-5447. Edited by Smelser, Neil & Bates, Paul, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

**E. Select Digital, Interview, Lecture, Newspaper, Television, Review, Report**

(2024) The Rockefeller Foundation, “Multiplying Community-Level Success” – Leslye Obiora & Latanya Mapp Frett on Investing in Everyday Feminism, [Leslye Obiora & Latanya Mapp Frett on Investing in Everyday Feminism \(rockefellerfoundation.org\)](https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/press-releases/rockefeller-foundation-launches-new-report-on-investing-in-everyday-feminism/)

(2024) Feminist Law, Feminism and Human Rights Law in Africa with Dr. Leslye Obiora <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/feminist-law/id1651434736?i=1000652474947>

(2023) “If the System Is Broke, Let a Feminist Fix It: Spotlight: Leslye Obiora and Political Empowerment Movement” in Latanya Mapp Frett, *The Everyday Feminist: The Key to Sustainable Social Impact-Driving Movements We Need Now More Than Ever*. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

(2022) Institute for Advanced Study, AMIAS In Focus: Q&A with Leslye Obiora, [AMIAS In Focus: Q&A with Leslye Obiora - Ideas | Institute for Advanced Study](https://www.amias.org/2022/05/10/amias-in-focus-q-a-with-leslye-obiora/)

(2022) “Foreword”, Joy Ebeledike *Chronicles of an Amazon*

(2022) “The AC Interviews Dr. Leslye Obiora on U.S., Nigeria’s Cultural Property Agreement <https://theantiquitiescoalition.org/the-ac-interviews-dr-leslye-obiora-on-u-s-nigerias-cultural-property-agreement/>

(2021) “Nigeria Belongs to All of Us”, Business Day, April 26, 2021 <https://businessday.ng/backpage/article/nigeria-belongs-to-all-of-us/>

(2021) BRAC Bank Knowledge Sharing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpVX8xIS27k&t=2s>

(2021) Serving Communities <https://anchor.fm/irw-rutgers/episodes/Serving-Communities-with-Dr--Leslye-Obiora-e146joh>

(2019) “IPSP Outreach Event with Special Guest Noam Chomsky” <https://youtu.be/EUnxmOM7YqM>

(2018) “Reframing Accountability: Leadership Enterprise for African Development” <https://lecturecapture.wustl.edu/mediasite/Play/63eaf10d2ed94ec18a0e890afb2e127b1d>

(2018) “A Manifesto for Social Progress – Ideas for a Better Society” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAVZHlMPY8>

(2018) “A New Society: IPSP Documentary Film” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fzR0OYT6\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fzR0OYT6_s)

(2018) “Micro-Lending for Economic and Social Justice: Power of International Partnerships” <https://www.mrsgreensworld.com/podcast/microlending-power-of-international-partnerships/>

(2017) “Advancing the Policy Dialogue in Africa,” *Africa Policy Journal*, 1-10. Harvard University: Harvard Kennedy School – <http://apj.hkspublications.org/leslye-obiora/>

(2015) “What’s Right with Africa: Reframing Africa’s Leadership Challenges” – Remarks and Discussion by former Nigerian President Obasanjo. Available at <http://www.usip.org/events/what-s-right-africa-reframing-africa-s-leadership-challenges>

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(2010) “Corruption and Human Rights: Challenges of Mineral Resource Stewardship” 104 *American Society of International Law Proceedings*, 250-254. New York: Cambridge University Press

(2009) *Innovations for Successful Societies: Institutions for Fragile States*, 1-22, Princeton University: Oral History Program Series Interview No. H15 – An initiative of the National Academy of Public Administration, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and Intl Affairs, and Bobst Center for Peace and Justice. <http://www.princeton.edu/successfulsocieties/content/superfocusareas/traps/ME/oralhistories/view.xml?id=226>

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(2008) *Africa and the Media*, Access Tucson TV [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AP8dK\\_DA-Ys](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AP8dK_DA-Ys)

(2008) *New Scramble for Africa*, Access Tucson TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3mIsFd2NkY>

Obiora (2006) *Stimulating Philanthropy in Nigeria (SPIN): Inaugural Leadership Conference Report*. Tucson: Institute for Research on African Women, Children and Culture

(2005) “Nigeria: Political Transition and the Complexities of Gender Empowerment”, in United Nations, *Expert Group Meeting on Equal Participation of Women and Men in Decision-Making Processes, with Particular Emphasis on Political Participation and Leadership*. [https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/egm/eql-men/docs/EP.9\\_rev.pdf](https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/egm/eql-men/docs/EP.9_rev.pdf)

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Obiora (1986) *What Every Woman in Nigeria Should Know*. Lagos: Intl Planned Parenthood Federation

## SELECT WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

“Restituting the Lost Art of ‘We the People’: What America Can Learn from Nigeria to Make America American Again” (Law Review Article)

*Eyewitness to History: Toward the Arc of Knowledge* (Edited Anthology Project)

*Profiles of Leadership: A Nigerian Case-Study* (Edited Anthology Project)

*Gender, Governance and Democracy* (Book Project)

*Reframing Accountability to Transform Leadership in Africa* (Book Project)

*When Rights Become Sexy: Africa and The Imperative of Gender Equity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Book Project)

“Odiso Leadership Academy” (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, Ag, Math Model Equity School Project)

## SELECT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

### A. International Presentations – Keynote Addresses, Named Lectures, Others

➤ Obiora (2023) “Eyewitness to History: Toward the Arc of Knowledge,” Bellagio, Italy



- Obiora (2023) “Profiles of Leadership: A Nigerian Case-Study,” Bellagio, Italy
- Obiora (2022) “The Future of the Academy,” Ife Institute of Advanced Study, Nigeria
- Obiora (2022) “Women’s Role in International Security,” Global Takumbeng Hybrid
- Obiora (2022) “Organic Influence of African Writers,” Currey Lecture, Oxford, UK
- Obiora (2022) “Eyewitness to History: Toward the Arc of Knowledge,” Lagos, Nigeria
- Obiora (2022) “Profiles of Leadership: A Nigerian Case-Study,” Lagos, Nigeria
- Obiora (2022) “Chronicles of an Amazon” Book Launch Review, Lagos, Nigeria
- Obiora (2021) “Learning and Development,” BRAC Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Obiora (2021) “Nigeria Belongs to All of Us,” AiMP Workshop, Lagos
- Obiora (2020) “Unfinished Canvass” ICAN 4IR CEO Summit, Johannesburg, S Africa
- Obiora (2019) “The Discipline for Passion,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Hirschman’s Legacy Conf., Berlin
- Obiora (2019) “Sexual Harassment Laws in Africa,” Strategic Working Grp, Nairobi
- Obiora, Eggers, Chaisson (2018) “Improving the Quality of Democracy: A Gender Perspective,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- Obiora, Eggers, Chaisson (2018) “Women as Knowledge Architects,” LSA, Toronto
- Obiora (2018) “Harnessing Nigerians in the Diaspora,” AiMP Workshop, Lagos
- Obiora (2018) BRAC Study Tour, YWCA of Southern AZ Haury Found. Grant, Dhaka
- Obiora (2017) Human Rights & Gender Review, Intl Panel on Social Progress, Lisbon
- Obiora (2017) Law and Society Association (LSA) Board & Annual Mtg., Mexico
- Obiora (2016) Keynote, “Philanthropy in Nigeria,” African Philanthropy Forum, Lagos
- Obiora (2016) “Empirical Challenges of Deepening Democracy,” Research Committee on the Quality of Democracy Main Theme Panel, Intl Political Science Ass. Congress, Poznan, Pol.
- Obiora (2016) Presidential Learning Exchange, Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar
- Obiora (2016) Presidential Learning Exchange, Singapore Management University
- Obiora (2015) “Nigeria We Hail Thee,” Georgetown School of Foreign Service, Doha
- Obiora (2015) “Transnational Organizations,” Intl Panel on Social Progress, Istanbul
- Obiora (2015) “Reimagining Gender & Power,” San Servolo, Venice
- Obiora (2014) “Women at Work,” Tempo de Donne Conf., Venice Int University, Italy
- Obiora (2014) “Gender, Power and Democracy in Nigeria,” San Servolo, Venice, Italy
- Obiora (2013) “The Digital Agora: Considerations for Equitable Inclusion and Democratic Consolidation,” World Social Science Forum, Montreal, Canada
- Obiora (2013) Gender and Power Working Grp Inaugural Conf., Venice Int University
- Obiora (2011) “Christian and the Marketplace,” Michelangelo Hotels, Johannesburg
- Obiora (2011) Ideas Festival Roundtable, with former President F Cardoso, Sao Paulo
- Obiora (2011) “Opportunities and Challenges of Philanthropy in Nigeria: Lessons Learned from SPIN,” TY Danjuma Foundation Philanthropy Forum Lead Plenary Session, Abuja
- Obiora (2011) “The Invention of Tradition: Reflections on Martin Chanock’s Scholarship,” Law, History, and Culture Conference, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Obiora (2010) Keynote: “Anambra State Integrated Development Strategy,” Nigeria
- Obiora (2008) Keynote Address, “Mechanisms for Rural Community Transformation,” Rivers State Sustainable Development Agency Niger Delta Stakeholders Forum, P.Harcourt, Nigeria
- Obiora (2008) “Natural Resource and Sustainable Development,” Osgoode Hall Hart House Faculty Seminar, York University, Toronto, Canada
- Obiora (2008) “Human Rights in Africa,” Osgoode Hall Grad Colloquium, Toronto
- Obiora (2008) “US State Department Educational Advising,” Abuja, Nigeria
- Obiora (2007) Keynote, *Union Internationale des Avocats* 51<sup>st</sup> Congress Senate, Paris
- Obiora (2007) “Rule of Law and Democratic Consolidation,” Special Session on Public Interest Law and Economic Transformation, Nigerian Bar Assoc. Annual Conference, Ilorin
- Obiora (2008) Moderator, Leadership for Shared Societies, Club of Madrid, Rotterdam
- Obiora (2006) “Africa’s Claim on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Lessons for the Human Rights Agenda,” Law & Society Association Summer Institute, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
- Obiora (2006) Organizer, Stimulating Philanthropy in Nigeria Conference, Abuja
- Obiora (2005) Organizer, Stimulating Philanthropy in Nigeria Conference, Abuja

- Obiora (2005) “Firing on Cylinders: Human Rights and the Fundamentals for Gender Inclusion,” LSA African Renaissance Forum Constitutionalism Conference, Durban, South Africa
- Obiora (2005) “Nigeria: Political Transition and the Complexities of Gender Empowerment,” UN Expert Group Meeting on Women in Decision-Making, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Obiora (2004) “Back-on-Basics: Which Way, Nigeria?” Keynote Address, Nigerian Institute for Public Relations National Congress, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria
- Obiora (2004) “Implementing the Right to Self-Determination,” U.I., Ibadan, Nigeria
- Obiora (2003) “Culture and Feminist Ambidexterity: A Prologue,” University of Toronto Law School Faculty and Women’s Studies Institute Lectures, Toronto, Canada
- Obiora (2002) “Same-Sex Couples in a Globalized World: National and Supranational Considerations,” Panel Chair, Law & Society Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada
- Obiora (2002) “Firing on all Cylinders: An Alchemy for Managing World Peace through Law,” University of Ottawa School of Law Faculty Workshop, Ottawa, Canada
- Obiora (2001) Panelist, Intl Third World Legal Studies Assoc. Meeting, Cape Town
- Obiora (2000) Expert, Rockefeller Found Africa Program Development Wksh, Nairobi
- Obiora (1999) Discussant, Ford Foundation Constitutionalism Conference, Uganda
- Obiora (1999) Panelist, New Directions in Federalism in Conference, Abuja, Nigeria
- Obiora (1997) Presenter, International Political Science Association Meeting, Seoul
- Obiora (1996) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, LSA Annual Mtg, Glasgow, Scotland
- Obiora (1995) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Annual Mtg., Toronto
- Obiora (1994) Panelist/Discussant, 37<sup>th</sup> African Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Toronto

#### **B. National Presentations – Keynote Addresses, Named Lectures, and Others**

- Obiora (2025) “Making America American Again: A Perspective on Art as a Mirror for the Society,” Raiders of the Lost Art Symposium, Chapman Law School, Orange County, CA
- Obiora (2021) “Nigeria's Request for a Bilateral Agreement with the U.S. to Protect its Cultural Property”, DePaul Ctr. for Art, Museum and Cultural Heritage, Chicago
- Obiora (2020) “Gender, Governance and Democracy”, Institute for Research on Women Interdisciplinary, Rutgers U, New Brunswick, NJ
- Obiora (2020) “Nigeria’s Request for U.S. Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ethnological Materials”, Cultural Property Advisory Committee Open Session, United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, October 27, 2020
- Obiora (2019) Keynote Address, “Africa Rising: Enabling Conditions for Solid Minerals Development”, Africa Business Forum, Wash University Olin Business School, St Louis, MS
- Obiora (2019) “Gender and Diversity Issues in Entrepreneurship,” Mandela Washington Fellowship Leadership Institute, Lehigh University, PA
- Obiora (2019) “Gender and Human Rights, Iacocca Inst Global Village Fellows, Lehigh U
- Obiora (2019) “Women, Violence, and Islamic State,” Discussant, Institute for Research on Women Interdisciplinary Seminar, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- Obiora (2019) *Rethinking Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Tucson Festival of Books, Tucson
- Obiora (2019) Batten True North Workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ
- Obiora (2019) “I Am AMIAS,” Interview Series, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton
- Obiora (2018) “A New Society,” Documentary Film Screening, Princeton Public Library
- Obiora (2018) *Rethinking Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, IPSP Report Launch, Princeton U.
- Obiora (2018) “Learning and Innovation”, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hirschman Legacy Conf., World Bank, DC
- Obiora (2018) “Hirschman and Development,” 2<sup>nd</sup> Hirschman Conf. Panel Chair, WAS
- Obiora (2018) “Speaking of Culture: An Alternative Perspective on the Uses and Abuses of Culture,” Institute for Research on Women Interdisciplinary Seminar, Rutgers U, New Brunswick, NJ
- Obiora (2018) “Reframing Accountability: Leadership Enterprise for African Development,” Washington University Whitney Harris World Law Institute Lecture Series, St Louis,
- Obiora (2018) “Gender and Power”, Iacocca Institute Global Village, Lehigh University
- Obiora (2018) “Learning from Lincoln”, Aspen Institute Socrates Seminar, Aspen, CO
- Obiora (2017) “Exit-Voice from the Standpoint of Gender Empowerment”, First

Hirschman Legacy Conference, Boston University Center for Global Studies, Boston, MA

- Obiora (2017) “Law and Development in Africa”, Guest Lecturer, Harvard Law School
- Obiora (2017) Law and Society Association Executive Committee Meeting, Berkeley
- Obiora (2017) Council on Foreign Relations West Coast Conference, Menlo Park, CA
- Obiora (2017) Council on Foreign Relations National Conference, Manhattan, New York
- Obiora (2016) Discussant & Chair, “Human Rights and Institutions”, LSA, New Orleans
- Obiora (2016) “Assessing Social Progress and its Barriers” LSA Annual Mtg., NOreans
- Obiora (2016) “Challenges of Deepening Democracy” Roundtable, LSA, New Orleans
- Obiora (2016) “Nigeria’s Present”, Stanford Africa Business Forum, Stanford U, Palo Alto
- Obiora (2016) “African Legal Systems: A Critical Overview,” American U., Washington
- Obiora (2016) “Human Rights Case Study,” Intl Panel on Social Progress Mtg., Princeton
- Obiora (2016) Law and Society Association Executive Committee Meeting, Salt Lake City
- Obiora (2015) “Diversity Audit and the Accountability Gap,” NSF-Sponsored Short Course, American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA
- Obiora (2015) “Law and Society Panel on Governance Review,” LSA Annual Mtg, Seattle
- Obiora (2015) Session Organizer, Chair, & Discussant, “Swords into Plowshares: Appraising the Political Economy of International Peace and Security,” LSA Annual Meeting, Seattle
- Obiora & Chang (2015) “When Two Elephants Fight, the Grass Suffers: The Quandary of Human Security in Liberia,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Obiora, Eggers & Petillo (2015) “Bringing it Home: Sex Trafficking and State Action,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Obiora & Lanoi Leleto, “Authenticity as Capital: A Reflection on the Maasai Community in Kenya,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Obiora & Addae (2105) “Back to the Basics: Analyzing the Competencies of Indigenous Practices in the Quest for African Development,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle
- Obiora & Femi-Adeleye (2015) “Nigeria We Hail Thee:” A Centennial Audit of the Politics of Gender,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Obiora & Marks (2015) “Dignity and Gender Justice,” LSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Obiora (2015) Keynote Address, “Reimagining Gender and Power,” Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA
- Obiora (2015) “Women in Leadership,” Middlebury Inst of Intl Studies, Monterey, CA
- Obiora (2015) Voices in Africa Media, Middlebury Institute of Intl Studies, Monterey, CA
- Obiora (2015) Convener, LEAD Presidential Dialogue, United States Institute for Peace
- Obiora (2014) “The Politics of Gender and the Contingency of Rights,” Transnational Feminisms Summer Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- Obiora & Chang (2014) “Revisiting BRAC’s ‘Quiet Revolution’ as a Prism to Reframe the Discourse of Legal Imperialism,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis MN
- Obiora (2014) “Law and Society Association Executive Committee Meeting”, Wash., DC
- Obiora (2011) Wheeler Award Presentation, Law & Society Annual Mtg., San Francisco
- Obiora (2011) Discussant, LEAD Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Obiora (2010) Discussant, LEAD Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Obiora (2010) China-Africa Conference, Yale University McMillan Center, New Haven
- Obiora (2010) “Corruption and Human Rights: The Challenges of Mineral Resources Stewardship,” American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Obiora (2010) Distinguished Lecture, “Looking for Africa Where It Can Be Found,” CLR James Annual Lecture, St Lawrence University, Canton, NY
- Obiora (2010) “African Women’s Proprietary Interest in Microfinance as a Global Institution,” Third National People of Color Legal Conference, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
- Obiora (2010) “Ophelia: A Preliminary Inquiry into a Pilot Initiative,” Florida A&M University Women’s Conference, Orlando, Florida
- Obiora (2009) “Ophelia Grassroots Empowerment Strategy,” Yale University Women, Religion and Globalization Conference, New Haven
- Obiora (2009) “Beneath the Veil: Rape, Domesticity, and Agency in Kenya,” Emory Law

- School, Violence and Vulnerability Conference, Atlanta, GA
- Obiora & Eggers (2009) “Reflections on the Uses and Abuses of Culture in Domestic Violence Discourses,” Emory Law School, Violence and Vulnerability Conference, Atlanta, GA
  - Obiora & Eggers (2009) “It Takes a Village: Sex Trafficking as a Collective Harm and the Promise of Culture,” Johns Hopkins University Protection Project Symposium, Washington D.C
  - Obiora (2009) “Innovations for Successful Societies” Interview, Woodrow Wilson Institute, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
  - Obiora (2009) Keynote Speaker, Oguta National Convention, Meriden, CT
  - Obiora (2009) Yale University Council on African Studies Lecture Series, New Haven, CT
  - Obiora (2009) Moderator, Yale Law School Congo Awareness Day, New Haven, CT
  - Obiora (2009) Discussant, Yale Law School 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conf, CT
  - Obiora (2008) Discussant, MacArthur Foundation Hum Rights in Africa Forum, Chicago
  - Obiora (2006) Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Annual Meetings, Baltimore
  - Obiora (2006) “Diaspora Remittance and Development,” Harvard Global Equity Initiative
  - Obiora (2006) “Power, Gender and Social Change,” Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
  - Obiora (2006) “The Pipeline: Social Capital and the Challenge of Self-Renewal,” The New African Diaspora, SUNY Binghamton African Origins Conference, Binghamton, NY
  - Obiora (2005) Moderator, “Social and Economic Human Rights” Conf, UCONN, Storrs
  - Obiora (2005) “Piercing the Veil of Sovereignty,” Mid-Maine Global Forum, Waterville
  - Obiora (2005) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Meetings, Las Vegas, NV
  - Obiora (2005) Panelist, Cultural Studies Association Conference, Tucson, AZ
  - Obiora (2005) Speaker, Pan-Igbo Global Conference, Dallas, Texas
  - Obiora (2004) Speaker, Djerassi Program Open House, Woodside, California
  - Obiora (2004) “Comparative Law and Human Rights,” American Comparative Law Society Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
  - Obiora (2004) Prospects for Substantive Gender Programming in Africa,” Faculty Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT
  - Obiora (2003) Speaker, Tufts University Sociology/Anthropology Department, Cambridge
  - Obiora (2003) Speaker, 2003-2004 Distinguished Gladstein Lecture, UCONN, Storrs, CT
  - Obiora (2003) Speaker, Dartmouth College Liberal Arts & Rockefeller Center Lectures
  - Obiora (2003) “Where have all the Race Critics Gone?” Law & Society Meeting, Pittsburg
  - Obiora (2003) “New Directions in Sexual Harassment Research,” Panel Chair/Discussant, Law & Society Annual Conference, Pittsburg, PA
  - Obiora (2003) Economic, Social & Cultural Rights in Africa Conference, Northwestern U
  - Obiora (2003) Tempo International Conference Sixth Annual Conf, Washington, DC
  - Obiora (2003) “Human Rights as an Organizing Metaphor for Substantive Gender Programming,” Women’s Law Reporter Conference, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
  - Obiora (2003) “The Full Belly Quotient: Renegotiating a Rite of Passage,” University of Notre Dame Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame, IN
  - Obiora (2002) “When Rights Become Sexy,” Gender & Globalization Lecture, Syracuse U
  - Obiora (2002) Speaker, Albany Law School Stoneman Symposium, Albany, NY
  - Obiora (2002) “Collision of Culture and Women’s Rights,” Am Soc. Ass. Conf., Chicago
  - Obiora (2002) Presenter, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, UCONN, Storrs
  - Obiora (2001) “Human Rights & Development” Cal State University Conf., Sacramento
  - Obiora (2001) Panelist, Center for the Humanities Conference, Oregon State U., Corvallis
  - Obiora (2001) Speaker, Indiana University Women’s Studies Lecture Series, Indianapolis
  - Obiora (2000) Panelist, Am. Assoc. of Law Schools Human Rts. Workshop, Washington
  - Obiora (2001) Panelist, Voice of America Nigeria’s Quest for Democracy Symp. WAS DC
  - Obiora (2000) Panelist, Women in the Law Conference, Indianapolis, IN
  - Obiora (2000) Panelist, Trans-Africa Forum Viewpoint, Washington, DC
  - Obiora (2000) Speaker, UCLA Law School Faculty Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA
  - Obiora (2000) Panelist, Cornell Law School Comparative Concepts of Equality Workshop
  - Obiora (2000) Panelist, American Society of Intl Law Annual Meetings, Washington, DC

- Obiora (2000) Speaker, Woodrow Wilson & Women's Studies Centers Forum, Princeton
- Obiora (2000) Panelist, AALS Property Law and Minority Sections Joint Mtg., WAS, DC
- Obiora (1999) Panelist, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- Obiora (1999-93) Panelist, Law and Colonialism in Africa Symposia, Stanford, Palo Alto
- Obiora (1999) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Meetings, Chicago, IL
- Obiora (1999) Panelist, American Society of International Law Meetings, Washington, DC
- Obiora (1999) Panelist, American Society for Philosophy & Public Affairs Conf., Berkeley
- Obiora (1999) Panelist, Human Rights and Its Application in Africa, Syracuse, NY
- Obiora (1999) Discussant, World Bank Education/Oral Tradition Workshop, WAS
- Obiora (1998) Honoree, University of Wisconsin Legal Studies Flourishing Scholars
- Obiora (1998) Speaker, Dartmouth College Liberal Arts & Rockefeller Ctr Lectures
- Obiora (1998) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Meetings, Aspen, CO
- Obiora (1998) Speaker, Princeton University Department of Anthropology, Princeton
- Obiora (1998) "Change and Continuity in Gender Experiences," IAS, Princeton, NJ
- Obiora (1998) Panelist, Hayward Burns Memorial Conf., CUNY Law School, NYC
- Obiora (1998) "Reflections on Gender and Globalization," IAS, Princeton, NJ
- Obiora (1997) Discussant, Nigerian Scholars for Dialogue Forum, Niagara Falls, NY
- Obiora (1997) Lecturer, SUNY Buffalo Baldy/Human Rights Centers Short Course
- Obiora (1997) Panelist, Critical Race Theory Conference, Yale Law School
- Obiora (1997) Panelist/Discussant, 40<sup>th</sup> African Studies Association Conf., Columbus
- Obiora (1997) Panelist, Comparative Law in the United States, San Francisco, CA
- Obiora (1997) Panelist, University of California African Studies Conference, LA, CA
- Obiora (1997) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Meetings, St. Louis
- Obiora (1997) Panelist, Democratization and Federalism in Nigeria, OSU, Columbus
- Obiora (1997) Panelist, New Approaches to International Law, Harvard Law School
- Obiora (1997) Panelist, Cornell Law School Impact of Law on Women Conference
- Obiora (1997) Speaker, Case Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, OH
- Obiora (1996) Panelist/Discussant, 39<sup>th</sup> African Studies Assoc. Conf., San Francisco
- Obiora (1996) Panelist, Comparative Law in the U.S – *Quo Vadis?* Ann Arbor, MI
- Obiora (1996) Faculty, Law and Society Summer Institute, Berkeley, CA
- Obiora (1996) Discussant, Emory Law School Cultural Transformation Consultations
- Obiora (1996) Feature Guest, Chicago Feminist Collective, Chicago, IL
- Obiora (1996) Panelist, Harvard Law School Program on Lawyers without Borders
- Obiora (1996) Speaker, SUNY Binghamton African Origins & New Diaspora Conf.
- Obiora (1996) Panelist, Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies Conf, Bloomington,
- Obiora (1996) Guest Speaker, Wabash College Intl & Gender Issues Prog, Crawford
- Obiora (1995) Panelist/Discussant, 38<sup>th</sup> African Studies Association Conf., Orlando
- Obiora (1995) Speaker, Washington State U Liberal Arts Speaker Forum, Pullman WA
- Obiora (1995) Panelist, United Nations at 50, Governors State University, Chicago, IL
- Obiora (1994) Presenter, Modern Language Association Convention, San Diego, CA
- Obiora (1994) Discussant, American Studies Assoc. Plenary Roundtable, Nashville
- Obiora (1994) Lecturer, SUNY Buffalo Baldy & Human Rights Centers Short Course
- Obiora (1994) Panelist, Kentucky Humanities Council & U. of Louisville Forum
- Obiora (1994) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Meetings, Phoenix
- Obiora (1994) Guest Speaker, Notre Dame Law Sch. Ctr. for Human Rts. & Civil Law
- Obiora (1994) Panelist, Dusable Museum Film Series: "Warrior Marks," Chicago
- Obiora (1994) Moderator & Presenter, Black Women in the Academy Conf, MIT
- Obiora (1993) Chair, Discussant and/or Panelist, Law & Society Meetings, Chicago
- Obiora (1993) Panelist/Discussant, 36<sup>th</sup> African Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Boston
- Obiora (1992) Panelist/Discussant, 35<sup>th</sup> African Studies Assoc. Annual Conf., Seattle
- Obiora (1992) Panelist, Intl Federation of University Women Conference, Stanford

**C. Regional, State, and Local Presentations**

- Obiora (2025) Protecting Africa's Cultural Property, May 7 Coffee Chat, UA Soc Sci 128
- Obiora (2019) A New Society, IPSP Documentary Screening Panel, Loft Cinema, Tucson
- Obiora (2012) "Realizing Progressive Realizations", Rights & Translation Conf., Tucson
- Obiora (2010) Challenges of Mining in Nigeria, Arizona Geological Society, Tucson, AZ
- Obiora (2009) Moderator, Plyer v. Doe Conference, UA College of Law, Tucson
- Obiora (2008) "Self-Determination and Agency," Africa Initiative Project, ASU, Tempe
- Obiora (2008), Global Society and Justice Inter-Disciplinary Workshop, UA, Tucson
- Obiora (2008) Speaker, University of Arizona Africana Studies Program Lecture Series
- Obiora (2006) "Theorizing Globalization in Relation to Justice," Commentator, Global Society and Justice Inter-Disciplinary Workshop, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- Obiora (2002) "A Refuge from Tradition: Reflections on an Emerging Paradigm for Asylum Status," University of Arizona Sex, Race and Globalization Conference, Tucson, AZ
- Obiora (2001) Discussant, University of Arizona Latin American Studies Conference
- Obiora (1999) Discussant, UA Middle Eastern Studies Ctr. Peace-Keeping Conf., Tucson
- Obiora (1998) Plenary Speaker, UN Center Sonoran People's Summit, Tucson, AZ
- Obiora (1998) Speaker, University of Arizona Africana Studies Program Lecture Series
- Obiora (1997) Speaker, University of Arizona Anthropology Department Lecture Series
- Obiora (1997) Speaker, University of Arizona Law College Faculty Workshop, Tucson
- Obiora (1995) Moderator, Indiana University Law School Centennial Celebration
- Obiora (1994) Speaker, Indiana U. Law Faculty & Intl Law Society Colloq., Indianapolis
- Obiora (1993) Speaker, Indiana University Law Faculty & Intl Law Society Colloquia

## SELECT SERVICE

### A. Professional and Inter-Disciplinary

Reviewer, Promotion, Tenure and Dissertation Files for various US and International Universities  
 Fellowship, Grant and/or Program Reviewer, MacArthur Foundation  
 Fellowship, Grant and/or Program Reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies  
 Fellowship, Grant and/or Program Reviewer, National Science Foundation  
 Fellowship, Grant and/or Program Reviewer, Social Science Research Council  
 Article Reviewer, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society  
 Article Reviewer, Meridians: Feminism, Race and Transnationalism  
 Article Reviewer, American Anthropologist  
 Article Reviewer, African Studies Review  
 Article Reviewer, African Literature Review  
 Article Reviewer, Journal of African Law  
 Article Reviewer, Law & Society Review  
 Article Reviewer, Law & Social Inquiry  
 Article Reviewer, American Journal of Comparative Law  
 Article Reviewer, Women Studies International Forum  
 Article Reviewer, Canadian Journal of Women & Law  
 Article Reviewer, Dialectic Anthropology  
 Article Reviewer, Transforming Anthropology  
 Article Reviewer, Canadian J. of Political Science  
 Manuscript Reviewer, Bloomsbury Hart Publishing  
 Manuscript Reviewer, University of California Press  
 Manuscript Reviewer, University of Florida Press  
 Manuscript Reviewer, Palgrave MacMillan  
 Reviewer, EuroMoney Periodical Award  
 Contributor, Business Eye Periodical Special Issue  
 External Reviewer, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
 Guest Editor and Reviewer, Law & Policy Review  
 Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2017-Present  
 Member, Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Studies Board of Trustees, 2017-2019

Member, Law & Society Association Board, Executive Committee, 2015-2017  
 Member, Law & Society Association Board of Trustees, 2015-2017  
 Member, Law and Society Association Governance Committee 2018  
 Member, Law & Society Association, Membership Sub-Committee 2015/2016  
 Member, Law & Society Association, Audit Committee, 2015-2018  
 Member, Law & Society Association, International Scholarship Prize Committee, 2012/2013  
 Chair, Law & Society Association, Wheeler Award Committee, 2010/2011  
 Member, Law & Society Association Board of Trustees, 2004-2006  
 Member, Law & Society Association, Program Committee, 1997/1998  
 Past Member, Law & Society Association, International Activities Committee  
 Past Member, Law and Society Association, Review Editor Search Committee  
 Founding Member & Facilitator, Law and Society Association African Renaissance Committee  
 Past Member, American Bar Association, African Law Section Steering Committee  
 Past Editor, American Bar Association, African Law Year-in-Review  
 Founding Member, African Women Scholars Association  
 Founding Member, Nigerian Scholars for Dialogue

#### **B. National and International**

Profiled, Latanya Frett, *The Everyday Feminist: The Key to Sustainable Social Impact* (Wiley: 2023)  
 Recipient, Gender Equity and Reconciliation International Fellowship, 2022  
 Convener, LEAD Presidential Forum, Singapore Management University, March 2016  
 Convener, LEAD Presidential Forum, Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar, March 2016  
 Convener, LEAD Presidential Forum, US Institute for Peace, Washington, DC, April 2015  
 Facilitator, LEAD Presidential Forum, Johns Hopkins University SAIS & BSPH, DC & MD, Apr 2015  
 Guest, Presidential Learning Collaboration and Study Tour, Singapore Management University, Jul '14  
 Guest, Russian International Affairs Council and New Eurasia Foundation, Moscow, July 2014  
 Facilitator, Platform of African Diaspora Youth (PADY) Learning Tours, Singapore, 2014  
 Facilitator, Platform of African Diaspora Youth (PADY) Learning Tours, Moscow, 2014  
 Facilitator, Platform of African Diaspora Youth (PADY) Retreat, Greenwich CT, April 2014  
 Facilitator, CBN Financial Inclusion Capacity Building Training Program, Abuja, March 2014  
 Facilitator, BRAC Capacity Building Training Initiative, Dhaka, January 2014  
 Facilitator, Ministry of Justice Liberia Separation of Powers Intervention, Monrovia, January 2014  
 Facilitator, Faith-Based Organizations Peace Architecture Initiative, Onitsha, Nigeria, December 2013  
 Facilitator, CJES Rivers State Government Educational Reform Collaborative, New York, Sept 2013  
 Facilitator, Presidential Papers Project, Nigeria, 2012-2013  
 Curator, BRAC Study Tour, Dhaka, Bangladesh, June 2012  
 Facilitator, Leadership Enterprise for African Development (LEAD) Retreat, Nigeria House, NYC, '10  
 Collaborator, Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, October 2010  
 Participant, Leaders Quest Social Enterprises Study Tour, Brazil, September 2011  
 Participant, Leaders Quest Social Enterprises Study Tours, Russia, November 2010  
 Participant, Leaders Quest Social Enterprises Study Tours, India, March 2010  
 Participant, Leaders Quest Social Enterprises Study Tours, China, November 2009  
 Participant, Leaders Quest Social Enterprises Study Tour, South Africa & Mozambique, May-June 2009  
 Faculty Advisor, China-Africa Directed Reading Course, Yale U. McMillan Center, New Haven  
 Host, Leaders Quest Social Enterprises Study Tour, Nigeria, February 2009  
 Reviewer, Nigerian Planning Commission Aid Effectiveness Research Data, 2009  
 Facilitator, US-Nigeria Council Inauguration, Washington, D.C., November 2007  
 Convener, International Mining Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, February 2007  
 Chair, UN Expert Group Meeting on Equal Participation of Women and Men in Decision-Making 2005  
 Participant, Rockefeller Foundation Philanthropy Workshops, Uganda, Berlin & Poland 2005  
 Recipient, Flora Nwapa Recognition of Service Excellence Award 2000  
 Past Trustee, Center for Human Security, Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library  
 Member, Sessions, Trinity Presbyterian Church, & Board of Trustees, Kids International Neighborhood

Member, Board of Trustees, Freedom Foundation and Board of Trustees, Living Springs Schools  
 Member, Advisors/Friends, Global Philanthropy Alliance, Hiinga, & ONE Campaign Ubuntu Circle  
 Past Member, Tucson Human Relations Commission, & People for Access to Tucson Advisory Council  
 Past Member, Casa de los Ninos Board of Trustees, and U. of A. SIFE Business Advisory Board  
 Past Member, Advisory Council, Institute for Global Engagement Ctr for Women, Faith and Leadership  
 Speaker at various International Mining Conferences, including PDAC, Indaba, Perth Africa Down-Under  
 Interviewee on various Print & Broadcast Media Programs in Africa, Europe, United States & Asia

**A. Institutional and Community Outreach/Engagement**

Guest Speaker, Cultural Heritage Law Senior Seminar, DePaul University College of Law, Jan 2021  
 Co-Offendor, Danida Fellowship Center Research Grants Calls – Prequalification Concept Note Jan 2019  
 Lecturer, Rutgers University New Brunswick Social Justice Capstone Seminar – Ileana Nachescu, 2019  
 Lecturer, U. Arizona Law College Undergrad Constitutional Law Course – Sakall, Jan 2019 & Apr '18  
 Lead Faculty, #MeToo Leadership Development Community Haury Seed Grant Proposal, May 2018  
 Speaker, Community Update, Agnes Helm Haury Foundation YWCA Seed Grant, May 2018  
 Guest, Mrs. Greenworld Podcast, Agnes Helm Haury Foundation YWCA Seed Grant, May 2018  
 Lead Faculty, Agnes Helm Haury Foundation YWCA Seed Grant Project 2017-2019  
 Anchor/Collaborator, Bookmans Books for Africa Donation 40ft Container Shipments 2018-2005  
 Offeror, DOD Minerva Research Initiative Collaborative Research White Paper, 2016 & 2017  
 PI, United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women Collaborative Grant Proposal 2016  
 PI, National Science Foundation, Law and Society Program, Comparative Research Proposal 2016  
 Offeror, Qatar Foundation LEAD Collaborative Grant White Paper, 2016  
 "Dr Emeka Show," Interactive Radio Program on the Philadelphia WURD 900 AM, Aug 2015  
 Onyekwa Nwelu, Documentary – *Flora Nwapa, Africa's First Published Female Novelist*  
 Curator, Arizona Humanities Council Human Rights Film Rev: Tall as Boabab Tree, Tucson, Mar 2014  
 Curator, Loft Cinema Film Festival Screening – Mother of George, Tucson, November 2013  
 Guest, The Mikie Show, Public Radio Program, Oracle, AZ, March 2013  
 Moderator, Israel and Palestine: States of Construction and Deconstruction, Tucson, February 2013  
 Guest Speaker, Stephen Gilliland's Eller College Social Entrepreneurship Seminar, Tucson, Nov 2010  
 Keynote Speaker, Phi Beta Kappa Initiation Banquet, Tucson, May 2010  
 University of Arizona, Africa Subcommittee, Nov 2009  
 Model Teacher, Paulo Freire Freedom School: Law & Community Intersect Module, Tucson, Nov 2009  
 Guest Feature, Access Tucson My Commentary Broadcast, Tucson, April 2008  
 Guest Speaker, United Nations Association of Southern Arizona, Tucson, February 2008  
 Panelist, Access Tucson Political Perspectives TV Broadcast, Tucson, January 2008  
 Lecturer, U. of Arizona Honors College International Studies Colloquium on Africa, Tucson, Oct 2008  
 Keynote, University of Arizona African Students' Association Annual Banquet, Tucson, Nov 2007  
 Reviewer, Loft Cinema Film Screening – "Bamako," Tucson, August 2007  
 Project Incubator & Guest Speaker, Eller College Social Entrepreneurship Seminar, Tucson, April 2006  
 Speaker, Save-Dafur Community Collaborative Rally, Tucson, April 2006  
 Reviewer, Loft Cinema Film Screening – "Sisters in Law" & "Moolade," Tucson, Feb 2006 & 2005  
 Moderator, United Nations Indigenous Peoples Seminar, UA Law College, Tucson, October 2005  
 Guest Speaker, United Nations Association of Southern Arizona, August 2005  
 Guest, Cele Petersen Radio Program, Tucson, 2003 & Guest, Diva Talk, Radio Programs, Tucson, 2003  
 Speaker, "Human Rights and Substantive Gender Equity," University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
 Speaker, UCONN Curricular Seminars: Krisch, Gugler, Meyer/Dussart, Abdel Halim, Gurung, Longueville  
 Keynote Address, Model United Nations Conference, Tucson, March 2002  
 Speaker & Campus Coordinator, Arizona Bar Association World Peace Through Law Forum, '98-2000  
 Speaker, USAID International Outreach Program, Pima County Legal Defenders October 1998  
 Speaker, Great Decisions Forum, Jewish Community Center, Tucson, October 1998  
 Speaker, Sunrise Elementary School, Tucson, February 1998  
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