

Curriculum Vitae

John-Patrick A. Ifedi, PhD



Dr. John-Patrick A. Ifedi earned his Ph.D. in Political Science with concentration in the areas of International Political Economy, International Relations and Methodology and Comparative Politics (Africa and the Caribbean) at Howard University in 1995. In addition to Howard, he has taught at Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), and the University of Jos in Jos, Nigeria.

He served in a managerial capacity in various areas of the U.S. federal civil service (U.S. Justice Department, D.C. court services agency, and the superior court of the District of Columbia) for over twenty-two years, between 1990 and 2015.

In 1992, he founded the Council on African World Affairs in the District of Columbia, a foreign affairs organization dedicated to educating the professional, policy, attentive and general public on policy, political and social developments and issues in the African world. He also founded, in 2014, and presides over the American Social Skills Education and Development (ASSED), an organization that is focused on providing social and life skills education to the professional and general public. Dr. Ifedi is also the president of Machiavel Strategies, a political and economic advisory outfit in Washington, D.C.

He has undertaken many political consulting election and Democracy Development assignments in Eastern Europe, especially Kosovo and Bosnia-i-Herzegovina; the most prominent is his participation as an election supervisor in Tuzla and Banovici, Bosnia, in 1996, under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the U.S. State Department to supervise the municipal elections, part of the diplomatic protocols and agreements leading to the cessation of hostilities and end to the Bosnian civil war.

Dr. Ifedi has published in various scholarly peer reviewed journals in Political Science and has co-edited two books on U.S. Foreign Policy in addition to having presented in many scholarly conferences in the US and abroad. He is close to completing another book on U.S. foreign policy.

Dr. Ifedi earned a BA from the State University of Minnesota, Moorhead where he studied Biology, Chemistry, Political Science and Sociology; an M.A. in Political Science (Public Administration and U.S. Diplomatic History) from the University of North Dakota, Grand Fork,

North Dakota; his Ph.D. in Political Science with concentration in International Political Economy, International Relations, Comparative Politics and Methodology is from Howard. He also holds a Diploma in Human Services Management (2000) from the University of Maryland. ; and, he was selected for a post-doctoral fellowship in Political Economy as an Institute for British and Irish Studies scholar at St. Anthony's College, Oxford and Trinity College, Dublin in 1996. He is a recipient of many awards for his dedication to community leadership, service and public education.

Education

- 1995 Ph.D in Political Science : International Relations (National Security, Geo-Politics and Strategic Studies), International Political Economy, Political Methodology, and Comparative Government and Politics (Africa and the Caribbean).
Howard University, Washington, D.C.
- 1983 M.A. (Magna Cum Laude, Pi Sigma Alpha): International Relations/Public Administration; Minor/ U.S. Diplomatic History.

The University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.
- 1981 B.A. Major in Biology/Political Science; Minor in Chemistry/Sociology.

State University of Minnesota, Moorhead, MN.

Research Interests

International relations, Gender studies, Politics of Development and area studies, Strategic and Geopolitical studies, Democratization, Development studies.

Certifications

- 2000 Diploma: Human Services Management.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland.

Academic Appointment(s)/Professional Experience

- 2013 – Present Howard University, Washington, D.C. Lecturer, Full Time: Department of Political Science.
- 2014 (Fall) - Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland. Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science (International Law)
- 1995 – 2013. Howard University Washington, D.C. Adjunct Lecturer: Department of Political Science.
- 2011 – 2012. Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, Department of History and Political Science. Lecturer of Political Science
- 1992–1995. Howard University Washington, D.C. Associate Instructor: Department of Political Science.
- 1984–1988. Howard University, Washington, D.C. Graduate Teaching and Research assistant. Assisted Professor Patricia Ruffin with teaching and research.
- 1981–1983. University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Stephen Markovich.

Teaching Experience

World Imperialism/Globalization (Graduate) POLS. 226
Organizational Theory (Graduate), POLS. 209
Administrative Process (Graduate), POLS. 87508-216
Administration of the National Government (Graduate), POLS. 215
National Government of the U.S (Undergraduate), POLS 010
International Relations (Undergraduate), POLS. 128
Introduction to Political Science (Undergraduate), POLS. 001
American Presidency (Undergraduate, upper class), POLS. 144
American Foreign Policy (Undergraduate), POLS. 178
Comparative Politics -Africa and the Caribbean (Undergraduate),
Africa in World Politics (Undergraduate),POLS 273
Introduction to mPolitical Economy (Undergraduate), POLS. 008
Pan Africanism (Undergraduate), POLS. 006
Introduction to Research in Political Science, (Undergraduate), POLS.002

2011 – 2012 Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. *Adjunct Lecturer of Political Science*

American National Government
Introduction to Political Science

2014 (Spring Semester) Bowie State University, Bowie, MD. *Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science – International Law*

Publications and Literary Works

JP Afam Ifedi 2014. “Environmental Justice and Rights-Based Approaches to Development in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria,” in the Journal of International Studies and Development, Spring of 2013.

JP Afam Ifedi 2013. *Obama Administration’s Africa Policy of Military Intervention: The War on Libya*, in Assessing Obama Administration’s Africa Intervention Policy, New York, The University Press of America, 2014.

JP Afam Ifedi 2012. *Rights-Based Approach as the Basis for Sustainable Peace and Development in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria*, article in book, 21st Century African Problems, by Mohammed El Khawas (ed.), Mellen Press.

JP Afam. Ifedi and J Ndumbe Anyu 2011. “Blood Oil: Ethnic Conflict and Development, The Niger Delta Region of Nigeria in Political and Historical Perspective,” in Mediterranean Quarterly, Spring 2011.

JP Afam. Ifedi 2009, (ed.) *Assessing Bush's Policy Toward Africa and Recommendations for the New American President*, New York: The Africa Institution, 2009.

J. Anyu Ndumbe and JP Afam. Ifedi 2008. “*China's Ventures in Africa: Patterns, Prospects, and Implications for Africa's Development*,” Mediterranean Quarterly, Vol. 19, Number 4, Fall 2008.

J. Anyu Ndumbe and JP Afam. Ifedi 2007. “*West African Gas Pipeline Project and Economic Development in the West Africa Sub-Region*,” Journal of Development Alternatives and Area Studies, (June 2007).

JP Afam Ifedi (ed.) 2007. *Stakes in Africa-U.S. Relations and Challenges of Capitalism/Democracy to Third World Development: U.S. Energy Policy in Africa*, New York: The Africa Institution, 2007.

JP Afam Ifedi 1995. Unpublished Ph.D Dissertation: U.S. Hegemony and Foreign Policy in the Third World: Continuity and Change in the Use of Force as a Strategy of Containment, 1980-1990.

Academic Writings Pending Publication

JP Afam. Ifedi, *The Political Systems of Majority Moslem States: Djibouti*, article in a book, *The Political System of a Majority Moslem State*, (Karim Bangura,(ed.) by the African Institution, Washington, D.C. Forthcoming.

JP Afam. Ifedi, “*Oil and Ecology*,” *The Global South Journal*, currently under peer review/ pending publication. Spring, 2015.

JP Afam Ifedi, *Oil and Its Discontents: How it distorts the Economy, Breeds Violence, Fosters Corruption and Undermines Development in Nigeria*, Book Under Preparation. Due to Publisher in about June 2016.

Scholarly Presentations /Activities

“*Comparative Critical Analysis of the 2015 Nigeria Presidential Election: PDP and APC: A Diaspora Insight*,” being a panel discussion at the Diaspora and Nigerian Change Agenda Conference, State House Conference Hall, Aso Rock, Abuja, August 24-25, 2015

“*Contributions of Nigerians in the Diaspora to National Development: A Political and Economic Perspective*,” being a panel discussion at the Diaspora and Nigerian Change Agenda Conference, State House Conference Hall, Aso Rock, Abuja, August 24-25, 2015

Obama Administration's Africa Policy of Military Intervention: The War on Libya: Paper presented at the 30th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, October 11-13, 2012 at Berry College, Rome, Georgia.

Political Economy of Managing Sub-Sahara Africa's Competitiveness in the Global Economy: Good-Governance and its Nexus to Institution and Infrastructure Development, Paper Presented

at the Annual Conference of the Faculty of Management Sciences International Conference, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria, December 12-14, 2012.

Women: Impediments to Participation in Politics (a Meta-analysis of selected research, writings, and comments), being a paper presented at the Women for Democracy's Annual Seminar/Conference, Beltsville, Maryland, November 12, 2011.

Institutional Foundations of Nigeria's Developmental Challenges: Problems Inhibiting Development and Approaches to overcoming them," Research Paper Presented in the Conference on African/Caribbean Economic Development at the African Fellowship of the Riverside Church, New York, N.Y. October 15, 2011.

"Structure of electoral systems and democratic transformation in Nigeria," 5th National Diaspora Conference on Nigeria's Transformational Agenda: The Diaspora Perspective." July 25 to 27, 2011. Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja, Nigeria.

Public Administration and Organization Performance Improvement Study, Analysis and Recommendations: Development of Performance Measure, and Compliance Review of the Interstate-Out supervision Program of the Court Services Agency for the District of Columbia, September 10, 2010.

Brain Drain, Brain Gain, or Brain Circulation: The Case of Africa Focus on Travails and Other Challenges, Paper Presented to the 2006 African Studies Research Forum (ASRF) / Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) Conference, Winston Salem, North Carolina, November 2006

Ralph Bunche's accomplishments in the United Nations, paper presented at the annual Ralph Bunche lectures on International Peace and Security at the City University of New York, NYC, 1986.

Other/Non-Academic Position(s)/Activities

1992 – Present: Executive Director, the Council on African World Affairs, A Foreign Affairs, Education and Development Non-Governmental Organization dedicated to educating members and the public about African affairs and promoting development in the African World.

2007 – 2015: Supervisory Manager, Interstate Compact Administration, the Court Services Agency for the District of Columbia – an independent federal executive branch agency under the U.S. Justice Department.

1999 - 2007: Program Manager, Cognitive Restructuring Programs (Domestic and Substance Abuse Intervention Treatment Program), the Court Services Agency for the District of Columbia, an independent United States federal government executive branch agency.

1990 – 2007: Assessment Coordinator/Program Analyst, High Intensity Treatment and Supervision Program, The Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

2009 Adjunct Instructor (Trainer) in Interstate Compact Supervision, Community Supervision Officers Academy at the Court Services Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) - an independent United States federal government executive branch agency under Justice Department.

1984. Graduate Assistant to Professor Richard Seltzer in the Prince Georges County Jury Selection Study, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Academic Advising and Dissertation/Thesis Directed

Ph.D Dissertation Committee Member – Geoffrey Bell - *Impact of Digital Social Capital on Digital Activism Social Activism among Howard University Students: A Triangulative Analysis.*

Ph.D Dissertation Committee – Graves – *Economic Development in Transitioning Governments: Emphasis on Nigerian and Venezuela.*

Ph.D Dissertation Committee – Janeen Guest – *China's Infrastructure Aid to Nigeria and Economic Development.*

Ph.D Dissertation Committee - Gerald Keith Foston - *Peculiar Capitalism in Tennessee: Race, Mass Incarceration, Felony Disenfranchisement, and Lack of Political Will to Address Social Inequality, 1960-2014.*

M.A. Thesis – Michael Anderson, *The Voting Rights Act of 1964: 2013 U.S. Supreme Court's Ruling against Vital Sections of the Law.*

M.A. Thesis – Toni Reynolds-Criner, *China's One Child Policy and its Nexus to Human Trafficking.*

M.A. Thesis - Alleyne Kyrie –

Public Service

2015 – Panelist on Afrobeat Radio, New York City, on Democracy, Development and Implications for Nigeria's Future Post 2015 Presidential Elections *or at* (<http://www.afrobeatradio.com/social-political/2015/4/8/democracy-and-social-in-2015-implications-for-nigerias-future-post-2015-presidential-elections>)

2014 – Present: Member of the Editorial Board of the Trent (On-Line) Newspaper, Nigeria.

2014 – Present: Columnist and Political/Social Commentator for the Trent (On-Line) Newspaper, Nigeria.

2010 – Present: member of the editorial board of the 21st Century Afro American Journal:, A Forum of Issues and Opinions, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

2009 – Textbook reviewer, American Government Textbook by Raphael Sonenstein, Bedford/St. Martin's Press, Boston, Massachusetts (Adrienne Hiltz, Editorial Assistant).

International Activities

2015. Nigeria Presidential Election Observer under the auspices of the Council on African World Affairs, USA.

2011. Nigeria Presidential Election Observer under the auspices of the Council on African World Affairs, USA.

1997. U.S. member of the Dayton Accord mandated Municipal election mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, as an election supervisor, under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the U.S. Department of State

Recognition, Awards, Honors

1996. Selected fellow of The Institute of British and Irish Studies at St. Anthony's College, Oxford and Trinity College, Dublin in International Political Economy.

1981. The National Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha). Vice President: Nu Xi Chapter, the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

1985. The National Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha). Member: Howard University Chapter, Washington, DC.

1980. Dean's list at the State University of Minnesota, Moorhead.

Membership of Professional and Scholarly Bodies

Member: African Studies Research Forum (ASRF) of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS)

Executive Director: The Council on African World Affairs

Member: The Academy of Political Science (USA)

Member: American Political Science Society (APSS).

Member: American Political Science Association (APSA).

Member: Baltimore, Maryland's Council on Foreign Affairs.

Member: Washington, D.C. Council on World Affairs.