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NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Arise, o compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labor of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom,
peace and unity.

OUA ANTHEM

- Hail to thee, Awo Varsity hails
Our Alma Mater, hail
Our Place of Learning and Culture
The pride of our Fatherland

REFRAIN: All hail (brothers hail)
All praise (sisters hail)
All hail GREAT IFE, hail
Hail her for her beauty
Praise her for her wisdom
The pride of our Fatherland
- Hail to thee, O.A.U Great Ife
The Citadel of Wisdom
The place of Arts and Science
Where men and women seek knowledge
- Hail to thee, the Great Iroko Tree
That hands its branches like a paw-paw
The haven for scholars and discoverers
The pride of young and old

GREAT IFE ANTHEM

Great Ife! Great Ife!

Africa's most beautiful campus
Conscious, Vigilant, Progressive
Aluta against all oppressions
Forward Ever, Backward Never
For Learning and Culture,
Sports and Struggle.

G-r-e-a-t Ife! Great!
I love you!
There's no other great Ife
in the universe
Another Great Ife is a counterfeit!
Great, Great! Great! Great! G-r-e-a-t!

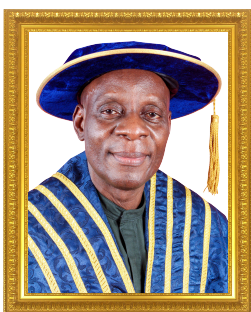




Professor A.S. Bamire
Vice-Chancellor



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Deputy Vice-Chancellor
(Academic)



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Registrar and Secretary
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**Dr. (Mrs.) O.A.
Fadehan**
Librarian



Mrs. O.I. Abogan
Bursar



CHAIRMAN, APPRECIATION COMMITTEE'S ADDRESS

The Vice Chancellor, The Deputy Vice Chancellors here present, our distinguished awardees, who had worked as Principal Officers and contributed diligently to building this great university from 1962 to the present day, and all the guests of our awardees.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you to this special appreciation and award programme, creatively engineered by our dynamic Vice Chancellor, Prof Adebayo Bamire. What is happening today is borne out of a vision that it is better to celebrate people and appreciate what they have done when they are alive. It is better to show your love, hug and make sacrifices to touch lives of people, who have lived worthy lives and impacted humanity. We resolved that we will not save our accolades for the pages of burial programmes because the dead won't read it, hence this programme.

Distinguished awardees, the current Vice Chancellor recognizes that the then University of Ife and now Obafemi Awolowo University is a unique University by all standards. It is a university that has cultural, political, physical, and spiritual dimensions and these make its governance challenging. Thus, this university has never been an institution that is easy to govern. Our records indicate that each of our awardees of today went through a lot at different times while managing this University and by dint of hard work succeeded in advancing it. We noticed that among the many intellectual stars who have worked in this university, our awardees of today were great stars who pressed by God's grace to become principal officers and served to advance the institution.

Distinguished awardees and all guests here present, the Vice Chancellor, Prof Adebayo Bamire, representing the entire management and university community, with a grateful heart, wishes by this programme, to:

First, thank the Almighty God who blessed each of you with good health and long life to witness this opportunity to celebrate you in your lifetime. Second, recognize your immense contributions over the years to the growth and development of this university from the beginning to the point that it is now. Third, deliver the university goodwill message, present the university appreciation award and token gift to each of you.

Last but not the least, to celebrate the grace of God on your life and encourage you to remember the university in your prayers, counsel and network or connections establishment for the university from your wealth of exposure and experience.

On behalf of the Vice Chancellor, who appointed me to serve in this capacity and the committee members, I welcome you back to your Great Ife University and believe that through today's programme, you will be more persuaded that your efforts in managing this great university have not been in vain and still speak till date.

**Professor A. A. Adebayo, Chairman Appreciation Planning
Committee**



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Development), Registrar and Secretary to Council, University Librarian, Bursar, all Deans, Distinguished Awardees, Guests of the Awardees, Members of the University Community, Gentlemen of the Press, Ladies and Gentlemen.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS

I am most delighted to welcome you to this auspicious and epoch-making occasion; the celebration of the outstanding men and women, who have participated in the active development and building of our great citadel of learning over the more than six decades of its existence. With great delight, I recognize that some of you were already Principal officers at the time I was a student in this university. I must say that you were great source of inspiration to many of us as students.

In my inspiration for this programme, I reasoned that a good number of the former Principal officers of this great university had passed on. They include, in the Vice-Chancellor category, Prof. Oladele Ajose (1962 to 1966), Prof. H. A. Oluwasanmi (1966 to 1975), Prof. Ojetunji Aboyade (1975 to 1978), Prof. Cyril Agodi Onwumechili (1979 to 1982) and others, who were Deputy Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Bursars and Librarians. These were people who laboured to give this university the unusual foundation and structures that we have been building on over the years. May I respectfully request that we all stand up for a minute in honour of the memory of these great heroes and heroines?

Distinguished participants in this great occasion, I reasoned at my assumption of office as the 12th Substantive Vice Chancellor of this great University, that we can do better by celebrating our great teachers, leaders, and university administrators, who are awardees of today, when alive. As I went through the institutional records, I recognized that many of you have laboured over this university without having had the opportunity to be celebrated for your invaluable contributions to the Great Ife project. I also observed that in some cases, instead of recognition of your sacrifices, rejection was the reward. Therefore, we have put this programme together to celebrate you and cheer you from our heart for your innovative ideas and meticulous work at different times in the history of this great university. We put this programme together to provide a platform to tell you that you laboured for a just cause in your active service in this great university. Thank you for your excellent work and for being part of the great team of builders. I stand here today on behalf of the Council, Management and the entire community of this University, to tell you that your efforts are still speaking and have continued to inspire us to put in our best for posterity.

My vision for the university is to leverage on the existing foundation, harness the alumni potential and Great Ife brand to creatively mobilize resources and transform all existing structures. I seek to exploit all existing national and international platforms available for a public university like ours to grow and develop beyond the point where it was handed over to me.

Within the last one year, our university has grown in leaps and bounds, despite challenges in the national milieu and our immediate environment. Just last week, at the 47th Convocation ceremonies of



the University, we graduated over 8, 000 students, comprising 6, 739 undergraduate, 26 Postgraduate Diploma, 122 Master of Philosophy, 415 Masters by Research and 247 Doctor of Philosophy students and some more, who were found to be worthy in both character and learning, as is our mantra here at GREAT IFE. At the undergraduate level, we had 158 First Class Honours, 1, 970 Second Class Honours (Upper Division), 2, 122 Second Class Honours (Lower Division), 942 Third Class Honours and 65 Pass degrees awarded; a significant improvement over the statistics of the 46th Convocation ceremonies. All of these have been made possible by our team of dedicated staff and committed leadership. We have enjoyed the support of our host environment and successfully attracted support from both alumni and friends of the university, to augment the government subvention, which we all know is grossly insufficient to meet the needs of the university. If it was so at the time you were at the helm of affairs here, you can imagine what the situation is like now. Also, we are privileged to have been selected to host the West African University Games (WAUG) on this beautiful estate from the 15th to 22nd, December, 2023.

Furthermore, we have been able to maintain and improve on our academic programmes with the introduction of new ones in the fields of Nutrition, Computer engineering, Cyber security, Information systems and Software engineering, among others, during the year. We are also prioritizing entrepreneurship education and encouraging a review of curriculum across faculties to meet the demands of the current times. Also, our ecosystem is being repositioned as a hub for research, innovation and development. We have also institutionalized the celebration of excellence through an annual award as approved by the Senate of the University, the maiden edition of which has attracted funding support and mentorship for 238 students in the first class category for the current year.

Moreover, I would like to inform this august gathering that, we are taking very seriously the issue of staff welfare and student experience. This, we do, through a digital tracking of review cases, and the recognition of staff with sterling performance and contributions to the development of the university. Our students are also being supported to cope with instalment payment of all charges and every other support system required to thrive and flourish within the university system as evidenced by our novel "Improving Student Experience: Pathway to Sustainable University Advancement" programme a few months ago.

We believe that we will be able to do much more in enhancing the quality of our academic, administrative and technological activities, as well as improving the infrastructure of the learning environment across board, with the support of the living founding fathers and friends of the university. Therefore, while celebrating your achievements in the yester-years, we urge you to continue to use your networks for the growth and development of the university. We appeal that you allow only the positive memories of your times here to flood your heart whenever you think of the university from time to time. We pray that, in your life time, you will witness greater progress and the sustained advancement of our beloved alma mater.

Before closing these remarks, I would like to appreciate the Planning Committee for this event, under the distinguished Chairmanship of Prof. A. A. Adebayo. Thank you for your commitment and dedication in seeing this through.

On this note, our fathers and mothers, ladies and gentlemen, I bid you welcome back to GREAT IFE.

Prof. A.S. Bamire, Vice-Chancellor





PROFESSOR WANDE ABIMBOLA VICE-CHANCELLOR (1 9 8 2 - 1 9 8 9)

Professor Chief **Ogunwande Wande Abimbola** was born on the 24th December 1932. He is one of Nigeria's foremost academics, a professor of Yoruba language and literature, and a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ile Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University). He has also served as the Majority Leader of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Chief Abimbola was installed as **Awise Awo Agbaye** in 1981 by the Ooni of Ife on the

recommendation of a conclave of Babalawos of Yoruba land.

Prof Abimbola received his first degree in history from the University College, Ibadan, in 1963 when that college was affiliated to the University of London. He received his Master's degree in Linguistics from the Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1966, and his Doctorate of Philosophy in Yoruba Literature from the University of Lagos in 1971. Abimbola was the first PhD graduate of the University of Lagos. He became a full Professor in 1976.

Abimbola taught in three Nigerian universities, namely the University of Ibadan from 1963 to 1965, University of Lagos from 1966 to 1972, and the University of Ife from 1972 to 1991. He has also taught at several US universities, including Indiana University, Amherst College, Harvard University, Boston University, Colgate University, and most recently, the University of Louisville. Abimbola has written books on Ifá and Yoruba culture. In 1977, Abimbola's *Ifa Divination Poetry* was published by NOK publishers.

It is important to state that Prof Wande Abimbola founded the Department of African Languages and Literatures, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and was Head of the Department from 1975 to 1979; 1979 to 1980; and 1981 to 1982. He was elected the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife 1977 to 1979 and Vice-chancellor,



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University of Ile-Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) -1982–1989.

In reference to culture, Prof Wande Abimbola is the Director, UNESCO Proclamation of Intangible Cultural Heritage award to Nigeria, Subject Matter: Ifa from 2005 to date. He was Adviser to the Nigerian President on Traditional Matters and Cultural Affairs, Office of the Presidency, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria- 2003–2005; Member, Council for the World's Religions – 1995-1998; Senate Majority Leader, Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria -1992–1993; Special Adviser to the Governor of Oyo State, Nigeria – 1992; Installed as Asiawaju Awo of Remo, Nigeria- 1990 to date; Installed as Elemoso of Ketu, Benin Republic - 1986—to date; President, International Congress of Orisa Tradition and Culture - 1981—to date; and Installed as Awise Awo Ni Agbaye (literally *World Spokesperson for Ifa and Yoruba Religion*) - 1981—to date.
Consecrated as Babalawo (Ifa Priest) - 1971—to date.

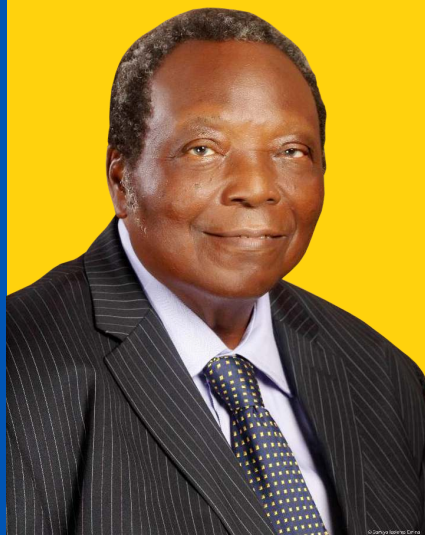
On public service appointment, he served as Chairman, Governing Board, Oyo State College of Arts and Science, Ile-Ife – 1981-1989; Chairman, Oyo State Tourist Committee - 1979—1982; Chairman, Board of Directors, University of Ife Guest Houses Limited - 1978—1984; Chairman, Oyo State Broadcasting Corporation -1976—1978; Chairman, Board of Governors, Olivet Baptist High School, Olivet Heights, Oyo -1974—1984; Chairman, Oyo Zonal Health Board and Member of the State Health Council -1974–1976.



PROFESSOR CALEB A. OSUNTOGUN

VICE-CHANCELLOR (1990-1991)

Professor Adeniyi Osuntogun was born in Ibadan on 14th, April 1943. He is the Founder/Chairman, Resource Integrated Development Foundation (RIDF) a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) whose objective is to promote sustainable development through research, capacity development and advocacy. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria in 1967 and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Leeds, United Kingdom in 1971. He was Vice Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria from January 1990 to September 1991. He was a member of the Pioneer Governing Council of the Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Nigeria from 2003 to 2013. He is currently, a member of the Board of Trustees of Ajayi Crowther University since March 2023 to date. He was a member of the Governing Council / Development Committee of the Technical University, Ibadan, Nigeria from 2012 to 2016. He was the Pro -Chancellor and Chairman of Governing Council, Kola Daiji University, Ibadan, Nigeria from January 2017 to February 2022. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kola Daiji University, Ibadan (March 2022 to date).



He was a member of the Governing Board of the West African Science Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) – A Post Graduate Capacity Building Initiative of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for Universities in West Africa. (2012 to 2020). He was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Governing Board of WASCAL between 2012 and 2015. He was the first Regional Programme Director for the Leadership for Environment and Development Programme (LEAD) for Anglophone West Africa, a Rockefeller Foundation Global Initiative on Capacity Building, (1992 to 2009). Professor Osuntogun is currently the Chairman of the Governing Board of LEAD Anglophone West Africa, (2019 to Date).

Professor Osuntogun's contribution to public service in Nigeria include the following, among others: Chairman, National Advisory Council for Co-operative Development,



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(1985 to 1987); Member, Board of Directors of Nigerian Agricultural and Co-operative Bank (NACB), (1977 to 1980); Member, National Preparatory Committee on Rio+10 and World Summit on Sustainable Development, (2002); Member, Ministerial Think Thank Committee on Climate Change, (2003).

Prof Osuntogun has served as Director/ Chairman of many Corporate/ Civil Society organisations such as: Foundation for Environmental Development and Education in Nigeria. (FEDEN); Network of Environmental Economics in West Africa; Kola Daiji Foundation; PZ CUSSONS Plc, Audit Committee - 2016 to 2018; NEPAD Session, 4th Global Multi-Stakeholder Forum at UNEP Governing Council Meeting, Nairobi, February, 2003; African Consultative Meeting for 8th Global Civil Society Forum, UNEP Nairobi, October, 2006; Expert Group Meeting on the Status of Sustainable Development for Africa, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Addis Ababa, 2005.

He has also served as a Consultant to many organizations some of which include the following, among others: The World Bank, FAO, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), UNDP, The Rockefeller Foundation, International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA), African Regional Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA), International Labour Organization (ILO), Winrock ONAL, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), IUCN, African Economic Research Consortium, (AERC), Nairobi, Kenya, UNIDO, DFID, UNIDO.

Professor Osuntogun has over 160 scholarly publications and holds the Nigerian National Honours award of OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC (OFR), 2011.

He is happily married to Professor (Mrs) Bolanle Osuntogun and the Union is blessed with Children, Grand Children, and Great Grand Children.



PROFESSOR WALE OMOLE

VICE-CHANCELLOR
(1991-1999)



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PROFESSOR WALE OMOLE, OFR, was born on August 13, 1942 at Ilesha, SW, Nigeria He obtained B.Sc honours degree in Agriculture 1968, Master of Philosophy degree in Animal Science (1968, 1970 and 1980), both at the University of Ife, and a PhD in Nutritional Biochemistry at the University of Alberta, Canada. Appointed Professor of Animal Science, University of Ife, 1980. He was Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University 1991-1999; was Chairman, Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Executive Board Member, Association of Commonwealth Universities and a life Member of International Association of University Presidents. He was selected the 1995 Man of the Year for Institutional Management by the American Biographical Institute. He is currently Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Hallmark University, Itele, Ogun State. He is a Member Board of Trustees Chrisland University, Abeokuta, Ogun State. He was Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council, Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho, Oyo State (2013-2017).

He is a Consultant and Adviser to a number of corporate outfits on Strategies and Value Creation from intangible assets, Conflict Resolution and Business Development. He is an Officer of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (OFR)

He is Chairman, Editorial Board and a Director of The Guardian (Newspapers), Nigeria, Fellow of Computer Association of Nigeria, Fellow of the Nigeria Union of Journalists, Director of private and public companies including Chairman, Ardat Scientific Ltd; Kajola Integrated Investment Plc; RODATI Limited, Ardat Nigeria Limited. A Trustee of Educational Research, and Leadership Foundations, he has over 100 Research-based Scientific Publications as well as several articles on Leadership, Socio-economic Development and Corporate Social Responsibility. He has served as Keynote and / or Guest Speaker within and outside Nigeria at over 200 professional, corporate, philanthropic and development activities. He is a recipient of several honours and awards including Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Professor Wale Omoles is the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Awolowo Centre for Philosophy, Ideology and Good Governance. He is the Chairman Board of Trustees, Obafemi Awolowo University Alumni Association worldwide.



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PROFESSOR R.O.A. MAKANJUOLA

Vice-Chancellor (1999-2006)

Prof. Roger Olatokun Aderibigbe Makanjuola is a Nigerian renowned Lecturer, Researcher and Administrator who was born on 4th April 1946 in London, United Kingdom. He started his education at the King's College, Lagos, and then went to the University of Ibadan, Nigeria where he read Physiology Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology between 1961 and 1971, he then proceeded to have both his M.Phil. (Psychiatry) and PhD (Psychiatry) at the University of Edinburgh.

He was a Professor of Psychiatry in the Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife from 1984 and a Chief Medical Director of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals' complex from 1989 to 1997. He became a Fellow of the Nigerian Postgraduate Medical College (Psychiatry) in 1979, a fellow of the West African College of Physicians (Psychiatry) in 1981 and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 2011.

Professor Roger was the Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife from 1999 to 2006, where he served the first two years in an acting capacity. He served as the President of West African College of Physicians from 2007 to 2008. And, Chairman, Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria from 2010 to 2011.



He was known to be a focused and bold administrator with great influence across international institutions and countries. In his administrative capacity, he contributed greatly to the building and sustenance of many medical facilities, particularly in psychiatry. He has a strong disposition for advocacy for medical well-being of citizens.

Prof. Roger Olatokun Aderibigbe Makanjuola is currently a retired Professor of Mental Health, Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife. He remains a great model to all the younger Professors in his field of study.

Professor Roger is happily married to Professor D.I Makanjuola and the union is blessed with two blessed children.



PROFESSOR M.O.

FABORODE

Vice-Chancellor (2006-2011)

Michael Oladimeji Faborode is a Professor of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, a global and innovative leader in his field and a highly respected administrator and mentor. Born in Supare-Akoko, Ondo state, in 1956, he attended Victory College, Ikare and proceeded to obtain his Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Agricultural Engineering and Master of Science (MSc) degrees at Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, known at the time as the University of Ife. In 1986, he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the United Kingdom. He immediately returned to join the Faculty at Ife, and he has been in academics ever since, though with rich professional engagement and industrial collaborations. Mike, as he is fondly and simply called, is an astute research engineer, who has distinguished himself as an academic, a dedicated teacher, researcher, and a professional engineer, who is practically engaged and is at ease with civic community engagements. Even with his responsibilities as Vice-Chancellor in 2009, he led a British DFID funded research project, AWARE, (African Women in Agriculture and Rural Environment), and also supervised three Ph.D. research students. Today, he has produced many Graduates, Masters and PhD holders, five of whom have also become professors, while others are successful businessmen and industrialists. He is a great mentor who has moulded many lives, yet, he is simple, humble, easily accessible and ever smiling.

Prof. Faborode is a Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering who has long been involved in Engineering regulation and standards in Nigeria, first as Vice President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering (COREN), 2005, as a Lead Engineering programme Accreditor since 2006, and lately as the Chairman of the NUC curriculum standards committee for Nigerian universities and led the development of the Engineering and Technology Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) for all 34 engineering programmes currently on offer in Nigerian Universities. He was President, West African Society for Agricultural Engineering, 2002-2008, and now President of the Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering since 2022. A gifted leader and passionate professional, he was appointed as the 9th Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, in July 2006, a position he held for 5



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years. His tenure at OAU remains gloriously remembered for his records of achievement and impact. He thereafter served as the Secretary-General of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities from 2012 to 2017. Earlier, he was Dean, Faculty of Technology (2002-2006) and Head, Department of Agricultural Engineering (1996-2002) at OAU. He Chaired the Visitation Panel to the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria in April-June, 2021, and Kola Daisi University Ibadan, in 2023, and currently serves as a member of the Strategy Advisory Committee of the National Universities Commission.

Prof. Faborode has been honoured with many prestigious awards such as the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) Merit Award in 1989, the National University Commission (NUC) Research and Innovation award, 2005, OAU 40th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Association of Professional Bodies of Nigeria Professional Excellence Award, 2009. Others are Joint Winner, Raw Materials Research and Development Council (RMRDC) Maiden Process Design Award in 2008, and the Global OAU Great Ife Special Merit Award, 2012 in Dallas. He was a Resident Scholar at the Rockefeller Foundation's Study Center, Bellagio, Italy in 2013.

A quintessential teacher's son, he shares an interesting personal story that has shaped his life: "Growing up as a primary school Headmaster's son conferred some privileges, especially when you are truly your father's son in mannerism, speech, walk, work, et cetera. One day, long-ago, I called a teacher, "Mr. Omowaare", who thought it was my father calling. He raced towards the direction of call, panting and answering, "I am coming sir, I am coming sir!" only to arrive to find me rather than his Headmaster. He was livid to realize that I was the caller. Though filled with rage, he could not violate my "immunity" as the son of a headmaster. Perhaps this was one of the foundations of my leadership proclivities – boldness and confidence". He is indeed a firm but fair, compassionate and goal-getting leader, and that must have been the secret of his success at OAU, judging by the mirage of challenges he surmounted effortlessly as Vice Chancellor.

Prof Faborode is happily married to Dr Mrs. Helen Folake Babatola, (nee Ajayi) of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, and the marriage is blessed with four children; 2 development engineers, a medical doctor and a development / gender advocate.



PROFESSOR BAMITALE OMOLE (2011-2016)

Prof Bamitale Omole was born in September 1954 in Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria. He attended Methodist High School, Ilesa (1966–71) for his secondary education and later attended Government College, Ibadan, between 1971 and 1973 for his Advanced Levels, winning multiple prizes at both colleges. In September 1973, he proceeded to the University of Ife now Obafemi Awolowo University, Osun State, Nigeria, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) degree in history in 1976. In 1981, he obtained an MA degree in history from the University of Ife. He later proceeded to the University of Bordeaux, France for a M.Phil. and a Doctorate (Ph.D.) degree in international relations. Professor Omole speaks and writes in French fluently. In 1991, he obtained a diploma in International Law and organisation for development from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands.

Prof Bamitale Omole began his career as an Assistant Lecturer in 1986 in the Department of International Relations at Obafemi Awolowo University and rose through the ranks to be appointed a professor of international relations. He was appointed as the 10th Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University in June, 2011. As part of his numerous academic, administrative and public policy assignments, Omole has extensively lectured in Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia. He has also served as a technical consultant to various international organisations. Prior to becoming Vice-Chancellor, he was at various times Head of Department of International Relations, Vice Dean of the faculty of administration and Dean of the Faculty of Administration. He served for two terms on the university's Governing Council. His areas of teaching and research interest are – International economic relations, international relations of the Francophone states, African government and politics, Regional integration and International development. He was a visiting scholar at the Korea Foundation and the University of Bordeaux. He was the National Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) returning officer of the August 2014 Osun State, governorship election that led to the re-election of Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola as the “Governor elect” of Osun State, Nigeria.

Professor Omole has received several fellowship awards, such as the United States Information Agency/Ford Foundation (USIA/Ford Foundation) Award, the International Visitors Leadership Program of the US Dept of State, International d'Etudes Scientific (CIES) award, and Fellowship of the Malawi Centre for Advice, Research and Education Rights, and the Government of the Netherlands.



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PROFESSOR E.O. OGUNBODEDE Vice-Chancellor (2017-2022)



Professor Eyitope Ogunbode [BSc Hons, BChD (Ife), MPH (Lagos), PhD (UWC), DDPH RCS (England), FFD RCS (Ireland), FICD, FNCS, FNAMed] served as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife from June 7, 2017 to June 6, 2022. He obtained his Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Health Sciences in 1981, following it up with the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BChD) in 1985 at Obafemi Awolowo University (then University of Ife). He bagged a Master of Public Health

(MPH) degree in 1989 from the University of Lagos before proceeding to the UK where he obtained a Dental Diploma in Public Health from the Royal College of Surgeons, England, in 1992. He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. He is also a Foundation Fellow and a member of Council of the Nigerian Academy of Medicine. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from the University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

He joined the services of OAU, Ile-Ife, Nigeria as a Medical Training Fellow in March 1987 in the Faculty of Dentistry, where he rose to become a Professor in the year 2000. Professor Ogunbode served as Head of Department for 12 academic sessions between 1989 and 2007. He also served as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry from 1999 to 2002. He was Provost of the College of Health Sciences, OAU from 2007 to 2009. Professor Ogunbode was elected an internal member of the Governing Council of OAU from 2009 to 2011. He was a member of the Governing Board of the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex (OAUTHC), Ile-Ife, from 2007 to 2009. He served on the Strategic Planning Committee of OAU from 2003 to 2011. He chaired the Alumni Relations Committee of the College of Health Sciences from 2004 to 2007. Professor Ogunbode served on the Central Monitoring Committee for External Grants and Sponsorships of OAU. Professor Ogunbode was Visiting Professor, Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, USA from May 2012 to April 2013. He was also Honorary Visiting Professor to the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, from 2000 to 2010.

He envisioned and set up the DEMA Foundation Dental Museum, the first Dental Museum in Africa and the first specialised Museum in Nigeria, commissioned on September 18, 2015 in Ile-Ife. He also established the

Community Dental Clinic at Ipetumodu in Ife North Local Government Area which is the first dental clinic to be established under a Local Government Council in Nigeria.

An accomplished academic, Professor Ogunbodede has published over 100 full-length peer-reviewed scientific journal articles, 4 books, contributed 3 chapters to books, 5 monographs, and over 50 Conference abstracts. He is the author of *The History of Dentistry in Nigeria* (2015), *Fifty years of the deviant "Ife Philosophy" in health sciences education* (1972-2022). An historic perspective, and lead Editor of the book *Great Ife at 60. Advancing the Frontiers of Knowledge and Culture* (1961-2021) published in 2022.

Professor Ogunbodede was Convener and Foundation President of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Nigerian Division, President of the African and Middle East Region for 3 years and Member of the International Council of the Association (IADR) from 2014 to 2017. He is a Honorary Fellow of the Nigerian Computer Society. He is a Foundation member of the Nigerian Academy of Medicine (NAMed) and a member of Council of the Academy.

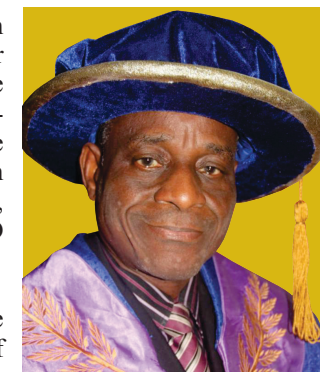
He has attended over 200 scientific conferences and personally presented papers at over 50 of such conferences. He has also led many outstanding Research projects Nationally and Internationally. Professor Ogunbodede is a very much sought-after expert in Preventive Dentistry worldwide, and his professional exploits had taken him to 26 countries, cutting across all the continents.

Professor Ogunbodede was the visioner and Foundation Editor-in-Chief of the *African Journal of Oral Health (AJOH)*. He is a reviewer for many professional journals and serves on the Editorial boards of 4 leading international dental journals and 6 national journals. He has held positions in numerous professional organizations and academic establishments in various parts of the world and has won many distinctions and awards.

He is married with children, one of whom is also a Dentist.



Professor Anthony Elujoba was born on 11th November 1950 in Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria. For his tertiary education, he got admission into the University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife to study Pharmacy and after graduation in 1973, he continued his master's degree in Pharmacognosy in 1976 in the same prestigious University. He proceeded to Bath, United Kingdom where he bagged his PhD (Pharmacognosy), in 1980.



In the academic service of the University, he served in the following capacities; as the Head of Department of Pharmacognosy, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Chairman Committee of Deans, Chairman Faculty Postgraduate Committee / Board of studies, Research and Selection Committee, and Member of Faculty Review Panel. He also served as Senate Representative on OAU Teaching Hospital Management Board, Member Management Board of Natural History Museum and PostGraduate Board and Dean's Representative, Faculty of Technology. By divine arrangement, he was elected by the Senate as the Acting Vice Chancellor in 2016 and he ran the affairs of the University between 2016 and 2017.

On the International platform, his research efforts have joined similar others in providing the scientific justifications for industrial exploitation of indigenous medical plants for drug development and production in Africa. He has served as a regular Consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO/AFRO) in Brazzaville, as well as to the African Union's scientific, Technical and Research Commission (AU/STRC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the West African Health Organization (WAHO) in Burkina Faso on traditional medicine for primary healthcare provision (PHC).

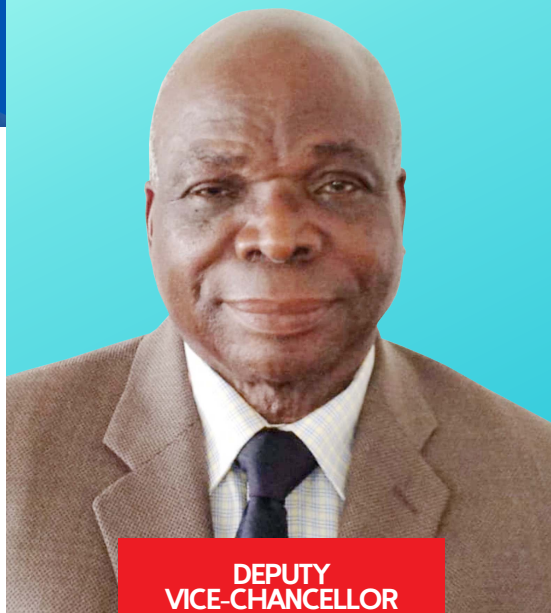
At the national level, Professor Elujoba is an external examiner of numerous university examinations while his involvement in research into medicinal plants has brought him into close association with persons living with HIV/AIDS who fondly refer him to as the "Village Chemist." He is also a strong advocate of the incorporation of medicinal herbal therapies into the national healthcare system. He serves as the President of the African AIDS Research Network, Nigerian Chapter and a member of Board of Trustees of the Network of people living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria (NEPWHAN).

He has worked for about 44 years at University level with over 90 research publications in both local and international journals in the broad area of Pharmacognosy, with specialty in traditional medicine practice and herbal medicines for primary healthcare provision, using the African medicinal plants for healing e.g Malaria, Diarrhea, Constipation, Asthma, sickle cell anemia, HIV/AIDS, etc. Professor Elujoba has produced and supervised at least 4 PhDs in his field and at least 12 master's students.





PROFESSOR J.O. ADEJUWON



**DEPUTY
VICE-CHANCELLOR
(1984-1986)**

Professor James Oladipo Adejuwon was born on the 27th of November, 1937 in Igbara-odo Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria to the family of George Michael and Abigail Osuntayo Adejuwon. He attended Christ's School Ado-Ekiti from 1951 to 1955. Professor Adejuwon then proceeded to University College Ibadan where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree with special honors in Geography in 1960 and a Master of Science degree in Geography in 1963. He later obtained a Doctoral degree in Geography from King's College, University of London in 1968.

Professor Adejuwon is an environmental scientist with a wide range of technical, management and research experience. He has served the University meritoriously from his first appointment in 1965 as a member of staff of the Department of Geography. During this period, he was Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences from 1975 to 1979 as well as the Coordinator of the sub-Department of Ecology from 1976 to 1982. Professor Adejuwon was later appointed the Head of Department of Geography from 1981 to 1984 and 1989 to 1990. In 1984 he was appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University. Professor Adejuwon was appointed Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas for the Fall Semester of 1970 and Visiting Associate/full Professor at the Pennsylvania State University, State College in the Fall Semester of 1975, 1986 to 1987 and again in the Spring Semester of 1999. Professor Adejuwon also went on to serve as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti in 1988 during his sabbatical leave to the University.



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Professor James Oladipo Adejuwon retired from the services of the Obafemi Awolowo University in 1991. He however still remains a very active scholar. Professor Adejuwon proceeded to the Ekiti State University as member of staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences from 1991 to 1995. He also obtained a \$200,000 research grant from Assessment of Impacts and Adaptations to Climate Change (AIACC) in 2002 which he came back to execute at the Obafemi Awolowo University. Other post-retirement activities include Consultant to FAO in 2007; Rockefeller Foundation from 2007 to 2008 and IDRC in 2012 among others. Professor Adejuwon was appointed Emeritus Professor of Geography, by the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in 2018

Professor Adejuwon is the recipient of many research grants and awards from International funding agencies such as the Fulbright Foundation, the British Council, the United Nations University (UNU), the World Bank, START, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) among others. He has over a hundred publications in climate variability and climate change, agriculture and land use, ecology and biodiversity, water resources management, renewable energy applications, and education and policy. Professor Adejuwon is a member of the Association of American Geographers, the Nigerian Geographical Association, as well as the International Society for Tropical Ecology, the International Association for Landscape Ecology, and the Integrated Rural Energy Systems Association.

Professor James Oladipo Adejuwon is the recipient of the 2009 SAFE Sustainability Leadership Award from the Knight – Staneva Foundation, Pennsylvania State University, USA. He also received a certificate from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) acknowledging his contributions to the award of the 2007 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE to the IPCC.

Professor Adejuwon is married to Agnes Olayinka Adejuwon and their union is blessed with three children and many grandchildren.



PROFESSOR S.O. OLUSI

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (1988-1990)



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Prof. S. O. Olusi, a native of Akoko, Ondo state, was born in Lagos State on 23rd November 1944. He attended Victory College Ikare from 1959 to 1963 for his secondary school education. He had his Higher School Certificate (HSC) at the Christ School, Ado Ekiti from 1964 to 1965. While at Christ's School Ado Ekiti He won the popular Kennedy Essay Competition for Western Region in 1964.

For his university education, Prof Olusi gained admission into University of Ibadan to study Anatomy in 1966 and graduated with a First Class in 1968. Afterward, he proceeded to University College Hospital for his clinical trainings from 1969 to 72 obtained MBBS in 1972. He did his housemanship training at University College Hospital in 1972 to 1973.

He joined the service of Obafemi Awolowo University as a Research Fellow at the College of Health Sciences in 1973 and was given scholarship to study for his PhD from January 1974. He bagged his PhD within two years. Prof Olusi did his post-medical studies in Chemical pathology and became one of the foremost Nigerians in that area of Medicine. He came back to the University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University) in 1976 and rose through the ranks to become Professor in 1980. Professor Olusi was Head of Department of Chemical Pathology and later became Dean of Health Sciences from 1984 to 1986. He served as the Deputy Vice Chancellor from 1988 to 1990. He retired from the service of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in 1994.

He was appointed by the University of Kuwait in 1993 and was in that international appointment till 2015. Prof Olusi is married, and the union is blessed with many great children.



PROFESSOR W.O. ODESANMI

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (1990-1991)



Professor Williams Olufemi Odesanmi was born on 12th October, 1947 in Osi-Ekiti, Ido-Osi local government, Nigeria. For his secondary Education, he attended Ekiti Parapo College, Ido Ekiti between 1960 and 1964. He got admission into the University of Ibadan where he read Medicine and Surgery and then graduated in 1971 as a qualified medical Doctor (MBBS, Ibadan). He attended the Queen's University of Belfast from 1974 to 1977 and obtained DMJ, Clin (London) in 1976.

In the academic service of the University, he started as a Lecturer I in 1977 at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife and in 1980, he became a senior lecturer after which he was promoted to the rank of a Reader in Forensic Pathology in 1983. By dint of hard work, he rose to the position of a Professor in October 1985. He later was appointed Emeritus Professor of Forensic Pathology, College of Health sciences effective from September 2017 till date and as such, the first person to be appointed as an Emeritus Professor of Forensic Pathology in Africa. In further service to the University, he served as the Head of Department of Morbid Anatomy and Forensic College of Health sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife (1985-88). He served as a member of Senate, Dean Faculty of Health sciences, OAU (1988-90).

In his commitment to the growth and development of the University, he was appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor in 1990 and was in the office till September 1991. He acted as Vice Chancellor between September 1991 and November 1991.

In terms of professional accomplishment, Professor Williams Olufemi Odesanmi is the first lecturer (Consultant) in Nigeria with a postgraduate professional training in Forensic Medicine. From his work experience at the Obafemi Awolowo University, he personally performed about 250 medico legal autopsies yearly for the coroners in the Ife-Ijesha zone of Osun State. He was invited as a Forensic pathologist by Chief F.R.A Williams, SAN, to



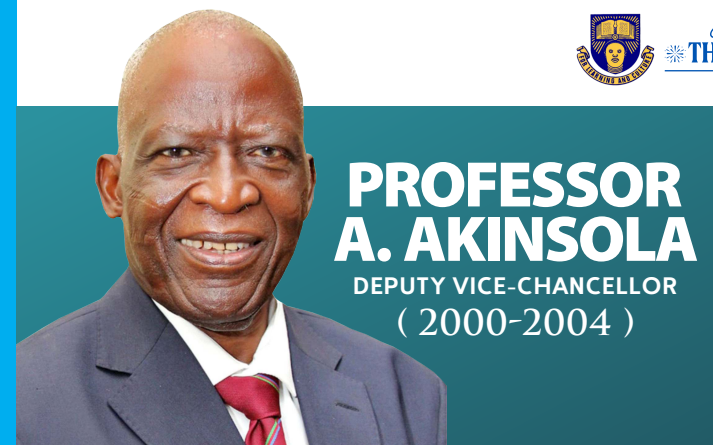
assist the Kano High court on a complicated murder case in 1979.

In March 1980, he was invited by Malachy Doris, QC, to assist the Northern Ireland court of Justice in a civil case arising from an autopsy opinion which he gave when practicing as a Forensic pathologist in Northern Ireland, United Kingdom. He was nominated by the Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University and the Inspector General of the Nigeria Police to perform the autopsy on the four students who died when the police confronted students in Ife on June 7, 1981.

On the international platform, in recognition of his contribution to research and development of Forensic pathology in Nigeria, he was awarded an international Visiting professorship by the College of Medicine, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama USA in 1995. Also, in his contribution to Forensic pathology service in Africa, he was one of the experts invited to the inaugural meeting of the African Society of Forensic Medicine in Gaborone Botswana in May 2010 and was elected the foundation Chairperson of the African society of Forensic Medicine for a period of two years.

At the national level, Professor Odesanmi was the forensic pathologist nominated by the Nigerian Inspector General of Police to head the team of pathologists that performed a review autopsy on the Mobitel Boss in Lagos on October 13, 2005. He has served on several national committees dealing with issues in the field of Medicine, Pathology and forensic pathology such as; Member of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (1988-91), Member of the Governing council of the Institute of Medical Training of Nigeria (1983-87), and Chairman of the forensic working Group of the ICRC, Abuja, in 2017 among others.

In his generation, he has successfully trained many residents in pathology, 10 of which are Professors of pathology and 2 are now Associate Professors of pathology in Nigerian Universities.



**PROFESSOR
A. AKINSOLA**
DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2000-2004)

Dr Adewale Akinsola MD, FMCP, FWACP, FRCP, DFMC is Emeritus Professor of Medicine. He joined the services of the Obafemi Awolowo University in 1982 and retired in 2011, having served in various capacities as Head, Department of Medicine; Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences; Deputy Provost of the College of Health Sciences and subsequently as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the

university(1999-2003). He held a spectacular assignment as Coordinator of the first Strategic Planning exercise (2001-2004) for the university, which provided a pathway for sustainable growth and development in funding, research and research management, teaching (with evolution of distance learning) and environment.

Dr Akinsola's major engagements included Chief Medical Director (CMD), LAUTECH teaching Hospital, Osogbo; Foundation Provost, BOWEN University College of Health Sciences; Adviser, World Health Organisation (WHO) on critical issues in Transplantation 2006-11; member, WHO Expert Panel on transplantation of organs, tissues and cells; He was a Wellcome Trust Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Imperial College of Medicine, Science and Technology, London, and the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene at various periods. He is currently Director, Medical and Health Services of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Dr Akinsola held various honorary positions in the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria, where he had bagged the Specialist Medical Diploma 1982, and subsequently MD and latterly the Distinguished Fellowship of the College (2023). He was Chairman, Faculty of Internal Medicine and chief examiner for the postgraduate medical program. He also chaired the College Continuing Medical Education Committee which featured the Advanced Research Methodology Course and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses - a value adding initiative generated by a Presidential panel chaired by him. The initial curriculum in Nephrology at the Part 2 level had his major input. He mentored and supervised over 40 candidates in the program of the College.

Dr Akinsola is a recipient of several awards for outstanding leadership in academic, professional, public and health administration from the OAU, OAUTHC, Osun State Government, Nigerian Association of Nephrology and the International Society of Nephrology Pioneer Award (Pioneer Award, Africa Zone) for his pioneering efforts in establishing and strengthening Nephrology practice through mentorship and training, and development of several Kidney centres in Nigeria. An endowment was instituted to support research in Nephrology and Hypertension under the auspices of the late Professor O.O. Akinkugbe. Dr Akinsola holds the Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees, Nigerian Association of Nephrology.

Dr Akinsola is well published with his seminal works in well over 100 publications providing leading lights in the epidemiology, pathogenesis and management of kidney disease in our environment.

It is to his credit that his team performed the first wholly indigenous kidney transplant in a public institution in Nigeria.

Dr Akinsola enjoys a lovely and supportive family life





PROFESSOR A.A. ADEDIRAN

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2004-2007)

Professor Abiodun Adebayo Adediran is an iconic Nigerian historian, diligent scholar, excellent researcher, seasoned university administrator, prolific writer and author, notable grants master, great mentor accomplished role model, borderless life builder, detribalised and dereligionised benefactor and a highly successful family man. Indeed, Professor Biodun Adediran is a rare achiever in all aspects of his academic, professional, administrative, social, religious and family engagements. He was born on January 2, 1953 at Edunabon in the present Ife North Local Government Area of Osun State. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in History from the University of Ife in 1975 and bagged his doctorate degree from the same institution in 1980. He was a recipient of the Western State Government Scholarship in 1970 and the Federal Government Scholarship in 1972 as a university undergraduate.

He was also awarded a Postgraduate Scholarship by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 1976. Professor Abiodun Adediran started his academic career as Graduate Assistant in the Department of History of the University of Ife in 1976 and he attained the professorship cadre in 1993. He was directly taught and trained at Ife by the late doyen of Ife School of History, Professor Isaac Adeagbo Akinjogbin (1930-2008). His areas of academic and research competencies are African/Yoruba History, Western Yorubaland, History Research Methods, Comparative Ethnic Studies, African Historiography and Philosophy of History. In these areas, he has taught many undergraduate and postgraduate courses authored many publications and supervised several students at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

He is a winner of many academic grants and awards such as Astation of Acanthosites werd (1977, UNESCO Grant for held Research in 1792 g many others Apart on his teaching and north exertions Professor Adediran sened the Claimi Awolowe University and the Nigerian university system at large in different capacities For stance at the Otates Awolave University, Ile-ife Professor Adediran was Deester of the Institute of Cultural Studies (1993 1995) Head of Department of History (1996-1998) Dean of Faculty of Arts (1999-20011: Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) (2003-2007); and Director of the University's Linkages and Sponsored Research Office (2003-2015).



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He had the rare opportunity of serving as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) to two Vice Chancellors Professors Roger Makanjuola and Michael Faborede in that order and was also Acting Vice Chancellor in between the two Vice Chancellors. All these were in addition to several statutory and ad-hoc committees' chairmanship and membership at different times of his career. Outside the Obafemi Awolowo University, Professor Adediran had been Associate Lecturer/Visiting Professor at the University of Ibadan University of Ilorin, Ekiti State University Ado-Ekiti. University of Wisconsin Parkside USA and the University of Bayreuth, Germany at different times. He had also been external assessor, editor, examiner, adviser, reviewer and consultant to many universities, publishing houses, intellectual bodies, government agencies and non-governmental bodies within and outside Nigeria since 1976.

He is a member of the Historical Society of Nigeria, Archaeological Association of West Africa, American Studies Association of Nigeria, Historical and Environmental Interest Group of Nigeria, among many others. In his seven decades of existence and about five decades of academic career. Professor Abiodun Adediran touched many lives positively it is no gainsaying that his life has been a life of academic dedications, administrative commitments, selfless services to humanity and building of younger academics, administrators and researchers. The good news is that this great Nigerian scholar and administrator par excellence turned 70 on January 2, 2023 and is retoning from active service in the University



Professor Funmi Togonu-Bickersteth was born on 16th April 1949 in Osun state, Nigeria. For her secondary Education, she attended Queen's College, Lagos (1961-67). She got admitted into the University of Ibadan to study Sociology in 1968 and graduated with B. Sc. (Hons) in sociology, 1971. She proceeded to Bryn Mawr College, USA where she begged her PhD (Social Work and Social Research), 1978.

In the academic service, Professor Funmi Togonu- Bickersteth joined the University in 1979 and became the Coordinator, Department of Psychology, 1979 to 1981. She served in the Faculty Board of Studies and Faculty Postgraduate Committee from 1983 to 1984. Prof Togonu-Bickersteth was the Vice Dean, faculty of Social Sciences from 1988 to 1989. She Chaired the Faculty Research Committee between 1994 and 2000 and was the Head, Department of Psychology, 1995 to 2000. Professor Funmi Togonu- Bickersteth became a Professor in Obafemi Awolowo University in 1995.

She lectured in the areas of Research Methodology, Developmental Psychology, Abnormal psychology, and social psychology at both the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. In her intellectual creativity and contribution to knowledge, she spearheaded the Designing of the Gerontology sub-specialty within the Department of Psychology.

Professor Funmi Togonu- Bickersteth served the University as Director, Centre for Industrial Research and Development in Obafemi Awolowo University, 2002 to 2007 and from August 2007 to 2011, she served as the Vice Chancellor (Academic), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.

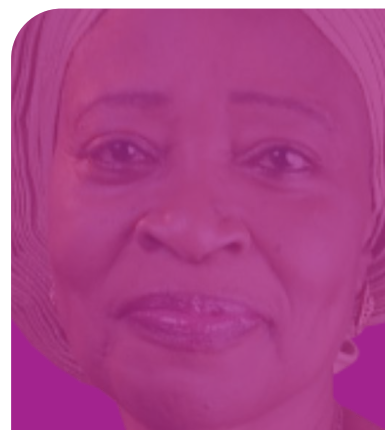
At the National level, Professor Funmi Togonu-Bickersteth was a Member, FGN/ASUU

PROFESSOR F. TOGONU BICKERSTETH

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2007-2011)



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Renegotiation Committee in 2022. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Gerontologists and Association of Gerontology in Higher Education. She was a member, and then appointed the President, Social science Academy of Nigeria in 2021 up till now. He was the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of Federal University Gusau, Zamfara State 2016 to 2020. Also, she is currently the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, Governing Council of Federal University Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State.

On the International platform, Prof Funmi Togonu-Bickersteth was National Programme officer for ILO-IPEC, Nigeria from 2000 to 2002 and served as member of United Nations Committee on Development Policy from 2002 to 2006. She worked as National Consultant to UNDP/ILO project on Vocational Rehabilitation of the Disabled Persons in 1994 to 1998. She engaged in several partnerships and research visits on fellowship to some countries; In Ghana, she served as an international Consultant, providing guidance on strengthening the Vocational skills training and income-generating components of Ghana's Community Based Vocational Rehabilitation (CBVR) Programme for Disabled persons. She was in Delaware, USA (1976-1977) and at the Community College of Philadelphia in 1976. She also served as a Visiting Scientist in Gerontology at the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta India, 1987.

She is a member of the National Association of Professional Gerontologists and Association of Gerontology in Higher Education. She was a member, and subsequently appointed the President, Social Science Academy of Nigeria in 2021 up till now.

In her generation, Prof Bickersteth has supervised at least 4 PhDs and a number of masters students in her field.



PROFESSOR AYO SALAMI

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2011-2016)



Prof. Ayobami Salami obtained B.Sc. (Hons.), Geography with Second Class Upper Division from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) in 1986. He was awarded the Lufadeju Prize for the best graduating student in Urban and Regional Planning Courses. He obtained his PhD degree in 1996 from the same University with specialization in Space Applications and Land Use/Natural Resources Management. He won a UNDP Fellowship for a specialized training in Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System (GIS) from 1989-1990. Prof. Salami joined the services of Obafemi Awolowo University as an academic staff in 1991 in the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Studies, and rose through the ranks to become a Professor on 1st October, 2003.

He was the Pioneer Head of Environmental Science, University of the Gambia, The Gambia, from 2000-2001. He has also had teaching and research experience in the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Natural Resources Department, International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), The Netherlands.

Prof. Salami served as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria (2011-2016). He was appointed as the Project Manager, the World Bank sponsored Centre of Excellence (CoEx) in Software Engineering: Science & Technology Education at Post-Basic Levels (STEPB) Project in the University from 2011-2013. Prof. Salami was the pioneer Centre Leader, World Bank sponsored African Centre of Excellence on ICT-Driven Knowledge Park from 2014 to 2016. He has coordinated many multi-disciplinary projects for several national, regional and international organizations. He was the Program Coordinator (West and Central Africa), for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)- sponsored International Training Program on Education for Sustainable Development in Higher Education, in 2008; and Consultant to UNEP for the Terminal Evaluation of Project GEF/GFL-2328-2770-4889 on Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Trans-Boundary Areas Between Nigeria and Niger in 2010. He was the Nigerian Principal Investigator for the IDRC multi-country Research Project (N°:105714 – 001) on The Practice of Ethics in Health and Environmental Research in Africa from 2010-2013. Prof. Salami coordinated the Nigerian capacity building component of the EU-sponsored project on Monitoring of Environment for Security in Africa (MESA). Prior to his appointment as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) in 2011, he had established the Space Applications and Environmental Science Laboratory (SPAEL: www.spael.org) and served as the Director, Institute of Ecology & Environmental Studies in the University from 2006-2010.



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He worked as the Senior Research Adviser on Environmental Assessment, Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Port-Harcourt, Nigeria (2010-2011).

Professor Salami has obtained numerous grants from several organizations such as National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Abuja; Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA); Ecological Fund Office, Office of Secretary to the Government of the Federation, The Presidency, Abuja; National Centre for Remote Sensing, Jos; International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), The Netherlands; International Secretariat of System Analysis for Research and Training-International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP), Washington D.C.; UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission; United Nations Development Program (UNDP); United Nations Environment Program (UNEP); International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy; Ramboll Natura AB, Sweden; and International Steering Committee for Global Mapping (ISCGM), Japan, among others.

He has made remarkable contributions on the trend of deforestation in Nigeria and its implications for climate change monitoring or ecological management. Specifically, his research was the first to provide the empirical rate of deforestation in the country from satellite data. These rates now serve as the reference against which estimates from international organizations are being compared. He has been able to characterize the various ecological groups within the Nigeria's rainforest while the prototypes of vegetation profile for each of these groups were generated. His work was also the first to develop baseline database on the mangrove and wetland ecology in Nigeria from medium resolution satellite images. In terms of policy relevance, his work has developed a holistic strategy for managing the forest-energy-environment triad in Nigeria. The strategy gives various options; the basis for suggesting each option, the period for implementation, and the sector (either urban or rural) and income group (whether low or high) such an option may be targeted to. This strategy also takes into account the poverty level in the country as well as the national developmental goals. When the NigerianSat-1 was launched in 2003, Prof. Salami was commissioned by the Federal Government of Nigeria to validate its data for forestry applications and present the results to the United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in Vienna in 2006. He has been an Eisenhower Fellow (USA) since 2009. He is currently a Co-Researcher and Nigerian Team Lead of the DAAD funded project (ID:57656435) on International SDG Network Promoting Higher Education and Research in Togo and Nigeria, running from 2023-2026

Prof. Salami has raised hundreds of successful students and impacted the world through functional research, revolutionary policy formulation and development as well as visionary leadership. He consolidated these at the First Technical University (Tech-U), Ibadan, where he served as the Pioneer Vice Chancellor from 2017-2022 and led a team raising new future leaders with entrepreneurial, vocational and creative edge. After his impactful tenure at Tech-U, he was appointed by President Muhammadu Buhari as a Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), with Ekiti State as his first duty post in 2022 and is currently serving as the Resident Electoral Commissioner for Lagos State.



PROFESSOR

Adebayo Simeon Bamire, the 12th substantive Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, is a native of Oyan in Odo-Otin LGA of Osun State, Nigeria. He started his elementary educational life in Datus Preparatory School, Accra, Ghana and he attended St. Claire's Nursery and Primary School, Osogbo. He had his secondary school education in St. Charles' Grammar School, Osogbo, Nigeria in the 1972/76 period. He was admitted into the then University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife) to read Agricultural Economics in the Faculty of Agriculture where he completed his first, second, and third degrees: Bachelor of Agriculture in 1985, M.Phil., in 1992, and Ph.D. in 1999. His PhD programme was sponsored by the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA). His PhD thesis won him an award: "National Universities Postgraduate Thesis Award" in 2001.

Prof. Bamire joined the Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife as Assistant Lecturer in 1992 and rose to the post of Professor in 2008. He was a Visiting Scientist at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan; the Vice-Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Obafemi Awolowo University in the 2007/2008 & 2008/2009 sessions; the Head of Department of Agricultural Economics for the 2011/2012 academic session and the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture. During his tenure as Dean (1st August, 2013 - 31st July, 2015), he embarked on and completed laudable developmental projects in the Faculty through donations from his social capital network and amiable disposition to Faculty members, Alumni and friends of the Faculty. Prof. Bamire was a two-term Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), and later became the Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife therefore, Chairman of the University Senate.



ADEBAYO SIMEON BAMIRE



DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (2017-2021)

Prof. Bamire has proven to be consistently diligent, disciplined, resourceful, reliable and a leader with good team spirit. He has a good insight and experience of best business practices that could contribute to system development, having served in various capacities in different committees and assisted tremendously in promoting academic and research programmes in his Department, Faculty, and University as a whole. Prof. Bamire is computer literate with a good knowledge of the application of statistical and econometric tools.

Prof. Adebayo Simeon Bamire has also participated and still participates as Principal Investigator in different on-farm researches and as Resource Person in training programmes which have provided long-term interactions with farmers and non-farmers in their communities and business concerns. He led a baseline study sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), USA, titled: Cross-Cutting: Nigeria Country Plan Baseline and Varietal Monitoring Survey. This is made possible through his long-time collaboration with scientists in the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) based in Ibadan, Nigeria; ILRI/DfID; HarvestPlus/IFPRI (Washington, DC., USA); International Wheat & Maize Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico; Makerere University (Uganda); United Nations University Institute of Natural Resources (UNU-INRA), Accra, Ghana; United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), Helsinki, Finland; AERC (Nairobi, Kenya), and African University for Cooperative Development (UADC), Cotonou, Benin Republic; among others. As a result, he has attended different national and international conferences and workshops relating to biodiversity and sustainable agricultural development and has participated in collaborative studies involving researchers from various disciplines on sustainable agricultural production. He has participated in and written different technical reports that relate to practical field experiences in agricultural business and development in Nigeria and other developing nations. He also has over sixty publications in local and international Journals, which are centred on field experiences on resource development and institutional support for smallholder farmers in rural and urban centres for enhanced food security and poverty reduction.

Prof. Bamire is a member of different professional bodies including the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists (NAAE), Leadership for Environment & Development (LEAD), Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa Project/Stress Tolerant Maize for Africa (STMA), and Agribenchmark based in Germany.

Prof. Bamire is happily married to Dr. (Mrs.) Felicia Bosede Bamire and together are blessed with children.



PROFESSOR J.L. LADIPO

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(1992-1994)

Prof Jacob Laoye Ladipo was born on the 10th of June 1939 in Lanlate, Oyo State, Nigeria. He attended Ibadan Boys' High School, Ibadan, 1953-1957; and School of Agriculture, Moor Plantation, Ibadan, 1958-1961. He got admission to University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University to study Botany in 1962 and graduated with Second Class (Upper Division) in 1966. He proceeded to University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, USA in 1967 where he bagged his M. S. Plant Pathology (Plant Virology) in 1969. In the same University, he enrolled into the PhD class in Plant Pathology (Plant Virology) in 1969 and successfully completed his PhD in 1971.

In the academic service of the University, he started as Assistant Lecturer, in the Department of Plant Science in 1967 and rose through the lecturing ranks to the position of a Professor in October 1982. He served as Head, Department of Plant Science, 1981 to 1983. He was Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Obafemi Awolowo University, 1989 to 1991. He served in numerous committees, including Appointment and Promotions Committee; Development Committee; Finance and General-Purpose Committee; and Committee on Campus security. He was Chairman of the following Boards: Health Services Management Board; Housing Allocation Committee;

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Campus Dam Authority Committee; University of Ife Sawmill Management Committee (1986-1989) and Moremi High School Management Committee. He was a member of the University Governing Council from 1992 to 1994. In recognition of his commitment to the growth and development of the university, Prof Ladipo was appointed the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) from 1992 to 1994.

Outside the university, Prof Ladipo served as Chairman, Board of Governor., Ibarapa Divisional Teachers' Training College, Eruwa from 1976 to 1979. He was external examiner to Ahmadu Bello University, University of Ibadan, and University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Prof Ladipo is happily married to Mrs. M. O. Ladipo and their union is blessed with five children.



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PROFESSOR
F.A. OGUNBONA
DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(1994-1998)



Prof Festus Adio Ogunbona was born on October 30, 1944. For his secondary education, he attended Eko Boys High School, Musin, 1959-63; and Igbobi College, Yaba, 1964-65. He got admission to University of Ife, now

Obafemi Awolowo University to study Pharmacy in 1966 and graduated with Second Class (Upper Division) in 1969. He proceeded to Chelsea College, University of London where he bagged his PhD (Pharmaceutical Chemistry) 1973.

In the academic service of the University, he was appointed Assistant Lecturer, October 1969 and by dint of hard work, rose to the position of a Professor in October 1986. He later was appointed Emeritus Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry in the Faculty of Pharmacy, Obafemi Awolowo University, in February 2019. In further service to the university, he served as the Head of Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, from 1982-84, and 1986-88. He was the Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy from 1992-94. In recognition of his commitment to the growth and development of the university, Prof Festus Adio Ogunbona was appointed the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) from 1994-98.

On the International platform, he made several research visits on fellowship to some universities: He was in the University of Bath, Bath, UK 1981/82 session; and University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC, Canada in 1991, 1993 & 1994.

At the university's Alumni Association level, Prof Festus Adio Ogunbona served as Chairman of the University's Alumni Association, home branch in 1985-87 and 2nd Vice-President, National Executive, of the Obafemi Awolowo University Alumni Association 1988-90.

At national level, Prof Festus Adio Ogunbona was appointed as the Chairman, Pharmacists Council of Nigeria by the President, Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria 2003-07. He was the Chairman, Standing Committee on private universities on the platform of National University Commission (NUC).

In his generation, Prof Festus Adio Adebona supervised 3 PhDs in his field and 15 Masters students.





PROFESSOR O.O. AJIBOLA

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(1 9 9 8 - 1 9 9 9)

Prof Obafemi Ajibola is the Managing Director/CEO of New Nigeria Foundation (NNF) - a non-governmental organization with a vision to achieve sustainable social and economic development of Nigerian communities through public/private partnerships. He had his primary education in Wesley School, Molipa Road, Ijebu-Ode and Ebenezer African Church School, Ekotedo, Ibadan before attending Government College Ibadan between

1965 and 1970 from where he was admitted to University of Ife in September 1970. He graduated from University of Ife with a first-class degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1975; obtained a doctorate degree in Agricultural Engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA in 1981; and has extensive administrative, research, teaching and consultancy experience. He was awarded D.Sc. degree (honoris causa) by the Osun State University, Osogbo in 2017.

Prior to his work with New Nigeria Foundation, Prof Ajibola was a Professor of Agricultural Engineering at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife where he worked for over 30 years, supervised several postgraduate students, published scores of academic papers and served at different times as Ag. Head, Department of Agricultural Engineering; Director, Equipment Maintenance and Development Centre; Dean, Faculty of Technology; Chairman, Committee of Deans; and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration). He is a registered Professional Engineer, Fellow of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Engineering (NAE) and has served as consultant to several national and international development organizations.

He has in the past served as Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of Osun State University, Osogbo; Chairman, Conference Centre, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in the Niger Delta (PIND). He is currently the Chairman, Board of Directors of the Centre for Research and Development (CERAD), Federal University of Technology, Akure; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Achieving Health Nigeria Initiative (AHNI), a non-governmental organization focusing on health; and Chairman of several community development-oriented organizations.



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As an academic he supervised many undergraduate and postgraduate students; contributed scores of academic articles in national and international learned journals and conferences; attended over 100 national and international conferences, workshops and seminars. He also served as external examiner at postgraduate and undergraduate levels to several universities including University of Ibadan; University of Agriculture, Markurdi; Ladoké Akintola University, Ogbomoso; University of Nigeria, Nsukka; and University of Technology, Minna.

As a professional engineer he has served the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers at different times as Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Chairman, Roadmap and Strategic Plans Committee, Member of the National Executive Council (Ex-Officio). He has served the Nigerian Society of Engineers at different times as Chief Examiner, Ile-Ife Professional Interview Centre, Council Member, Chairman, Nigerian Society of Engineers, Ile-Ife Branch. He has also served the Nigerian Academy of Engineering at different times as Chairman, Agriculture Committee, Vice Chairman, Screening Committee, Honorary Secretary, Member of Council and Coordinator, 10th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Prof Ajibola has served as an expert in several academic areas include Agricultural Process Engineering, Programme Development and Management, Agricultural Mechanization, Value Chain Analysis, Costing, Monitoring and Evaluation, Facilitation of Negotiations, and Corporate Social Responsibility. He has served as consultant to several national and international organizations in the private and public sectors, United Nations Agencies, etc. These include U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (former DFID), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), CIDA, UNDP, UNIDO, UNAIDS, Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC), Chevron Nigeria Limited, Mobil Producing Nigeria, British American Tobacco Nigeria Foundation (BATNF), Lafarge WAPCO, Chemonics International, Development Associates Incorporated (DAI), Federal Ministries of Agriculture, Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Ministry of Environment, Federal Government Agencies such as NACA, FEPA, and State Governments (Osun, Lagos, Bauchi, Akwa Ibom, Rivers).

Professor Obafemi Ajibola is a prolific academic, a reputable engineer, a renowned administrator and has earned a reputation as an acknowledged development practitioner. He is happily married to Aderonke and they are blessed with a son, Obasomidotun.





PROFESSOR L.O. KEHINDE

**DEPUTY VICE - CHANCELLOR
(2 0 0 1 - 2 0 0 5)**

Professor Lawrence Olakunle Kehinde was born an American on July 19, 1948. He is an emblem of excellence, a true elder statesman, an icon of faith, a pastor, teacher, mentor, discipler, a role model, husband, father and grandfather. He is an embodiment of greatness and a model worthy of emulation.

He is a prolific and holistic academic of great repute who has spent most of his years as a professor of instrumentation Engineering at the

Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

Professor Lawrence, an American and currently has his abode in Texas, is a former Engineering Dean and University Deputy Vice Chancellor. He bagged his B.Sc 1st class Hons in Electronics at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, and a D.Phil, in Control Engineering in 1975 at the University of Sussex in UK. He had his post Doctorate studies in Nuclear Instrumentation at the University of California, Berkeley USA (1977-1978) as an IAEA fellow.

He was the Rector of the first private Polytechnic (Lagos City polytechnic) in Nigeria. He worked as a World Meteorological organization's Consultant at Federal University of Technology, Akure. A few years back, he concluded a 3- year visiting professor term at the Texas Southern University, Houston Texas USA. He has worked in a Techno-Managerial position as the Director of ICT of Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife for years. He received an award of Emeritus Professor at Obafemi Awolowo University in November 2022.

The Emeritus Professor is married and blessed with children. He has over 100 academic publications and was the founding Principal Investigator of a University's iLab research. He currently designs real and virtual experiments for remote experimentation and mechatronics Engineering. He is a chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Computer Professional Nigeria, a member of ASEE and senior member of IEEE and SCIREA. He got the University of Ife scholarship award in 1973 to 1975, Western Nigerian scholarship in 1968 to 1971, and the International Atomic Energy (I.A.E.A) award in 1977 to 1978.



PROFESSOR K.A. AKO-NAI

**DEPUTY VICE - CHANCELLOR
(2 0 0 5 - 2 0 0 9)**

Professor K. A. Ako-Nai graduated from St. Joseph Grammar School, Ondo with grade 1 in WASC and worked briefly as a teacher in St. Louis Secondary School, Ondo. He obtained his Higher School Certificate (HSC) at the Ibadan Grammar School. He proceeded to the USA in 1969 and attended Howard University, Washington DC where he obtained BSc and MSc in Microbiology in 1973 and 1975 respectively.

He returned and worked briefly in the Department of Biological Sciences, in the then University of Ife, Ile-Ife, before he went back to Howard University and obtained his PhD in Medical Microbiology. He was the first African to do so in the institution.

Professor K. A. Ako-Nai returned to Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ife and rose from Lecturer II in Professor of Microbiology, in record time of nine years.

He occupied various academic and administrative positions in OAU. He was Head of Department of Microbiology, a couple of times, member of Senate, Deputy Provost, Postgraduate College, Pioneering Director of Central Science Laboratory, Director of OAU Investment Company and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration).



He was also a member of Board of Ondo State University of Technology, Okitipupa and visiting lecturer at various Nigerian federal and state Universities. He has numerous articles, bordering on paediatric health, in reputable international journals. He worked extensively on Medical Microbiology. He focused on HIV AIDS and breastfeeding and did a book that came out in a foreign publishing outlet on the subjects.

He retired, meritoriously, from the services of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) in 2015.



PROFESSOR S.A. ADESANYA

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2009-2012)



Prof. Saburi Adejimi Adesanya was born over 65 years ago in Kano. He attended Baptist Grammar School, Idi-Ishin Ibadan (1966-1970) and Igbobi College, Lagos (1970-1972) for the West African School and Higher School Certificates respectively. He obtained the B.Sc. (Hons) (Biochemistry) at the University of Ibadan in 1976. His National Youth Service (NYSC) was between 1976 and 1977. He worked briefly with the Oyo state Ministry of Education before resigning to attend the University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University, OAU) Ile-Ife. He was later awarded MPhil. (Pharmacognosy) from University of Ife (1978-1980) and PhD. (Pharmacognosy) from the School of Pharmacy, University of London in (1980-1984). He started his academic career as Lecturer 1 at OAU in 1984 where he rose through the ranks to become a professor in 1996.

Prof. Adesanya has over 50 scientific publications to his credit, majorly in the area of Natural Product Chemistry. He has also attended many scientific and administrative conferences. He has trained several PhD. students, many of whom are now Professors in their own right. His research works on medicinal plants span antisickling, anti-cancer and antimicrobial activities of medicinal plants as well as establishing the phytoalexins in beans and yams.

He has occupied several University positions starting from Head of Department (1987), the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration) at OAU (2009-2012) and up to the Vice Chancellor of Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), Ago Iwoye (2012-2017). As VC, He was able to attract funds of over N7Billion to revamp the University with over 30 new structures that includes the building of a new campus for the College of Agricultural Sciences at Ayetoro. He was a Visiting Professor to National Universities Commission (NUC) (2017- 2018) and a member of the Board of Federal Institute for Industrial Research, Oshodi (FIIRO) (2019 – 2021). He also served as a member of the Governing Council, University of Ilorin, Kwara state and was one time, the acting chairman of the Council (2021 to 2023).

He was once the Secretary of the Nigerian Society of Pharmacognosy and later He served as the pioneer Editor-in-Chief, Nigeria Journal of Natural Products and Medicines (1999-2009). He is currently a fellow of the Nigeria Society of Pharmacognosy. He retired from the services of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife in 2020 after 35 years of service. He

has over 60 awards including Distinguished awards from Ago Iwoye and Ayetoro towns. Prof. S. A. Adesanya is happily married with children and grandchildren.



PROFESSOR O.A. AJAYI

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2012-2016)

Professor Ajayi Omolayo Ademola is a Nigerian renowned erudite professor. He was born in Agbeye in Odo-Otin local government area of Osun State, Nigeria. He attended the Technical College, Ibadan

(now polytechnic), Nigeria, between January 1969 and December 1970, where he bagged Ordinary National Diploma (OND) and Ordinary Technical Diploma (OTD) in Electrical Engineering. He then proceeded to the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife) in 1972 and graduated with a B.Sc Degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1976.

Other furtherance of His academic pursuits extended to the National College of Agriculture Engineering, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Silsoe, United Kingdom in 1978 where he obtained his PhD in Agricultural Engineering in 1983.

He was appointed a Graduate Assistant at Obafemi Awolowo University in 1977. Between 1983 and 1989, he was promoted lecturer 1 and lecturer 2 respectively. As at 1989, he became a Senior Lecturer and was further promoted a Reader in 1996.

Due to his level of dedication, competence, vast knowledge, academic and research dexterity, he rose to become a Professor in 2006 till date. This is a pointer to the sterling qualities he is made of. It shows that his achievements in academic pursuit are on the basis of meritocracy and ordinacy. Indeed, he is a colossus!

Prof Ademola Àjàyí belongs to the membership of professional bodies such as; Corporate member, Nigerian Society of Agricultural Engineers. Corporate member, Nigerian Society of Engineers. Registered Engineers (COREN) R.2425.

He has attended myriads of academic, professional and administrative seminars, workshops, conferences and symposia





both nationally and internationally. He has supervised many graduate and postgraduates theses, published several articles and papers in reputable journals within and outside the country which include:

---Designing and construction of the first prototype of the cowpea sheller known with agricultural Engineering Department of Obafemi Awolowo University in 1976.

----Designing and construction of a Hammer Mill with a recirculation system of grinding for Tropical Product Institute, London; 1989. It would interest you all, that Prof is a world's circum-navigator who has travelled to almost all countries of the world with both national and international connections.

Prof. Ademola Ajayi coordinated the technical staff of the Central Service Unit in the repair and maintenance of office equipment in the Obafemi Awolowo University, and also coordinated the technical staff of Agricultural Engineering Department in the fabrication of Road construction equipment for the Directorate of Food, Road and Rural Infrastructures. He is a member of the team that commissioned the Federal Government of Nigeria Rice Mill complexes at Erimo and Efon Alaiyé, and also the establishment of a Feed Mill complex for Ila Local Government Authority of Osun State of Nigeria.

Professor Àjàyí Omolayo Ademola is happily married to Mrs Modupe Olaide Àjàyí and the union is blessed with three children.

Yes, he's a Professor! A professor who is renowned for being himself! A personification of academic excellence for being a model to be looked up!

God bless the Prof!!!



PROFESSOR C.O. AJILA

DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR
(2017-2021)



Chris Olugbenga AJILA, a Professor of Industrial/Organisational Psychology, was born on 13th February, 1956 in Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State. He had his First degree at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan between 1981 and 1984; his Masters degree at the University of Ado-Ekiti now Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti between 1988 and 1990; and his Ph.D (Doctorate) degree at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife between 1992 and 1997.

Chris Olugbenga Ajila began his academic career in the University System in 1991 at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife as an Assistant Lecturer and rose through the rank to become a Professor in 2005. He has served the University in various capacities, such as Examination Officer; Staff Adviser; Head of Department and Chief Examiner; Representative of Dean on various Boards; Faculty representative in Senate; Chairman, Faculty Postgraduate Committee; Chairman, Central University Examination Malpractices and Disciplinary Committee; Member of the Postgraduate Board. He was the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences between 2015 and 2017. He was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) at the Obafemi Awolowo University between 1st August, 2017 and July 31, 2021.

Professor Ajila has also served as (i). Member of the Visitation Panel to the College of Education, Ikere-Ekiti; (ii). Member, National Universities Commission Ad-hoc Accreditation Panel to evaluate undergraduate degree programmes in Social Sciences "B" discipline in Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Edo State; University of Ado-Ekiti; Delta State University, Abraka; Adamawa State University, Mubi; and Benue State University, Makurdi;. (2007 and 2008); (iii). Member, NUC Accreditation Panel to evaluate undergraduate degree programmes in Social Sciences "B" discipline in Nasarawa State University, Keffi. (2012 April); (iv). Chairman, NUC Ad hoc Accreditation Panel to evaluate the Undergraduate degree programmes in Social Sciences "F" discipline of the University of Ado-Ekiti, Ado-Ekiti (November, 2012). Member, NUC Ad hoc Accreditation Panel to evaluate the Psychology programme at The Baze University, Abuja. (December, 2017). Chairman, NUC Ad hoc Accreditation Panel to evaluate the Psychology programme at The Plateau State University, Boko. (May, 2018). Chairman, NUC Ad hoc Accreditation Panel to evaluate the Psychology Programme at





University of Nigeria, Nzukka and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka (October, 2019). Chairman of the NUC Resource Verification Visit to the Proposed Postgraduate Programmes in Caritas University, Amorji-Nike, Enugu State. between 12th – 14th September, 2021. Member, NUC Ad hoc Accreditation Panel to evaluate the Psychology programme at The Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State between 8th and 11th December, 2021).

Professor Ajila is External Examiner for B.Sc, M.M.P, M.Sc and Ph.D programmes of the Department of Psychology, at the University of Ibadan, University of Lagos, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, and Benue State University, Makurdi; Department of Guidance and Counselling, University of Ibadan and Department of Psychology, Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. He had served as Editor, Ife Journal of Psychology, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria (2000-2006); Member, Editorial Board, The Nigerian Journal of Psychology (A publication of the Nigerian Psychological Association). 2004 – 2007 and Member, Editorial Board, Obafemi Awolowo University Press (2002- 2005). Professor Ajila delivered his Inaugural lecture titled: People and Organisations: The dynamics of workplace behavior in February, 2014.

While on Sabbatical leave at the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Professor Ajila served as Head, Department of Psychology from 2000 - 2004 and from 2007 - 2010. Similarly, he served as the Dean, College of Management Sciences during his Sabbatical leave at the Bells University of Technology, Ota, from 2012 - 2013 and 2021 - 2022. Professor Ajila's research interests and publications cover Organisational Behaviour, Human Resource Management, Research Methods, Consumer Behaviour, Motivation, and Job Satisfaction, He is also a Fellow of the Nigerian Psychological Association

Professor Ajila has well over forty published articles to his credit in reputable local and international journals as well as several proceedings and conference publications. He is the author of a book titled: Understanding and Conducting Research in the Social and Management Sciences. Professor Chris Olugbenga Ajila has attended several local and international conferences some of which include XIth and XIIth International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) World Congress held in Akron, Ohio, USA and Oslo, Norway and Association of Universities Management Development Workshop held at Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration, Accra Ghana. He is also a Member of some local and international professional Association such as the Counseling Association of Nigerian (CAN), the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA), and Fellow, Nigerian Psychological Association (FNPA). Apart from his academic prowess, Prof. Ajila is an astute administrator and has demonstrated professionalism, excellence and great leadership qualities in administrative positions held. His hobbies include reading, table tennis and footballing.



MR. J.O. POPOOLA

REGISTRAR (1987-1991)



Mr. John Olugbade Popoola was born on 20th November, 1932 to the family of Late Prince Samuel Akinlade Popoola and Late Princess Comfort Jolaade Popoola in Eruwa, Ibarapa East Local Government, Oyo State, Nigeria.

He started school at Anko Baptist Day School, Anko, Eruwa in the mid-'40s where he read up to Standard Five. He passed his Entrance Examination into four secondary schools, but eventually decided on Baptist Boys High School, Abeokuta which he attended between 1948 and 1953.

He was announced as the Head Prefect of the School for the year 1953 and after the completion of his secondary school education, he was offered appointment as a teacher in the School as a result of his excellent performance in the final examinations. By September, 1953, he got admission to the then Nigerian College of Arts, Science and Technology, Ibadan Branch to read English Language and Literature, History and Latin (Advanced Level). He was subsequently admitted to the University College, Ibadan, an offer he refused because he did not want to become a teacher. He looked forward to an opportunity for scholarship to study Public Administration. While he was waiting to obtain a scholarship, he undertook appointment as a Teacher at Aawe High School, Aawe, Oyo State from 1956 to 1958. He was later awarded a West Regional Scholarship tenable at the University College, Ibadan between 1958 and 1961. He successfully completed his course in 1961 and he started work in the Treasury Division of the Western Region Civil Service in 1961, as directed by the then Head of Service, Late Chief Simeon Adebo.



He later switched from Public Administration to a professional career, Journalism and he was moved to the Ministry of Information as an Information Officer. While there, he attended in-service courses, one of which was at Sydney, Australia in 1963 under the Special Commonwealth African Assistance Plan (SCAAP).

In January, 1965, he transferred his service to the University of Ife, while the campus was still at Ibadan, which is now The Polytechnic, Ibadan. He moved along with other staff of the University to the permanent site at Ile-Ife in 1968.

Mr. Popoola began as an Administrative Officer in the University and rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Registrar in 1976. After the creation of the Directorate system in the Registry of the University, he had the privilege of being the Director of Personnel Affairs, Academic Affairs, Students Affairs and General Administration at various times.

Mr. J. O. Popoola was appointed as the Registrar, University of Ife, (now Obafemi Awolowo University) in January 1987 and he retired after 35 years of meritorious Public service on December 28, 1991.

Mr. Popoola was married to Late Olufunmilayo Aduke Popoola, a retired Matron at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife. The marriage is blessed with three sons, two daughters and many grandchildren.

Mr. Popoola is a member of the following organizations:

- (I) Life Member, Bible Society of Nigeria
- (ii) Life Member, Gideon's Society
- (iii) Man O' War Club from 1968
- (iv) Honorary Member, Palm Wine Drinkards Club of Obafemi Awolowo University (1988)

Nobody enters the hallowed academic fairways and hallways of the Obafemi Awolowo University and leaves unmarked by the mores and tenets of the space it occupies in the annals of higher education in Nigeria. I was privileged to have been recruited to her service by the great man himself, the late Professor Hezekiah Oluwasanmi, who came to New York, USA, in the early 1970s to recruit Doctors to teach the Clinical component in the newly established "Faculty of Health Sciences medical school. His focus and that of his team, which included the late Professor T.A.I. Grillo, was to recruit my husband, Dr Olukayode Ojutiku into the Medical Faculty. He had just been Board certified in Internal Medicine and I had just taken a Masters degree in Higher Education Administration from the Teachers College, Columbia University. In a fortuitous move we were both recruited into the service and I ended up reporting for work as Assistant Registrar in August 1975.

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My husband followed a few months later. This was a period of great transformation in the Administrative structure of the University which having been established by the Western Region of Nigeria was more or less seen as an arm of Government with attendant discordant positions held by Government functionaries and University dons on how a University should be run.

This period saw frequent changes in the position of Registrar from the time of the first substantive Registrar, Mr. A. Y. Eke who served only six months to Mr H. Balmond who actually held that office for six years. When I joined the service in 1975 there was an Acting Registrar, Mr. D.B Ajayi, a very experienced administrator, but shortly after, we got a seasoned Civil Servant and administrator par excellence, in the person of Mr. T.A. Akinyele. It was he, who during the Vice Chancellorship of Professor Ojetunji Aboyade, reorganized and transformed the central administration of the University into what it still is today with few modifications here and there to accommodate the needs and demands of an ever growing population of students and staff. That reorganization accorded the Administrative cadres visibility in the essential service they performed in the academic enterprise that any University is, as well as ensured their pride of place within the system. I stand on the shoulders of this great man, Mr Akinyele, and of his successors, Dr E.O. Adetunji who was Registrar for nine years and Mr J.O. Popoola who served for 4 years, in whatever I accomplished



in my twenty one years of service which culminated in my Registrarship from 1992-1996.

If I was asked to point to one achievement of significance during those years, I would readily point to the emphasis I placed on the continuing education of non teaching staff of all disciplines. Under the "Day Release" program which we had instituted, first line administrators, staff in the technology and executive cadres, the Bursary, and as a matter of fact, any staff, in both the Senior or Junior cadres, in any arm of the University who wished to pursue higher education could (and still can) do so. The only prerequisite was for there to be enough staff in their Department to accommodate their absence when they dashed off, during official working hours, to audit their lectures. I, myself, took advantage of the Sabbatical leave component of this scheme to complete my Ph.D. in the Faculty of Administration in 1987. It was also during this period that the rudiments of computer usage in the administration was laid. This new dispensation saw a stiff reduction in the erstwhile heavy paper usage and attendant sweat equity by staff high and low in the preparation of the agenda of myriads of statutory meetings the University system is often bogged down with. Furthermore, OAU is a tough terrain to operate on in view of a fiercely activist staff and nationalist minded student body. But, the high points of my service were in my relationship with the Staff Unions, SSANU, ASUU and NASU. It is a campus that is definitely not for the faint hearted, but I had utmost satisfaction in my service.

All said, one only needs to take a ride from the University's Road One entrance with its verdant landscape which, thanks to the Parks and Gardens Department, carries through every corner of the vast and stunningly beautiful Campus for both mind and body to be restored. The beauty of this well conceived altar of "learning and culture" placed within a Master Plan that has been faithfully executed over the years does that to me every time I visit. My heart fills with pride and I often wonder why my family and I have been so blessed to have been a part of this academic citadel that was not even in our horizon when Professor Oluwasanmi came calling. But ironically, this is where we spent a fulfilling part of our professional lives, working and raising children who even now look back fondly on their youthful years which they call idyllic. I carry Great Ife with affection in my mind and wherever I am always. I thank the Principal Officers that were my contemporaries in service as well those currently in the saddle while I wish the University well always. Dr (Mrs) Doyinsola Ojutiku

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DR. (MRS.) O.O. OLAMIJULO

ACTING REGISTRAR (2006-2007)



Dr. Mrs. Opeyemi Olusimbo OLAMIJULO was born on the 3rd March 1947 and from Odogbolu, Ogun State. For basic education, she attended the Salvation Army and Bethel Primary Schools, Lagos from 1953 to 1957; Reagan Memorial Baptist Girls' School, Lagos from 1958 to 1964; and Ijebu-Ode Grammar School, Ijebu-Ode from 1965 to 1967. For her university education, Mrs. Olamijulo attended the University of Ibadan, Ibadan between 1967 and 1970 and obtained B. Sc. In Economics. Also, she successfully pursued a Master in Public Administration degree from Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and graduated in 1974.

She had worked with the Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Re-construction, Lagos as Planning Officer from 1971 before joining the Obafemi Awolowo University's Registry in 1977. She rose through the ranks to the position of Acting Registrar and was on this position to the point of retirement in 2007.

Dr. Mrs. Olamijulo during her career and service to the nation received several commendation and awards which include the following: Long Service Award by Obafemi Awolowo University; Certificate of Meritorious Service by Pro-Chancellor and Chairman Governing Council, OAU on behalf of the University in recognition of Service as Secretary to the University Governing Council; and Honorary Doctorate Award in Educational Administration by Pilgrims University, Burlington NC USA. Also, she is a recipient of several awards for excellence by Methodist Church Nigeria – Ife Circuit

She is a committed Christian at the Father's Home Church – Christ Apostolic Church – Odogbolu Ogun State and Ebute – Metta, Lagos State. She served as President, Women's Christian Fellowship, All Souls Chapel, Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife; Staff Adviser. Methodist Students Campus Fellowship, Obafemi Awolowo University; Patroness, Boys' and Girls' Brigade – 8th and 3rd Ife Company; Matron/Grand Matron of Church Fellowships Methodist Church Nigeria More/Aladanla Society and Obalufon Society Ile-Ife Circuit.

Dr. Mrs. Olamijulo is happily married to Very Rev. Samuel Kayode Olamijulo. The union is blessed with six great and blessed children and eleven grandchildren. Mrs Olamijulo and her husband are now retired and live in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.



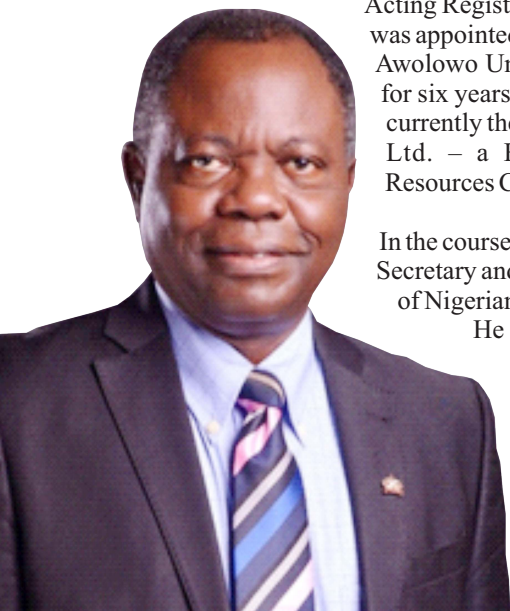
MR. A.O. OGUNRUKU

REGISTRAR
(2007-2013)

Mr. Ayorinde Olurinde OGUNRUKU was born close to seven decades ago at Ido Ekiti to the family of Late Chief and Chief (Mrs.) Michael Aina and Folaranmi OGUNRUKU.

He attended Omodewa L. A. School, Ido-Ekiti from 1960 to 1965; and Ekiti Parapo College Ido-Ekiti from 1966 to June 1973 for his School Certificate and Higher School Certificate (HSC). He thereafter proceeded to the University of Ife, now Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in October 1973 and graduated in June 1978. He returned to the same institution in 1988 for a Master Degree programme in Public Administration and obtained the MPA degree in 1990. He also attended the Galilee International Management Institute, Israel in 2005 and 2013 respectively and obtained Certificates in Higher Education Management.

Mr. Ayorinde Ogunruku had a stint as a Teacher at the Notre Dame College, Usi Ekiti after his Higher School Certificate in 1973 and at the Imade College, Owo, Ondo State from 1979 to 1982 January when he joined the services of the Federal University of Technology, Akure. He rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Registrar in FUTA in 1998 and Acting Registrar in 2006. In June 2007, Mr. Ayorinde Ogunruku was appointed as Registrar and Secretary to Council of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. He held the office meritoriously for six years and completed his tenure on May 31, 2013. He is currently the Managing Partner of Haven Lift Global Consults Ltd. – a Higher Education Management and Human Resources Consultancy based in Akure, Ondo State.



In the course of his career, Mr. Ogunruku served as the National Secretary and later National Training Officer of the Association of Nigerian Universities Professional Association (ANUPA).

He also served as the National Chairman of the Committee of Registrars of Nigerian Universities (CORNU) for two years. He has served as a Consultant to many Universities in Nigeria including the University of Ibadan, University of Lagos, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, University of Uyo, Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, Ekiti State



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University, Ado-Ekiti, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Lagos State University, Ago Iwoye, Redeemers University, Mowe, Adeleke University, Ede. He has also served on the Visitation Panels to the following Universities:

- Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti
- The Redeemers University, Ede
- Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji Arakeji, Osun State
- Lagos State University, Ojoo, Lagos State

A patriotic son of Ido Ekiti, Mr. Ogunruku served as the National Secretary and later National President of Ido-Ekiti Students Union from 1975 to 1978. He is a member of the Kabato Klub, Ido Ekiti. As a lover of education, Ayo Ogunruku has always encouraged Ido young ones to take good advantage of education as a means of future personal attainment. He has won many awards including Distinguished Award for Excellent Performance in the Nigerian Public Service awarded by the Chartered Institute of Public Administrators of Nigeria 2003 Honorary Appointment into the Research Board of Advisors of the American Biographical Institute 2003 FUTA Productivity Award as the University's Best Administrative Staff of the Year 2005 FUTA Productivity Award as the University's Best Head of Unit of the Year 2005 Award of Excellence as the Most Valuable Indigene of Ido-Ekiti 2006

Mr. Ogunruku was on the Nigerian Delegation to the Centenary Celebration of the Association of Commonwealth Universities held in the United Kingdom in October 2013. He is a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management; Member, Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria; Member, Association of Nigerian Universities Professional Association; Member, ACU Human Resource Management Network; Member, Association of University Administrators, U.K.; Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Public Administrators of Nigeria; and Fellow, Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria. He has attended many conferences and delivered papers both in Nigeria and abroad. He has visited all the major continents.

Mr. Ogunruku, married to Deborah Oluwayemi, nee Ogunbusuyi, is a practicing Christian and Member of many Christian Organizations including the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and the Gideons International. In the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, he is a National Director and former Coordinator, Capacity Building, for the Southwest Region. He is currently service as the National Chairman, Training for the Fellowship in Nigeria. He is an active member of the St. John's Anglican Church, Ido-Ekiti and the Chapel of Faith, FUTA. He is a trainer and a public speaker.



MR. D.O. AWOYEMI

REGISTRAR (2 0 1 3 - 2 0 1 8)

Early Life, Academic Triumphs, and Unwavering Pursuit of Knowledge: Born on January 23, 1959, in Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria, David Oladotun Awoyemi embarked on his academic journey that led to a B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy from the University of Ife in 1979, laying the foundation for an illustrious career. Awoyemi's academic thirst propelled him to attain a Postgraduate Diploma and an M.Sc. in International Relations from Obafemi Awolowo University. His commitment to staying at the forefront of the digital era is evident through his Distinction in the Certificate in Electronic Data Processing Prolific Contributions and Dynamic Professional Trajectory: In a remarkable stride, at the youthful age of 23, David Oladotun Awoyemi commenced his journey with the University, taking on the role of Administrative Officer II in 1982. Prior to this, he had served as a Clerical Officer under the defunct Western State Ministry of Finance in 1975. This marked the inception of a dynamic professional trajectory characterized by an unyielding commitment to academic affairs management and the strategic navigation of challenges within higher education institutions. From these early days, Awoyemi's influence steadily grew as he navigated through pivotal roles in faculty administration, central university administration, Vice Chancellor's office, Senate Division, Council Affairs, and the Alumni Relations Unit. His journey ultimately culminated in the distinguished position of Director in the Directorate of Academic Affairs, showcasing not only his versatility but also his exceptional leadership acumen before he attained the position of Registrar and Secretary to Council on June 1, 2013.



Leadership Excellence and Recognition:

Awoyemi's pinnacle role as Registrar and Secretary to the Council of Obafemi Awolowo University from June 1, 2013, to May 31, 2018, highlighted his administrative prowess. Under his guidance, the Registry advanced on its digital transformation, and he pioneered initiatives like the Online Recruitment Portal. Universally acknowledged by all stakeholders as an excellent administrator, he received several letters of commendation from university management: from students he got many awards including the Pharmaffin Award for the Favorite Non-Academic



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Staff (Male) of the Year in 1997 and 1998 and a Certificate of Honor from the O.A.U. Alumni Association Lagos Branch in 1992.

Professional Affiliations and Global Impact:

Awoyemi's commitment to excellence extends beyond national boundaries, with memberships in administrative and management organizations in the UK and USA. His global influence is underscored by his role as a resource person at recruitment exercises for other higher institutions, emphasizing his dedication to shaping the future of academic administration.

Intellectual Contributions and Legacy Beyond Roles:

Awoyemi's impact surpasses administrative roles; he has presented papers at numerous institutions and professional bodies, contributing to discourse on university administration and personnel management. His prolific contributions underscore his commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering best practices in higher education. His influence transcends official capacities, evident in his active engagement in university committees, strategic planning, and fervent support for alumni branches. His legacy is not merely confined to titles; it is a testament to the transformative power of visionary leadership in shaping educational landscapes.

Conclusion:

Within the realm of higher education administration, David Oladotun Awoyemi emerges as a luminary, epitomizing an unwavering dedication to excellence, astute leadership, and an insatiable pursuit of knowledge. His narrative unfolds not merely as a chronicle of personal triumphs but resonates as a potent testament to the transformative influence wielded by visionary leadership in shaping the intricate dynamics of educational institutions. Awoyemi's journey is a rich narrative that underscores the profound impact a visionary leader can have on the intricate fabric of academia, leaving an indelible mark that extends far beyond individual achievements.





MRS. M.I. OMOSULE

REGISTRAR (2018-2023)

Mrs. Margaret Idowu Omosule, an indigene of Delta State, was born on the 8th of April 1961. She completed her primary education at St. Paul's Primary School, Ughelli, Delta State in 1975 and, thereafter, proceeded to Marian High School, Bane, Ogoni, Rivers State for her secondary education, finishing in 1980.

That same year, she gained admission to the then-University of Ife, from where she obtained a degree of Bachelor of Arts Education (History) in 1984. She later received a Master of Arts Education (Guidance and Counselling) degree in 1990 from this university.

Mrs. Omosule commenced her public service career in the services of Oyo and later Osun State Teaching Service Commission, where she was a Teacher / Guidance Counsellor at Moremi High School, Ile-Ife, in January 1991 before moving to the University as an Administrative Officer on the 23rd of January 1995.

Before Mrs. Omosule was appointed Registrar, she served in the following Units: the Division of Student Affairs, Academic Staff Establishment, Administrative and Technical Staff Establishment, Directorate of Academic Affairs, and the Vice-Chancellor's Office. In addition, she was on Sabbatical Leave at Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ijebu-Ode, as a Deputy Registrar between 2014 and 2015.

In all her postings, she proved her worth as an archetype of a seasoned University Administrator. She is very courageous, painstaking, resilient, and innovative. She received several commendations and recognitions for meritorious services within and outside the University.

Through hard work, Mrs. Omosule rose to the peak of her professional cadre in 2016 when she was promoted Director. Given her antecedent, her appointment as the 12th substantive Registrar and Secretary to the Council of the University, effective 1st June 2018, did not come as a surprise.



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Her 5-year tenure which ended on the 31st of May, 2023, was characterised by adherence to the rules and regulations of the University, prompt attention to staff welfare and training, promotion, and sustenance of professionalism among Registry staff.

Mrs Omosule courageously tackled some of the Registry's knotty and age-long administrative challenges. With support from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, the processes for computerising Registry functions and digitising OAU certificates were set in motion before her exit from office. She resuscitated the Registry Lecture Series and led the Registry to raise funds for the assistance of indigent students of the University.

During her career, Mrs. Omosule served as a resource person to national and international organisations/institutions, including the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), the Funded COMPASS Project: Baseline Household, Facility and School Surveys, Learning Plus (an initiative of UNICEF's Basic Education and Gender Equity (BEGE) Programme), Life Vanguard's Training Programmes in Reproductive Health and Entrepreneurial Skills Development for Undergraduate Students.

In addition, she was an assessor for the appointment of Registrars and promotion of Deputy Registrars to the Registry of some universities in the South West. She was a member of the Council of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) from June 2018 to March 2020 as one of the representatives of Nigerian universities.

Mrs. Omosule, a recipient of two international fellowships, has been privileged to attend training programmes/conferences in Spain, the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, South Africa, Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. She has three publications to her credit.

She is a member of the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators, the Association of Women's Rights in Development, the Institute of Corporate Administration, the Critical Thinking Community, and the Academy of Management.

She is happily married to Dr. Monone Omosule, and they are blessed with wonderful children.



DR. (MRS.) F.O. BURSAR ALADEKOMO (1993-2001)

Dr. (Mrs.) Florence Olanrewaju Aladekomo was Born at Esa-Oke Osun State on 7th July, 1947 into the renowned family of Chief T.A. Babajide (popularly known as Olowo-Esa) who was an astute business man and Cocoa merchant in Ijesa land. She attended the United Missionary School at Esa Oke and Government Teacher Training College (GTTC) Demonstration school for her primary school education. Later on she attended the prestigious St. Margaret's School Ilesa 1960-64 And Ilesa Grammar school 1956-66. Her brilliance at the competitive entrance examination into both Institutions were aptly rewarded with the award of Government Scholarship to pursue her secondary and Higher School education. She won the best mathematics student prize while in St. Margaret in the junior classes and in her final year in the school. Subsequently, she proceeded to the University of Ibadan to study Economic and obtained in 1970, a B.Sc. degree (Second Class Upper Division).



Dr (Mrs.) Aladekomo's childhood background in Practical Trading, Commercial Transaction and Business Enterprises inspired her choice of Accountancy as a profession. It is commendable that while serving as an employee of the Bursary of Obafemi Awolowo University she studied for and passed all the professional examinations of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants of England and Wales without attending a formal institution. She has subsequently, been registered as a Fellow (FCCA) by the British Accounting Association and (FCA) by the Institution of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN). She holds ICAN's certificate of practice as a Professional Auditor.

Starting as an Executive Officer (Account) at the Bursary Obafemi Awolowo University Bursary in 1971, She rose through the ranks of

Accountant, Senior Accountant, and Chief Accountant Deputy Bursar culminating in her appointment as the first female Bursar In 1993; a post she held until her retirement in 2001. This post carried the enormous responsibility of presiding over the management, control and administration of the university financial resources for eight



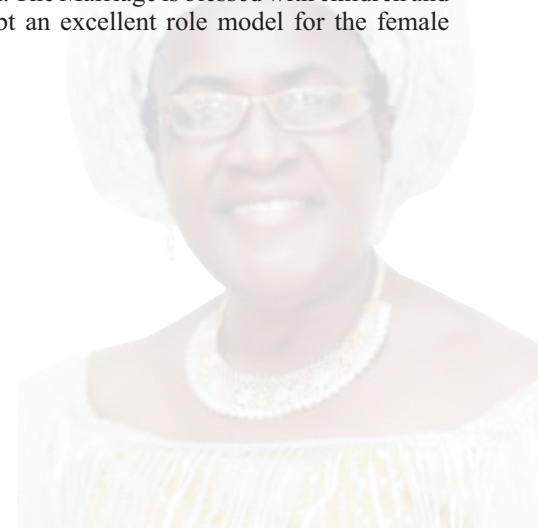
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years. Her meritorious discharge of those duties were rewarded with periodic commendation by the University Council and another special commendation at retirement from that post in 2001.

Along with her professional accomplishments, she has taken keen interest in academics. Despite her busy schedule in the Bursary, she had spared time to serve as part-time lecturer in the Departments of Economics, Management and Accounting and Local Government of the University. She has pursued an admirable programme of self-development by carrying out successfully studies that led to the awards of the postgraduate degrees of master's in business administration (MBA) 1995, M.Phil. In Business Administration 2006 and Ph.D in Business Administration in year 2012.

After retiring as Bursar, she crossed over to academics and took up a contract appointment as Senior Industrial Management Consultant in the Centre for Industrial Research and Development of the Obafemi Awolowo University. Her duties include (among others) teaching, conducting research and carrying out feasibility studies. She is one of the earliest motivators of Entrepreneurship Education in the University. She did extensive research on and had publications in Education Policy on Entrepreneurship, Role of Small and Medium Scale Enterprise {SME} in national development and impact Measurement of Microcredit Intervention.

She is a committed Christian with serious devotion to Evangelism and Counseling. She is happily married to Professor J.B. Aladekomo a retired Professor of Physics and foundation Vice Chancellor of Lead City University Ibadan. The Marriage is blessed with children and grandchildren. Dr Mrs Aladekomo is no doubt an excellent role model for the female gender.



MRS. O. ODEYEMI

BURSAR (2 0 0 1 - 2 0 1 2)

Mrs Omolara Odeyemi was born into the family of High Chief and Mrs Oni of Ijebujsa on 22nd October 1951. She attended Ebenezer High School, Ijeda Ilesha (1964-1968); The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Diploma in Accountancy (1971-1973); Tennessee Christian University Jackson, USA Bachelor of Accounting (1974-1976); and University of Ife (Now Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, MBA (1983-1985) Specialization in Financial Management.

With reference to professional accomplishment, she is a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Nigeria September 2001 ICPAN NO.1329/2001; Institute of Chartered Management Accountants of Nigeria ICMA No ICMA/MB/1020/2007; and Institute of Data Processing Management of Nigeria 2003. Membership No FDP/0391/03N.

On career at Obafemi Awolowo University, Mrs Omolara Odeyemi began her career at Obafemi Awolowo University in September 1977 as an accountant II steadily ascending the ranks to eventually assume the role of Bursar in 2002, where she serve meritoriously for twelve years.

She served as Bursar under the leadership of four Vice-Chancellors: Professor Wale Omole in an acting capacity and substantively under Professor R.O.A Mekanjuola, Professor M.O. Faborode, and Professor Tale Omole. Within the period of her service as the University Bursar, she was the General Secretary, Committee of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (COBNU) -2002-2006; Chairperson, Petty Contract Sub-committee, Obafemi Awolowo University -2002-2012; and Chairperson, Board of Directors, University of Ife Bookshop Ltd - 2002-2007.

As the Bursar of this great University, Mrs Odeyemi creatively introduced the Grants and Agency Division in 2002, facilitating the effective management of external grants and agency funds by appointing an Internal Auditor; she advocated for an increase in the monthly grant for university personnel in 2004, significantly improving financial management and resolving issues related to allowances, promotion arrears etc. Also, she initiated the computerization of Bursary operations in 2007, transitioning from manual to automated processing of payment vouchers and revenue collection with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. She implemented an automated Fixed Asset register in place of the manual OAU Fixed Asset register in 2007 and successfully proposed and established three Directorates within the Bursary department in 2008, enhancing administrative efficiency. Led the Bursary football team, Account United, to win the Vice-Chancellor Cup in 2011, reflecting her leadership qualities and support for extracurricular activities.

In her services to the university, Mrs. Lara Odeyemi received numerous verbal and written commendations from various authorities, including Prof. J. S. Cookey, former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of OAU Governing Council, commendation on impressive performance in managing the university's accounts; Prof. Wale Omole, Prof. Roger Mekanjuola, Prof. M.O Faborode, and Prof. Bamitale Omole, acknowledged her dedication, resourcefulness, and significant contributions to the institution's success.

Mrs Omolara Odeyemi is happily married to Prof Olu Odeyemi, formerly Microbiology Department, OAU. Their union is blessed with accomplished children and grand children; a testament to God's grace in their lives.



MRS. J.A. AKEREDOLU

BURSAR (2 0 1 3 - 2 0 1 8)

AKEREDOLU Josephine Aderonke (Mrs) is a proponent of exceptionalism who was born in Ilorin Kwara State some decades ago. She began the pursuit of her tertiary education at Federal School of Arts and Science, Victoria Island Lagos in year 1976 and she bagged the General Certificate of Education (A/L) in year 1978 before she proceeded to the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos state where she studied Accounting for three years (1978-1981) and was awarded B.Sc(Hons) in Accounting in year 1981. AKEREDOLU Josephine Aderonke was privileged to travel to Canada to study at Toronto School of Business, Canada and after a year of study she bagged the certificate of Diploma (Hons) in Micro Computer Business Application (in year 1989).

Using the phrase, "I can't settle for less", one must be talking about AKEREDOLU Josephine Aderonke (Mrs) who after studying in Nigeria and abroad later came back to Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife Osun state here in Nigeria to study for another two years to obtain a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) in year 2003.

Mrs Aderonke Akeredolu was the Bursar and the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife from 2013-2018. She's the pioneer Chairperson of the Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria, Osun chapter and the Chair/Lead project Director, Higher Education Resource services, West Africa (HERSWA). Aderonke is currently the National Welfare Secretary, The Society of Women Accountants of Nigeria (SWAN), a member of 68th Foursquare Gospel Church Annual Convention Planning Committee. She was trained as a young Accountant II in 1982 and rose through the ranks to become a Deputy Bursar in 1998, a Director in 2007, Acting Bursar in 2012 and a substantive University Bursar of Obafemi Awolowo University in 2013, Bursar of Chrisland University, Abeokuta (2018/2019) and Director (Investment) in





O.A.U before she retired from the services of O.A.U on 8th November, 2021.

Mrs. Akeredolu has contributed immensely to the accounting profession thereby impacting positively, institutions, organisations and individuals. She's a Fellow of reputable professional organizations like the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN). The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (FCIT), Fellow of the Association of Forensic Accounting Researchers (FFAR) and a member of the Nigerian Institute of Management among others.

Due to her level of intelligence and outstanding personality, AKEREDOLU Josephine Aderonke (Mrs) was given award of Student of the Month (of March and June) amidst her Canadian students counterparts at Toronto School of Business, Canada.

AKEREDOLU Josephine Aderonke (Mrs) is happily married to Professor Funso Alaba AKEREDOLU, a pollution control expert of the Department of Chemical Engineering, O.A.U and the union is blessed with three children.

Sincerely, AKEREDOLU Josephine Aderonke (Mrs) is an exemplary leader and mother who has touched hearts in every area of her academic career. She is a recipient of over 30 awards and commendations among which she was one of the outstanding Youth Corps members of the year 1981/1982 in Ondo state after acting in a play titled "Our Husband has Gone Mad Again" by Ola Rotimi. Aderonke has had the privilege of meeting and dining with national and international dignitaries like having cocktail with the Queen of England at the Buckingham Palace in 2013, meeting Presidents of Nations, dining with God's Generals and being in the presence of Pope at the Vatican city in Rome, Italy. Just like the biblical saying "see a man who's diligent in his work, he shall not stand before mere men but will stand among kings" such is the case of Mrs Aderonke. A woman who has met and dined with not mere men but with kings and Generals. Such is the exact definition of a diligent woman like Aderonke, an exemplar gratia of dignity. She is an ordained minister of God with her husband at Foursquare Gospel Church, Nigeria.



**MR. S.O.
AYANSINA**
BURSAR
(2018-2023)

Mr. Samson Olayide Ayansina was born on February 15th 1962 in Eruwa, Ibarapa East Local Government Area of Oyo State. He attended Oke-Ogun Modern/Commerical School, Eruwa, 1978; The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Department of Business Administration 1986. He was the best student in his class. He attended Lead City University, Ibadan, B.Sc. Accounting, graduating with First Class honours in 2007. Mr Ayansina obtained Masters in Personnel Psychology, 2000 and Masters in Business Administration, 2004 from University of Ibadan.

Mr. Ayansina passed all the qualifying examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria in 1992 and qualified as a chartered accountant. He became an Associate Member and a Fellow of the Institute in 1993 and 2011 respectively. He served the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria at the District, Zonal and National levels.

Mr. Ayansina started his working career at the University of Ibadan. By dint of hard work and grace of God, he rose through the ranks to become Senior Accountant in 1993; Principal Accountant in 1996; Chief Accountant in 1999. He was appointed, the Financial Controller, College of Medicine, University of Ibadan in 2008.

Mr. Ayansina was appointed the University Bursar, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife on 2nd July 2018 for a period of five years. He successfully completed his tenure on 30th June 2023.

Mr Ayansina have the opportunities of attending many conferences outside the country. Some of the countries visited are Israel, United Kingdom, South Africa, Morocco, Djibouti, Senegal, Kenya.

Mr. Samson Olayide Ayansina is happily married, blessed with children and a grandchild. His hobbies includes reading, singing and farming,



MRS. B.O. ASUBIOJO

Mrs. Bukky Olufemi Asubiojo, FNLA, was the University Librarian of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, from February 21, 2011, to February 20, 2017. Born on January 18, 1960, in the vibrant town of Ijebu Igbo, Ogun State, Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo embarked on a journey of academic excellence that shaped her into a distinguished individual. She had her secondary education at Ago Iwoye Secondary School, laying the foundation for her intellectual pursuits. Subsequently, she pursued higher education at the prestigious University of Ibadan, earning a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) in 1983 with Second Class Honors Upper Division. Her thirst for knowledge led her to further academic heights, obtaining a Masters in Library Studies in 1985, also from the University of Ibadan.

Embarking on her professional journey, Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo commenced her career as a Librarian II at the Lagos State Polytechnic in 1986. Demonstrating her commitment to academic institutions, she later transitioned to the then Ogun State University (now Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye) in 1987, marking a pivotal step in her trajectory. In 1992, her expertise and dedication led her to assume the role of Senior Librarian at Obafemi Awolowo University, solidifying her presence in the academic and literary realms.

Ascending through the ranks at Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Mrs. Bukky Olufemi Asubiojo achieved a historic milestone in 2011 by becoming the first female to hold the prestigious position of University Librarian since the inception of the institution. Her transformative tenure ushered in an era of remarkable advancements at the OAU Library. Under her leadership, the library saw significant progress, marked by the establishment of faculty libraries, the creation of an Institutional Repository (IR), the introduction of group discussion rooms, and the inauguration of a state-of-the-art 15-seater ultra-modern conference room, among other noteworthy initiatives. These accomplishments underscored her visionary approach and commitment to enhancing the academic and research infrastructure of the university. Mrs. Asubiojo's legacy as a

University Librarian is defined by her pioneering spirit and dedication to fostering a conducive and progressive learning environment at OAU.



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Mrs. Asubiojo's illustrious journey in the realm of librarianship extends far beyond the confines of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU). In 2010, she assumed the role of Acting University Librarian at the inception of Osun State University, Osogbo, showcasing her expertise in shaping academic resource centers. Her impact continued to resonate as she took on the responsibility of Acting University Librarian at the First Technical University, Ibadan, from 2017 to 2018. Currently, she holds the esteemed position of University Librarian at the newly established Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, a role she assumed with effect from February 15, 2022. Mrs. Asubiojo's dedication and leadership in the field have left an indelible mark on various academic institutions, solidifying her as a trailblazer in the dynamic landscape of librarianship.

Mrs. Asubiojo is a passionate Librarian who commits herself to excellence in the field of librarianship. Her passion for excellence has helped in the pioneering of university libraries across southwest, Nigeria. Mrs Asubiojo's professional activities have taken her to various parts of the world, as she has presented scholarly papers at various international conferences in Nigeria, Europe, and the United States of America. She has published widely in reputable academic journals of librarianship across the world and has also contributed to some books in the field.

Among her many professional honours are: Chartered Librarian of Nigeria (CLN) and Fellow, Nigerian Library Association (FNLA), the highest professional honour in the Library profession in Nigeria. Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo has held visiting appointments at various universities, among which are Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State, and Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye. She has also served as a Consultant for the appointment of University Librarians for many Universities in the country.

Beyond her impactful contributions to the university system, Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo actively engages in community service, aligning herself with esteemed organizations. She is a proud member of the Elite Women's Club and the Eminent Sisters Club in Ilawe Ekiti, exemplifying her commitment to fostering connections among accomplished women. Additionally, her involvement in the Christian Mothers of St John's Catholic Church, Ilawe Ekiti, reflects her dedication to both faith and community.

At the helm of community leadership, Mrs. Asubiojo currently serves as the Matriarch of the Nigerian Library Association, Osun State Chapter, further solidifying her influence beyond academic boundaries. In her personal life, she finds joy and fulfillment in her marriage to Prof. Bode Asubiojo, a union blessed with many children and grandchildren. Mrs. Bukky Asubiojo's multifaceted engagement underscores her holistic commitment to both professional and community spheres, making her a respected figure in various circles.



DR. F.Z. OGUNTUASE

Dr. Femi Zacchaeus Oguntuase is a spectacular sexagenarian who was born in Iro Town in Aiyekire local government area of Ekiti state. He began his tertiary education at the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) in 1977-1981 where he read English Education and later bagged a masters degree in librarianship (MLS) in 1985 at University of Ibadan, Oyo state. He proceeded to hold his MBA in Business Administration from Federal University, Akure and a PhD in Library studies from University of Ibadan, Oyo state.

Oguntuase Femi Zacchaeus is a man with reputable personality whose impact is recognized locally and internationally. His wealth of experience surpasses what could explicitly be outlined in any book of records. He's a man with over 8yrs of experience in various technical roles. He has gained a strong understanding of system administration, Database Management and Software's support. In his most recent positions, he's a Linux system Administrator at CTX solution group, a provider of technical support to software developers, An entry level Database Administrator at CFI services Limited.

Oguntuase's work experience includes being a lecturer of English language Education in Rivers state College of education, Port Harcourt, Educational technologist at NETC, Kaduna. He also worked as a librarian at FUTA, Akure.

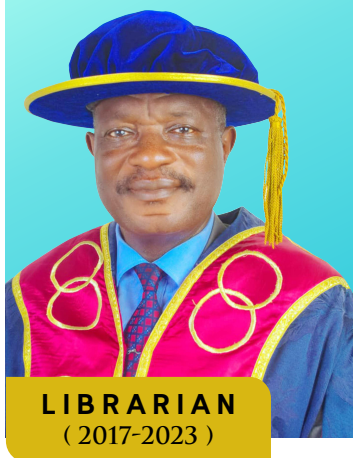
He is versatile in knowledge and experience. His wealth of experience as an ebullient leader with impeccable character has qualified him to work in different organisations including as a University librarian at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife from 2007 to July, 2023.

He served as a member, Governing council in attendance. Member, University Senate and Member, facility Board etc in the University during his tenure.

Oguntuase is happily married to Mrs Oguntuase Esther Kikelomo and the union is blessed with children. Having enthusiastically worked as the University librarian of FUTA in 1985, he was elected the Vice Chairman of the Ondo state chapter of the Nigerian Library Association for 8yrs.

As a University librarian at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, he worked with the board of Postgraduate college to institutionalize the turn-it-in plagiarism check of postgraduate theses. The accreditation of publications and the drive to publish in Scopus and other indexed journals has been championed by his leadership as University librarian of the University.

More to say, his vast experience and competence has propelled him and his career to the highest cadre of life. Such is the product of a man who has worked meritoriously and indefatigably to become a role model to lovers of good things. I wish he could be given a round of applause! It rings in my heart that a great gem still exists in this era. Hurray!



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