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- (c) Age: 47 (d) Date of Birth: 27 December, 1963
- (e) Place of birth: Iwhiteowerri (Orlu LGA)
- (f) Nationality: Nigerian (g) Marital Status: Married (with three children)
- (g) Languages spoken: Igbo, English and Nigerian Pidgin

ii Academic degrees obtained

- (a) BA (2nd Class Upper Division) in Linguistics/Igbo, Abia State University (1987)
- (b) MA in Linguistics, University of Ibadan (1991)
- (c) Ph.D. in Linguistics, University of Ibadan (1995)

iii. Prizes / Awards / Fellowships

- (a) University Prize for the best graduating student in various disciplines within the schools (in 1986/87 session).
- (b) Alexander von Humboldt fellowship for young highly talented foreign scholars (1997/1998) in Department of Linguistics & American Studies, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany.
- (c) Fritz-Thyssen Fellowship (1 August to 30 October 1999) at the Department of English and American Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- (d) Bayo Kuku Postdoctoral Fellowship, Awarded by the Nigerian Academy of Letters (2002).

- (e) Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship (Resumption of Fellowship) at the Department of English and American Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin and Institute of African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin (1 April to 30 September 2003).
- (f) Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship (Resumption of Fellowship at the Department of English, University of Koblenz-Landau, Landau (1 May to 30 July 2007).
- (g) Fellow of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), 1 April to 30 June, 2010.

iv. University-level teaching experiences

- (a) August 1988–December 1989: Graduate Assistant, Abia State University
- (b) October 1991–September 1993: Teaching Assistant, University of Ibadan
- (c) September 1994–February 1996: Assistant Lecturer, Abia State University
- (d) March 1996–Sept 1999: Lecturer 2, University of Ibadan
- (e) October 1999–Sept 2002: Lecturer 1, University of Ibadan
- (f) October 2002–Sept 2005: Senior Lecturer, University of Ibadan
- (g) October 2005–Date: Associate Professor, University of Ibadan
- (h) January 2008– May 2008: Visiting Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong
- (h) November 2010–October 2011: Visiting Associate Professor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife

v. Courses taught

- LIN 172 Language Use and Language Attitudes
- LIN 371 Conversational Discourse
- LIN372 Multilingualism and Language Planning
- LII 371 Stylistics of Igbo Literature
- LII 412 Practical Communication in Igbo
- LII 471 Practical Criticism of Igbo Texts

LIN 473 The Sociolinguistic Situation in Africa
LIN 701 Readings in Linguistics
LIN 771 Topics in Sociolinguistics
LIN 772 Research Methods in Sociolinguistics
ENGL 2030 World Englishes (The University of Hong Kong, 2008)
ENGL 6075 The Politics of English (The University of Hong Kong, 2008)
Proseminar: Stylistics and Text Analysis (Chemnitz University of Technology,
Germany, 1998)
LIN 702 Supervision of M.A., M.Phil/Ph.D Theses and Dissertation

vi. Other academic assignments

- (a) Coordinator, Staff/Postgraduate seminar of the Department, from 2000—2009
- (b) Editor, *Journal of Nigerian Languages*, a journal of the Department of Linguistics & African Languages, University of Ibadan, from 2002—date.
- (c) Examination Coordinator for the Department of Linguistics and African Languages, from 2004 to 2009.
- (d) Postgraduate Coordinator, Department of Linguistics and African Languages, from January 2010 to October 2010.

vii. Membership of professional associations

- (a) Member, Linguistics Association of Nigeria.
- (b) Member, West African Linguistics Association.
- (c) Member, Society for Promoting Igbo Language and Culture.
- (d) Member, American Studies Association of Nigeria.
- (e) Member, Reading Association of Nigeria.
- (f) Member, Association for Promoting Nigerian Languages and Culture.
- (g) Member, Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics (SPCL).
- (h) Member, Hong Kong Association for Applied Linguistics.

viii. Areas of research interest

My areas of research interest include Sociolinguistics, language education, language policies and planning, varieties of English (including Pidgins and Creoles), and stylistics.

A list of publications

(A) Books

- (1) Igboanusi, Herbert. (2011) *Language-in-education policy and practice in Former British colonies of West Africa*. Saarbrücken: Lambert.
- (2) Igboanusi, Herbert (2010) *A Dictionary of Nigerian English Usage*. (Second Edition) Berlin: LIT Verlag.
- (3) Igboanusi, Herbert (ed.) (2009) *Language shift in West Africa* (A Special Issue of *Sociolinguistic Studies*, 3 (3)). London: Equinox.
- (4) Igboanusi, Herbert & Lothar Peter (2005) *Languages in Competition: The struggle for supremacy among Nigeria's major languages, English and Pidgin*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.
- (5) Igboanusi, Herbert (2002a) *Igbo English in the Nigerian Novel*. Ibadan: Enicrownfit.
- (6) Igboanusi, Herbert (2002b) *A Dictionary of Nigerian English Usage*. Ibadan: Enicrownfit.
- (7) Igboanusi, Herbert (ed.) (2001) *Language Attitude and Language Conflict in West Africa*. Ibadan: Enicrownfit.

(B) Journals and contributions to books

- (8) Igboanusi, Herbert & Joy Nkeiruka Okeke (2011) The theme of marriage betrayal in the Igbo novel. In Ayo Ogunsiji, Ayobami Kehinde & Akin Odeunmi (eds) *Language, Literature and Discourse: A Festschrift in honour of A. L Oyeleye*.
- (9) Igboanusi, Herbert (2010) The sociolinguistics of development in Africa (Book review). *Current Issues in Language Planning*. 11(1), 67-69.

- (10) Igboanusi, Herbert & Hans-Georg Wolf (2009) The role of ethnically mixed marriages in language shift: A case study of Nigeria's minority languages. In Igboanusi, H. (ed.) Language shift in West Africa, Special issue of *Sociolinguistic Studies*, 3(3), 451-464.
- (11) Igboanusi, Herbert (2008a) The deficits of English-medium education in Nigeria. In Hans-Georg Wolf, Lothar Peter & Frank Polzenhagen (eds.) *Focus on English: Linguistic Structure, Language Variation and Discursive Use*. Studies in Honour of Peter Lucko. 93-103. Leipzig: University Press.
- (12) Igboanusi, Herbert (2008b) Empowering Nigerian Pidgin: a challenge for status planning? *World Englishes* 27(1), 68-82.
- (13) Igboanusi, Herbert (2008c) Mother tongue-based bilingual education in Nigeria: attitudes and practice. *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism*. 11(6), 721-734.
- (14) Igboanusi, Herbert & Martin Pütz (2008d) The future of French in Nigeria's language policies. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*. 29(3), 235-259.
- (15) Igboanusi, Herbert (2008e) Changing trends in language choice in Nigeria. *Sociolinguistic Studies* 2(2), 251-269.
- (16) Igboanusi, Herbert (2007) Linguistic inequalities in Nigeria and minority language education. *Sociolinguistic Studies*, 1(3): 89-102.
- (17) Igboanusi, Herbert (2006a) Is Igbo an endangered language? *Multilingua* 25(4), 443-452.
- (18) Igboanusi, Herbert (2006b) Syntactic innovation processes in Nigerian English. *Studia Anglica Posnaniensia: An International review of English Studies* 42, 393-404.
- (19) Igboanusi, Herbert (2006c) Style and meaning in Igbo English novels. *The Reading Matrix* 6(1), 18-24.
- (20) Igboanusi, Herbert (2006d) A comparative study of the pronunciation features of Igbo English and Yoruba English speakers of Nigeria. *English Studies*, 87(4), 490-497.
- (21) Igboanusi, Herbert (2006e) Agents of progress or problem-makers? Missionary

- activities in the development of the Igbo language. *African Study Monographs* 27(4), 159–170.
- (22) Igboanusi, Herbert (2006f) Perspectives for English language teaching in Nigeria in the context of global English. *Taiwan Journal of TESOL*, 3(1): 1-10).
- (23) Wolf, Hans-Georg & Herbert Igboanusi (2006) Empowerment through English – a realistic view of the educational promotion of English in post-colonial contexts: the example of Nigeria. In Martin Pütz, Joshua Fishman & JoAnne Neff (eds) *Along the Routes to Power: Explorations of the Empowerment through Language*, 333–356. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
- (24) Igboanusi, Herbert (2005) “Orality in Akpa Uche”. *Ibadan Journal of European Studies*. 5: 62-71.
- (25) Igboanusi, Herbert (2004a) African world-views in Western languages: Semantic dislocations in African literature. In Lekan Oyeleye (ed.) *Language and Discourse in Society*, 217 - 233. Ibadan: Hope Publications.
- (26) Igboanusi, Herbert (2004b) Understanding the Igbo culture: A literary approach. *Ihafa: A Journal of African Studies* 5(1): 179–193.
- (27) Igboanusi, Herbert & Lothar Peter (2004b) Oppressing the oppressed: The threats of Hausa and English to Nigeria’s minority languages. *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* 170, 129-138.
- (28) Igboanusi, Herbert (2003a) Semantic dislocation in Nigerian English. In Peter Lucko, Lothar Peter & Hans-Georg Wolf (eds.) *Studies in African Varieties of English*, 57–68. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.
- (29) Igboanusi, Herbert (2003b) Linguistic and cultural properties characterized in terms of right hand and left hand in Igbo. In Ozo-mekuri Ndimele (ed.) *Four Decades in the Study of Languages and Linguistics in Nigeria: A Festschrift for Kay Williamson*, 573 – 577. Aba: National Institute for Nigerian Languages.
- (30) Igboanusi, Herbert (2003c) Knowledge, use, and attitudes towards Americanisms in Nigerian English. *World Englishes*, 22(4), 599-604.
- (31) Wolf, Hans-Georg & Herbert Igboanusi (2003) A preliminary comparison of

- some lexical items in Nigerian English and Cameroon English. In Peter Lucko, Lothar Peter & Hans-Georg Wolf (eds.) *Studies in African Varieties of English*, 69–81. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.
- (32) Igboanusi, Herbert (2002a) Igbo literature as an index to the comprehension of Igbo culture. *Context: Journal of Social and Cultural Studies*, 5(1): 36–50.
- (33) Igboanusi, Herbert (2002b) The use of Nigerian Pidgin in the Nigerian novel. *Context: Journal of Social and Cultural Studies*, 5(2): 44–61.
- (34) Igboanusi, Herbert (2001a) A socio-historical survey of English in Igboland. *CASTALIA: Ibadan Journal of Multicultural and Multidisciplinary Studies*, 7 (I): 48–59.
- (35) Igboanusi, Herbert (2001b) The Igbo tradition in the Nigerian novel. *African Study Monographs* 22 (2): 53–72.
- (36) Igboanusi, Herbert (2001c) Varieties of Nigerian English: Igbo English in Nigerian literature. *Multilingua* 20(4): 361–378.
- (37) Igboanusi, Herbert & Isaac Ohia (2001d) Language conflict in Nigeria: the perspective of linguistic minorities. In Herbert Igboanusi (ed.) *Language Attitude and Language Conflict in West Africa*, 125–142. Ibadan: Enicrownfit.
- (38) Igboanusi, Herbert (2000a) Some problem areas for the Igbo learner of English. In Adeyemi Babajide (ed.) *Studies in English Language*, 124–140. Ibadan: Enicrownfit.
- (39) Igboanusi, Herbert (2000b) Ethnic Englishes in Nigeria: The role of literature in the development of Igbo English. *Cultural Studies*, 2(1): 219–230.
- (40) Igboanusi, Herbert (1998) Lexico-semantic innovation processes in Nigerian English. *Research in African Languages and Linguistics*, 4(2): 87–102. (1998)
- (41) Igboanusi, Herbert (1997) Language and nationalism: The future of English in Nigeria's language policies. *Context: Journal of Social and Cultural Studies*, (1): 21-34.
- (42) Igboanusi, Herbert (1995) The relevance of the mixed language to second language teaching: The Igbo example. *Journal of Languages and Literature (JOLL)*, 1 (2): 10- 14.

Forthcoming publications

- (43) Igboanusi, Herbert (2011) Language loyalty or shift? An investigation of the effects of internal migration on Igbo. *Journal of Nigerian Languages*.
- (44) Igboanusi, Herbert (2011) The role of language policy in poverty alleviation in West Africa submitted to a special issue of the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* on the theme “Language issues in development”.
- (45) Igboanusi, Herbert. 2012. Language-in-education policy and practice in Sierra Leone. To appear in a Festschrift in honour of Professor Aduke Adebayo.

x. Selected presentations at conferences

- (1) “The problems of English medium education in West Africa”. Paper presented at the Third Conference on Language Contact in Times of Globalization (LCTG3) in the University of Greifswald, Germany, from 30 June to 02 July 2011.
- (2) “The role of ethnically mixed marriages in language shift: A case study of Nigeria’s minority languages”. Paper presented at the World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL6), Cologne, Germany, 20 August, 2009.
- (3) “Mother tongue-based bilingual education in Nigeria: Attitudes and practice” Presented at the 15th World Congress of Applied Linguistics in Essen, Germany, 29 August 2008.
- (4) “The deficit of English-medium education in Nigeria” Presented to the weekly seminar of the School of English, University of Hong Kong (28 February, 2008).
- (5) “Empowering Nigerian Pidgin: A challenge” Presented at the Joint Summer Meeting of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics and ACBLPE in Amsterdam in June 19, 2007.
- (6) “Changing trends in language choice in Nigeria” Guest talk presented at the Department of English, Koblenz-Landau University, Landau, 11 June, 2007.
- (7) “Linguistic inequalities in Nigeria and minority language education” Presented at the 20th International Conference of the African Studies Association in Germany (VAD), Frankfurt, Germany, July 24, 2006.
- (8) “Is Igbo an endangered language?” Presented at the 24th West African Languages Congress, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, August 4, 2004.

- (9) "Empowerment through English – a realistic view of the educational promotion of English in post-colonial contexts: the example of Nigeria" Presented at the 30th International LAUD Symposium Empowerment through Language, Landau, Germany, April 2004.
- (10) "Oppressing the oppressed: The threats of Hausa and English to Nigeria's minority languages" Presented at the International Conference on Minority Languages, Kiruna, Sweden, June 6, 2003.
- (11) "Methodologies and problems of dictionary compilation in non-native varieties of English: The experience of A Dictionary of Nigerian English Usage" Presented at a seminar of the Department of Linguistics and American Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, May 28, 2003.
- (12) "The crises and conflicts of the Igbo language development" Seminar paper read at the Institute of African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 27 2003.
- (13) "Agents of progress or problems? Missionary activities in the development of the Igbo language" Presented by proxy at the International Conference on Igbo in the Twentieth Century: A Tribute to Simon Ottenberg, Ithaca, New York, April 4 – 5, 2003.
- (14) "Linguistic and cultural properties characterized in terms of right hand and left hand in some Nigerian languages" Presented at a Seminar of the Association for Promoting Nigerian Languages and Culture, Imo State University, Owerri, November 26, 2002.
- (15) "Understanding Igbo culture: the literary approach" Presented at the Ogbalu Foundation, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 13 June 2002.
- (16) "Knowledge, use and attitude towards Americanisms in Nigerian English" Presented at the Departmental Seminar of the Department of Linguistics and African Languages, University of Ibadan, 27 February, 2002.
- (17) "Language conflict among linguistic minorities in Nigeria" Presented at the Monthly seminar of the French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA), Ibadan, 26 March 2001.
- (18) "African Worldviews in Western languages: Semantic dislocations in African

- literature” Presented by proxy at the Bridging the Diaspora Conference, Lincoln, USA, February 24, 2001.
- (19) “A Dictionary of Nigerian English Usage: The research so far” Presented at the Departmental Seminar of the Department of Linguistics and American Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, September 20, 1999.

xi. Selected workshops in which I participated

- (1) ESF exploratory workshop on “Language and origin: The role of language in European asylum procedures” held at NIAS, Wassenaar (The Netherlands) from 22 – 23 April 2010.
- (2) “Nevile Alexander Workshop on mother tongue based bi/multilingual education”, Cologne, 18 August, 2009.
- (3) “Workshop on making language visible: putting scaffolding into action”, Essen, 27 August 2008.
- (4) “Workshop on practical classroom implications of the SIOP Model for Mainstream Teachers of Second Language Learners”, Essen, 27 August 2008.
- (5) “Workshop on Language Analysis in the determination of national origin of refugees”, Amsterdam, 21 June 2007.
- (6) “International Workshop on strengthening publishing in Africa”, University of Ibadan from 10-11 April, 2007.
- (7) “International Workshop on Endangered Languages of West Africa”, Ibadan, Nigeria, August 4, 2004.
- (8) “International Workshop on ECHO, metadata for language”, Kiruna, Sweden, June 5, 2003.

xii. Community development

- (1) Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*, from 2009 to 2014.
- (2) External Examiner, University of Lagos, BA Linguistics/Igbo (2007 - 2010).
- (3) Member, Local Organizing Committee for the 24th West African Languages Congress held in the University of Ibadan in 2004.

- (4) Examiner for the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board / Universities Matriculation Examination from 1999 to 2000.
- (5) Examination moderator for some Colleges of Education from 1996 to date.
- (6) Examiner for the West African Examination Council from 1995 to 1997.

xiii. Sponsored research completed

- (1) “Igbo English in the Nigerian Novel.” Sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn in 1997/98, and published as a book in 2002.
- (2) “A Dictionary of Nigerian English Usage.” Sponsored by the Fritz-Thyssen Foundation, Cologne in 1999, and published as a book in 2002.
- (3) “Language conflict among linguistic minorities in Nigeria.” Sponsored by the French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA), Ibadan in 2000, and published as an article in 2001.
- (4) “Oppressing the oppressed: The threats of Hausa and English to Nigeria’s minority languages.” Sponsored by the University of Ibadan Senate Research Grant in 2002, and published as an article in 2004.
- (5) “Languages in Competition: The struggle for supremacy among Nigeria’s major languages, English and Pidgin.” Sponsored by the Nigerian Academy of Letters (Bayo Kuku Award) and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in 2003, and published as a book in 2005.
- (6) “Mother tongue-based bilingual education for Nigeria: Attitudes, problems and prospects” Sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in 2007 and published as an article in 2008.
- (7) “The future of French in Nigeria’s language policies”. Sponsored by the University of Ibadan Senate Research Grant in 2006, and published as an article in 2008.
- (8) Language-in-education policy and practice in West Africa. Sponsored by The Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences in 2010, and published as a book in 2011.

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