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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

CURRENT

JULY 2021	Viscount Bennett Professor of Law (Three-year Chair Appointment) Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.
NOV. 2020 -	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.
JAN. – MAY 2021	Visiting Adjunct Professor Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy Tufts University.
JULY 2018 – June 2021	Assistant Professor (Probationary Tenure Track) Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.
JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018	Visiting Assistant Professor Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.
JAN. 2015 – JUNE 2017	Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

- International Trade Law
- International Investment Law
- International Courts
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law and Economic Development
- Contracts

EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D., University of Ottawa <i>Thesis Recommended for University Prize</i>
2008	LL.M., University of Toronto <i>Innovation Law Scholarship</i>
2004	The Nigerian Law School, Licentiate Degree, Law
2003	LL.B. Hons., University of Lagos, Nigeria.

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOK/EDITED YEARBOOK

LAW, ECONOMICS & REGIONALISATION IN AFRICA - A SOCIO-LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES – (Routledge, International Economic Law Series Forthcoming 2022)

THE NIGERIAN YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, 2018/2019, Co-Edited with Chile Eboe-Osuji and Engobo Emeseh (Springer, 2021)

BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Dispute Settlement under the African Continental Free Trade Area, Hélène Ruiz Fabri (ed) in *Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law* (Oxford University Press, 2021)

A Critical Appraisal of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement in INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW FROM A (SOUTH) AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE, Franziska Sucker, and Kholofelo Kugler (eds.) (JUTA Law, South Africa; Forthcoming 2021)

Towards an Analyses of the Mega-Politics Jurisprudence of the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice in James Thuo Gathii (eds.) THE PERFORMANCE OF AFRICA’S INTERNATIONAL COURTS: USING INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR POLITICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL CHANGE, pp. 149-177 (2020, Oxford University Press)

2018 Developments in Home State Foreign Direct Investment Policies, in YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND POLICY, pp. 41-49 (Oxford University Press, 2019) (with Sara Seck and Adebayo Majekolagbe)

2017 Developments in Home and Host State Policy Responses to Foreign Direct Investment, YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND POLICY, pp. 49-64, (Oxford University Press, 2019) (with Sara Seck)

The African Court of Human and Peoples’ Rights Decision in the Ogiek Case: An Appraisal, in Amissi M. Manirabona & Yenny Vega Cardenas (Eds.) EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN AN ERA OF GLOBAL JUSTICE: NEW WAYS OF RESOLVING AND PREVENTING CONFLICTS, pp. 163-200, (LexisNexis, 2019) (with Adebayo Majekolagbe)

BOOK CHAPTER (NON-PEER-REVIEWED)

The Politics of Regulating and Disciplining Judges in Nigeria in Richard Devlin and Sheila Wildeman, DISCIPLINING JUDGES, (Edward Elgar, 2021) pp. 254-277.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

Socio-Legal Approaches to International Economic Law in Africa, CHICAGO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, Volume 22.1, 26-36.

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Africanization and the Reform of International Investment Law, CASE WESTERN RESERVE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, Volume 53:1,7-33, (AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INT'L LAW RESEARCH FORUM ISSUE).

International Decision Commentary: Houngue Éric Noudehouenou v. Republic of Benin, (2021) THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, Volume 115, Issue 2, pp. 281-287.

Dispute Settlement under the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement: A Preliminary Assessment, (2020) AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW 28, pp. 138-158. (*Special Issue: The Judicial Power of Africa's Supranational Courts*)

Introduction to the Inaugural Issue of the African Journal of International Economic Law, (2020) Vol 1 AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW INAUGURAL ISSUE, pp.VI-X. (With James Thuo Gathii)

Theorizing Developmental Regionalism in Narratives of African Regional Trade Agreement, (2020) Vol 1 AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW INAUGURAL ISSUE, pp. 297-320.

Africa's Participation in International Economic Law in the 21st Century: An Introduction, (2020) MANCHESTER JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, Volume 17, Issue 1: 1-10 (with Ohio Omiunu, Amaka Vanni, Regis Y. Simo and Luwam Dirar).

Reverse Contributors? African State Parties, ICSID, and the Development of International Investment Law, (Invited contribution, Special Issue on "Africa and the ICSID System"), ICSID REVIEW, Vol. 34, No. 2 (2019), pp. 434-454.

To Recognize or Not Good Faith under Nigerian Law of Contract, (2019) Vol. 1, Issue 1, JOURNAL OF COMMONWEALTH LAW, pp. 1-22.

Informal Networks of Corruption: Assessing the Challenges for Public Sector Whistleblowing in Nigeria, (2018) JINDAL GLOBAL LAW REVIEW, pp. 1-18 (Special Issue on "New Governance Strategies for Preventing Corruption: Law, Theory and Practice").

Background: Towards a Scholarly Understanding of Canadian-Anglophone African Engagements: A Critical Assessment of the Canadian-Nigerian Bilateral Relations (2017) 4 TRANSNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW, 1-21.

The Dilemma of Public-Private Partnerships as a Vehicle for the Development of Regional Transport Infrastructure in Africa, (2013) THE LAW AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW, Volume 6 Issue 2, 3-28 (Special Issue on "Trade Governance: Integrating Africa into the World Economy through International Economic Law").

BOOK REVIEWS (IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)

Olga Martin-Ortega and Claire Methven O'Brien Eds., PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS: OPPORTUNITIES, RISKS AND DILEMMAS FOR THE STATE AS BUYER; (2021) 6:1 BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS JOURNAL 174-177.

Richard Frimpong Oppong, LEGAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN AFRICA (2015) 18(4) JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW, 1-4.

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Renu Modi ed., SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION: AFRICA ON THE CENTRE STAGE (2013) 40(136)
REVIEW OF AFRICAN POLITICAL ECONOMY, 339-340.

James Thuo Gathii, AFRICAN REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AS LEGAL REGIMES (2013)
112(446) AFRICAN AFFAIRS, 157-159.

REPORT

“Pathways to Just, Equitable and Sustainable Trade and Investment Regimes”, (Co-authored with Tomaso Ferrando, Nicolás M. Perrone, and Kangping Du. (*This study was commissioned by the Fairtrade Germany and Fairtrade Austria*) (200 Pages)

BLOGS

Symposium Nigeria and International Law: Past, Present and the Future, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG (**13 Blog posts**), Nov. – Dec. 2021, Co-Convended with Babatunde Fagbayibo and Udoka Ndidiama Owie.

Symposium [Teaching and Researching International Law: Global Perspectives](#). AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG (**30 blog posts** from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Caribbean, and Europe), Co-Convended with Antony Anghie, James T. Gathii & Adebola.

Symposium Introduction: Vulnerabilities in the Trade and Investment Regimes in the age of COVID-19, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, August 18, 2020. (Co-convended with Clair Gammage)

Judicial Nullification of Presidential Elections in Africa: Peter Mutharika v Lazarus Chakera and Saulos Chilima in Context, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 3 July 2020. (with James Thuo Gathii)

COVID-19 and South-South Trade & Investment Cooperation: Three Emerging Narratives, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 11 May 2020. (with Clair Gammage)

Introduction to the COVID-19 Symposium on International Economic Law in the Global South, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 3 May 2020, (Co-Convended with James T. Gathii, Titilayo Adebola and Nthope Mapefane; **40 blog posts**)

Developing Robust and Coherent Regional Trade Policy could quell the chaos surrounding Land Border Closures in Nigeria, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 12 April 2020.

In EU-Africa Trade Relations: Africa is not Europe’s “Twin Continent”, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 14 March 2020.

Symposium Introduction – Assessing the Roles of Theory and Methodology in the Study of International Economic Law in Africa, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 13 January 2020 (**5 blog posts**)

Symposium on Sustainable Development Goals, Trade, Investment, and Inequality, 26 November 2019, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, (**10 Blog posts** being the outcome of the 2019 Purdy Crawford Stream I organized and co-published in Dalhousie Law Journal Blog)

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Fourth African International Economic Law Network Biennial Conference Symposium, 27, October, 2019, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG ([9 Blog Posts](#) being one publication aspect of the conference I co-organized in Nairobi, Kenya) (with Regis Simo, Luwam Dirar, and Ohio Omiunu)

What the African Continental Free Trade Agreement Protocol on Dispute Settlement says about the culture of African States to Dispute Resolution, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 9 April 2019

Negotiating the AfCFTA in the Shadow of International and Regional Struggle for Power: A Caution, AFRONOMICSLAW BLOG, 20 January 2019.

Why Nigeria had good reasons to delay signing Africa's free trade deal, THE CONVERSATION CANADA, 26 July 2018. (Originally Published)

Nigeria had good reasons to delay signing Africa's free trade deal, QUARTZ AFRICA, 27 July 2018 (Reprinted)

Recalibrating Nigeria's Whistleblowing Policy: An urgent plea for a comprehensive whistleblower protection legislation, University of Pretoria, Faculty of Law, AFRICLAW BLOG, 18 October 2017.

The African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL) and the Proposed African Institute of International Law (AIIL) in Arusha, Tanzania: Where do we go from here?, AFRICLAW BLOG, 21 May 2012.

Developing and Strengthening Capacities for Public-Private Partnerships in the Road Sector in Lagos State, THE NIGERIAN LAWYER, 2008, Summer Edition, New York

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Book

LAW, ECONOMICS & REGIONALISATION IN AFRICA - A SOCIO-LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES – (Routledge, International Economic Law Series Forthcoming 2022)

Journal Articles

Judicializing Election Disputes in Africa's International Courts (Forthcoming: JOURNAL LAW AND CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS,) (with James Thuo Gathii) **In Press**.

Africa's International Courts in the Time of Global Crisis, being part of a special issue to be published by: THE LAW & PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS JOURNAL.

Declining or Strengthening: Interrogating the Theory and Praxis of Rule of Law in Africa in Cotemporary Africa, being part of a special issue to be published by UCI JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW.

Book Chapters

TWAIL and The Global Pandemic in TWAIL HANDBOOK, Edited by Antony Anghie, Michael (Fakhri), Vasuki (Nesiah) Karin (Mickelson) and B.S.Chimni.

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Corporate Structures and the Attribution Dilemma in Multinational Enterprises, (Invited Edited Volume by Melissa J. Durkee, *THE LAW AND LOGISTICS OF ATTRIBUTION: CONSTRUCTING THE IDENTITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES AND FIRMS. Proposed Publisher: Cambridge University Press, ASIL Studies in International Legal Theory*) (with James Thuo Gathii)

Books Reviews

CORPORATE CITIZEN: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE GLOBALIZED RULE OF LAW, Oonagh E. Fitzgerald, Ed., (Centre for International Governance and Innovation, 2020); CANADIAN JOURNAL OF BUSINESS LAW (2021).

AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES ON SELECTED MARINE, MARITIME AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW TOPICS, P. Vrancken and Charl Hugo (Eds). (African Sun Media, 2020); OCEAN YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2021)

WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

2022

“Trade and Sustainability in the AfCFTA: Challenges and Possibilities” at the Workshop on “Trade and Sustainability: Challenges and Possibilities”, March 3-4, 2022, Tucson, Arizona, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, U.S.A. (Event sponsored and organized under the auspices of the Consortium for Arizona-Mexico Arid Environments (CAZMEX) and the American Society of International Law International Economic Law Interest Group).

'The Balancing of Rights, General Interests and Science in International Litigation in the Time of Global Crises' and the conference scheduled on 24-25 February 2022 at the Brussels Campus of Maastricht University. (Special Issue: The Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals Journal.)

Invited Speaker: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) Webinar on “International Investment Agreement (IIAs) and Climate Action”, February 4, 2022.

“The Importance of Digital Trade for Sustainable Economic Development” at “Digital Trade in the Post-COVID World: Labour Regulation, investment in Digital Infrastructure and Intellectual Property Protection” Conference organized by the World Trade Institute, Geneva; National Taiwan University, and Chung-Hua Institute for Economic Research, January 17-18, 2022. (Invited Panelist)

Invited Speaker: “Negotiating and Drafting Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITS) by African Countries”, being the second of a 3-part online training Workshops on Investment law and Arbitration co-organized by the African Institute of International Law and the African Arbitration Association. [Date TBC].

2021

“Understanding the Protocol on Rules and Procedures on the Settlement of Disputes”, at the International Bar Association’s African Regional Forum Masterclass Series, November 29, 2021.

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“Intergenerational Justice in Confronting Inequities in International Investment Law Regime: Towards A Just Green Investment Order” presented at the Harvard Law School Global Justice Workshop, Nov 23, 2021 (Virtual) Invited Guest Speaker.

“Intergenerational Justice in Confronting Inequities in International Investment Law Regime: Towards A Just Green Investment Order” at the International Investment Law and Climate Change Webinar organized by the Journal of World Investment and Trade Special Issue (November 18-19, 2021) (With Adebayo Majekolagbe)

“Conflict of Laws under AfCFTA & its Legal Implication under Nigeria Economy” Invited Panelist, The Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, 2021 Annual Conference, Nov. 18-19, 2021, (Virtual)

“African Continental Free Trade Agreement’s investment Protocol”, Invited panelist, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment’s Fall Annual Speaker Series on Issues relating to International Investment Law and Policy, Monday Nov. 8, 2021 (Virtual), Columbia Law School.

“Alternatives to Traditional Law Practice: The Versatility of Your Legal Training”, Invited Panelist, Canadian Black Lawyers Annual Conference November 5, 2021 (Virtual)

“TWAAIL Critiques of Selected Developments in International Law”, Canadian Council of International Law Annual Conference, October 21, 2021 (Panel Proposed and convened by me. Panel moderated by James T Gathii; Other panelists included: Obiora C. Okafor, Sujith Xavier, Sara Riley Case, Sara Ghebremusse.

“Organizing for Alternatives: Redesigning Investment Governance” (Online Event), October 14, 2021, Co-organized by the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Columbia Law School; SEATINI Uganda; Open Society Initiative for West Africa; and Afronomicslaw.

“How to conceptualize a new international development consensus?” University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, 8 October 2021, Invited Panelist, Conference Roundtable.

“Is Global Capitalism Governable?”, Columbia Academy on Law in Global Affairs (CALGA), Columbia Law School, 17 September 2021, (Invited Speaker by Professor Katharina Pistor)

“A Critical Appraisal of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement”, Panelist/Author, Book Launch Webinar, “International Economic Law: (Southern) African perspectives and priorities”, September 16, 2021.

“Racial Capitalism and International Economic Law”, in preparation for a Special Issue of the Journal of International Economic Law, September 3, 2021 (Paper co-authored with Clair Gammage)

“Illicit Financial Flows & the Conundrum of Sustainable Development”, Inaugural Conference of the Global South Economic Dialogue on Economic Crime, 21 August 2021. (Financial Crime Regulation: A Global South Perspective) (Keynote Speaker).

Book Commentator, “Capitalism as Civilization” by Ntina Tzouvala, American Society of International Law, International Economic Law Interest Group, August 19, 2021.

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“Dispute Settlement Regimes in Africa”, Caribbean-African Trade Webinar Series, (Collaborative Event by Shridath Ramphal Centre, West Indies; TRALAC; University of West Indies Law School, TRAPCA and Afronomicslaw), July 22, 2021

“Teaching and Researching International Economic Law in Africa: Strategies for Overcoming Publishing Challenges”, 14 July 2021, collaboratively hosted by UPSA Law School, Ghana; Schulich School of Law, School of Law – University of Aberdeen; and Afronomicslaw.org.

“African Trade Law and Governance: The Implications of AfCFTA on International Commercial Dispute Resolution in Africa”, Invited Panelist: 1st Africa Trade Roundtable – Advancing A Continental Market through the AfCFTA, jointly hosted by the Centre for African Legal Studies at the University of Professional Studies Law School Ghana in collaboration with the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat, May 26, 2021. (Virtual)

“International Law, Institutions and Development”, Lead Panelist: Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University Capstone Conference, (with Hanna Jang (World Bank) and Michael Strauss (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development), May 13-14, 2021.

“The Evolving Role of International Organizations and Cooperation”, Invited Panelist: 2021 Georgetown Journal of International Law Symposium, April 15-16, 2021.

“The African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement in the Shadow of the Contending Visions of Pan-Africanism”, Afronomicslaw.org Academic Forum Guest Lecture Series, April 10, 2021. (Virtual)

“Webinar 3 – Revitalising the WTO Rules-Based System: an African Perspective”, Invited Panelist: Series of Global Webinars of the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO Law, March 28, 2021.

“Civil Society Forum on African Sovereign Debt in advance of the 2021 Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development”, Jointly hosted by the African Sovereign Debt Justice Network, the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Ethiopia Office (Virtual) March 8, 2021.

“Reflections on the value of Socio-legal Approach for the study International Economic Law in Africa”, 2021 Chicago Journal of international Law Symposium, “The Transformation of International Law Scholarship”, paper: The University of Chicago, February 26, 2021 (Virtual)

“How do we fix trade policy to help workers”, International Labour Relations New Conversations Project, Cornell University, Ithaca, U.S.A. 19 January 2021 (Virtual)

2020

“The Performance of Africa’s International Courts & Update on Most Recent Judgements” (OUP 2020) Book Launch, Afronomicslaw.org, January 19, 2021

“A Critique of Africanization of International Investment Law”, 2020 Roundtable on International Business Law, Brooklyn Law School, co-hosted by the Block Center for the Study of International Business Law and the American Society of International Law International Economic Law Interest Group, November 20-21, 2020 (Virtual).

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“Beyond COVID-19: International Law and Africa’s Economic Recovery”, African Society of international Law 9th Annual Conference: Africa and COVID-19, October 30, 2020 (Virtual) [Invited]

“The “Africanization” Discourse and its Dilemmas in African International Economic Law”, 2020 American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting and Research Forum, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., October 29-31, 2020

“The Law and Logics of Attribution: Constructing the Identity and Responsibility of States and Firms” Conference, Friday 11 and 18th 2020, (Virtual) Dean Rusk International Law Center, University of Georgia School of Law, and the American Society of International Law International Legal Theory Interest Group. (with James Thuo Gathii) [Invited]

"African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement in an Era of Waning Multilateralism: Of Optimists and Sceptics" (Webinar); Society of International Economic Law, 3rd Conversations, September 10, 2020. [Invited]

“Virtual Workshop on Global Value Chains, Trade and Development”, June 3, 2020, Kent Law School, University of Kent, UK. [Invited]

“Judicializing Election Disputes in Africa’s International Courts” June 3, 2020, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law (Virtual) [Invited]

2019

“The challenges experienced by contractors pursuing P3 construction”, CBA Construction and Infrastructure Law Conference, 12-13 October 2019, Halifax, Nova Scotia [Moderator] [Invited].

“Protectionism in Disguise? Mapping the Trajectory of International Trade Law Policy in Nigeria”, 13-14 September 2019, Commercial Law Research Network Nigeria, University of Reading, Reading, U.K. [Invited].

“Inclusive Socio-Economic Development for a Megacity: Harmonizing the Roles of the Government and the Private Sector”, 5 July 2019, Lagos, Nigeria [Invited].

“The African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement’s Dispute Settlement Mechanism”, University of Nairobi Law School, 20 February 2019, Nairobi, Kenya [Invited].

“Contextualizing the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement: International and Regional Struggle for Power”, Strathmore University School of Law, 18 February 2019, Nairobi, Kenya [Invited].

"African Investment Disputes and the Development of International Investment Years: Assessing the First Fifty-Years", Schulich School of Law Weekly Research Hour, 17 January 2019, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada.

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2018

“Restructuring Regional Trading Regime in Africa: A Preliminary Assessment of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement”, Purdy Crawford Emerging Business Law Scholars Workshop, 19-20 October 2018, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.

“Activism and Restraint in Africa’s Economic Integration”, Invited panelist at the “Judicial Power of Africa’s Supranational Courts”, University of Luxembourg, September 21-22 2018 [Invited]

Institute for Global Law & Policy Colloquium, “Reading Law in a Time of Disorder”, Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law & Policy in association with Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, August 22-26, 2018 [Invited]

“Revisiting the Economic Community of West African States: A Socio-Legal Analysis”, paper presented at the “International Economic Law in Unsettling Times”, 2018 Society of International Economic Law Biennial Conference, 12-14 July 2018, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.

“Re-Imagining Regionalism in Africa: A Socio-Legal Analysis”, paper presented at the “Law in Global Political Economy: Heterodoxy Now” Institute for Global Law & Policy 2018 International Conference, June 2-3 2018, Harvard Law School, Harvard University.

“Normative Implications of *Bhasin v Hrynew* in Nigerian Contract Law” paper presented at the “Good Faith in Contract” Symposium 2018, May 10-11 2018, Faculty of Law, University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada.

2017

“Towards a Transformative Public Institutional Governance: Whistleblowing and the Perils of Embedded Corruption in Nigeria”, paper to be presented at the “Towards New Governance Strategies for Preventing Corruption: Law, Theory and Practice” international conference, September 15-17, 2017, Osgoode’s Professional Development Center, York University, Toronto, Canada.

“Reconceptualizing Regionalism in Africa: A Socio-Legal Approach to the Study of the Economic Community of West African States”, paper presented at the 3rd Asper Annual IntLaw Conference, April 25-27 2017, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba.

2016

“Background: Towards a Scholarly Understanding of Canadian-Anglophone African Engagements: A Critical Assessment of the Canadian-Nigerian Bilateral Relations”, paper presented at Osgoode Hall CARRIA Project interdisciplinary international conference: “Canadian Anglophone Human Rights Engagements: A Critical Assessment of the Literature and a Research Agenda”, December 8-10, 2016, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada [Invited]

“The Politics of Law in the Economic Community of West African States”, Workshop paper, Transnational Law Summer Institute, Kings College, London, England, June 21 – July 1 2016.

“The Fragmentation and Incoherence of Human Rights in Regional Economic Integration Projects in West Africa”, Paper presented at Carleton University’s Institute of African Studies Annual

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Conference 2016 on “Human Rights and the Public Sphere in Africa”, Carleton University, March 4-5, 2016 [Invited]

“National Impact and Enforcement of Decisions of Africa’s International Courts and African Charter Norms”, Paper to be presented at Workshop organized by the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, USA, April 22-23, 2016 [Invited]

“Revisiting the Economic Community of West African States Establishing Treaty: ‘Formalism’, ‘Flexibility’ and the Challenge for the Role of Law as a Tool for Economic Development”, Paper to be presented 2016 at the Harvard Law School’s Institute of Global Law and Policy African Regional Workshop, Cape Town, South Africa, January 17 – 24

2015

“African Regional Economic Integration and the New International Economic Order of the 1970s”, Paper to be presented at the Canadian Historical Association, Annual Conference, Ottawa, June 3–5, 2015

“Regionalism, Law, and Developmental State in Africa: A Critical Appraisal”, Paper to be presented at the Canadian Law and Society Association, Annual Conference, Ottawa, June 1–3 2015 [Co-convenor of Panel on “Boundaries of Development: History, Theories, Regions” with Professors Pooja Pamar, Ibronke Odumosu, and Umut Oszu]

2014

“Regionalism and Economic Development: The Shifting Role of Law as a Tool for Economic Development of West African States,” Paper presented at the 2014 American Society of International Law International Economic Law Interest Group Biennial Research Conference, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, November 13 – 15 2014. (Peer-reviewed)

“Law and Development as a Field: Methodological Approaches and Precursors to Development”, Guest Lecture at the Carleton University Department of Law and Legal Studies Graduate Seminar on “Law and Development”, 6 November 2014, Ottawa, Canada (Invitee – Professor Adrian Smith) [Invited]

“Law and Development as a Field: Methodological Approaches and Precursors to Development”, Guest Lecture at the Graduate Seminar on “Studies in Legal Theory”, 24 October 2014, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Ontario (Invitee – Professor Chidi Oguamanam) [Invited]

“An Inquiry into the Role of Law as a tool for Economic Development in the Economic Community of West African States,” Paper accepted for presentation at the Canadian Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting 2014 June 6-8, 2014

“The Politics of Law: The New International Economic Order (NIEO) and Regional Economic Cooperation in Postcolonial Africa”, paper presented at the New York University Kandersteg Seminar of young historians of contemporary Europe on “Towards a History of the New International Economic Order” on 2 May 2014, Kandersteg, Switzerland. (Peer Reviewed/Invited) [Invited]

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“African Regional Trade Agreements: An Inquiry into the Role of Law in Regional Economic Integration in Law and Development Debates,” Paper presented at the 2014 Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) Workshop, DOHA, Qatar January 3-11 2014.

2013

“A Critical Reflection on the Link between Public-Private Partnerships in Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure and Economic Development in the West-African Sub-Region,” Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies hosted by Carleton University’s Institute of African Studies in Ottawa from Wednesday May 1st to Friday May 3rd, 2013.

“Public-Private Partnerships as the Nexus between Regional Transport Infrastructure and Regional Economic Integration in Sub-Saharan Africa, Paper presented at the Second African International Economic Law Network Conference, Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 7 – 8 March 2013. (Peer-reviewed)

2012

“Regional Infrastructure and Development: A Case for Public-Private Partnerships in West Africa,” Paper presented at the Graduate Students in Law Annual Conference, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, November 16 2012.

“African Regional Trade Agreements and the Developmental Alliance with the Heterogeneous in Law and Development Debates,” Paper presented at the American Society of International Law Mid-Year Research Forum, University of Georgia School of Law, October 20-21, 2012. (Lead author with Mark Toufayan) (Peer-reviewed)

“The Politics of African “Contributionism” to the Trade/Development Nexus in Africa,” Paper presented at the “Africa and International Law: Taking Stock and Moving Forward” Conference, Albany Law School, April 13-14, 2012 (Lead author with Mark Toufayan)

“Representing African International Lawyers Contribution to the Trade/Development Nexus,” Paper presented in the Human Rights Research and Education Centre Brown Bag Speakers Series, University of Ottawa, March 27, 2012 (Lead author with Mark Toufayan)

2011

“Composition and Structure of Legal Documents in Public Private Partnership Deals,” Facilitator at a 2-day training conference organized by Odade Consulting Training on “Effective Drafting and Legal Writing”, Lagos Nigeria, April 20-21, 2011. [Invited]

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED/MODERATED

Convener and Moderator, First Viscount Bennett Roundtable on International Economic Law, “Dispute settlement under the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA)”, November 5, 2021. (Panelists: Sergio Puig, Frank Garcia, Andrea Bjorklund, and Camille Martini).

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Schulich School of Law
Dalhousie University, Canada.

Moderator, panel on “Aligning Socio-Economic Development & Human Rights with Trade”, African Society of International Law 10th Annual Conference “African and International Trade Law”, 30th October 2021

Co-Chair of Keynote Session “African Trade in the 21st Century”, African Society of International Law 10th Annual Conference “African and International Trade Law”, 29th October 2021

Moderator, Launch of the African Sovereign Debt Justice Network Paper series, October 15, 2021

Distinguished Commentator, ASIL international Economic Law Interest Group & Journal of International Economic Law, First Annual Junior Faculty Forum, September 23-24, 2021.

Moderator, “The Transparency, Accountability, and governance (TAG) Agenda in the age of shrinking civic space – the Weaponisation of COVID-19 and what it means for public participation in debt matters”, Inaugural African Conference on Debt and Development, August 26, 2021.

Moderator, “The Role of Private Creditors in African Sovereign Debt”, Roundtable at the African International Economic Law Network Colloquium (Virtual) on “COVID19 and International Economic Law: Africa's Experiences and Responses”, 24, July 2021

Co-Organizer & Co-Moderator, MELAW’s David Johnston Lecture, “Race, Climate Justice and International Law” (with Sara Seck), Winter 2021, February 18, 2021.

Organizer, 2020 Authors Workshop, “Theoretical and Methodological Approaches for the Study of International Economic Law: Perspectives from the Global South.”, Sept. 25-26, 2020, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.

Co-Organizer and Stream Convenor, 2019 Annual Purdy Crawford Workshop, “The Role of Business Regulations in Advancing SDGs”, Sept 26-28, 2019, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University.

Co-Organizer Fourth Biennial Conference of the African international Economic Law Network, “Africa and International Economic Law in the 21st Century”, July 18-20, 2019, Strathmore Law School, Nairobi, Kenya.

Moderator “Corporations and the International Relations of African Non-Central Governments (NCGs), De Montfort University “Sustainable Development and the Foreign Relations of African Non-Central Governments” Conference, 3-4 July 2019, Lagos, Nigeria.

Moderator “Socio-Legal Approach to Law and Development and Institutional Change” 2018 international conference, June 2-3 2018, Institute for Global Law & Policy, Harvard Law School, Harvard University, U.S.A.

Co-Organizer and moderator “Alternative Approaches to Human Rights and Criminal Law in Africa”, 2016 Carleton University Institute of African Studies Annual Conference, Ottawa, Canada, March 4 – 5 (Jointly organized with the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa)

Moderator “Property: People and Places”, at the Graduate Student in Law Annual Conference, University of Ottawa, “Law and Our Diverse Nature”, 22 February 2014.

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Schulich School of Law
Dalhousie University, Canada.

Organizer and moderator “The Malian Crisis: Causes and Consequences for the West African Sub-Region” at the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa on March 13, 2013. (Panelists: Profs. Rita Abrahamsen, Pius Adesanmi, Nduka Otiono)

Co-organizer “Law in 3D: Directions, Demystification and Dynamics”, Graduate Students in Law Annual Conference 2012, Des Marais Building, University of Ottawa, Ontario on November 16, 2012 with the support of the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa.

Co-organizer “Nigeria and the Democratization Imperative in a Season of Popular Uprisings”, Colloquium, April 2, 2011, University of Alberta, Edmonton

Organizer and moderator “Women Empowerment in Nigerian Politics”, Inaugural Late Justice Taslim Olawale Elias Chambers Annual Lecture, 2000, Faculty of Law Annex, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.

SEEDING NEW ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

FOUNDING EDITOR, AFRONOMICSLAW.ORG

JAN. 2019 - Leading blog that focuses on the international economic law landscape as it relates to the Africa and the Global South. Published over 500 blogs since inception. Network now includes an active *Afronomicslaw Academic Forum*, *African Journal of International Economic Law*, *African Sovereign Debt Justice Network* (AfSDJN) among other initiatives.

CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

THE AFRICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

WINTER 2021	ISSUE 2
FALL 2020	Inaugural issue featured 10 peer-reviewed academic articles.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS (ACTIVE/PAST)

2021-2023 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant (IDG) (\$45,772) (Sole Applicant)
Project Title: “*Illicit Financial Flows, Trade and the Sustainable development Conundrum in Africa.*”

2020-2022 *Dalhousie Belong Research Award*, (\$5,000)
Project Title: *Illicit Financial Flows, Africa, and Sustainable Development*

2020-2021 *Open Society Initiative*, (\$100,000) (Co-Convener)
Project Title: *The African Sovereign Debt Justice Network*

2016-2019 *SSHRC Insight Development Grant*, (\$66,500) (Co-Applicant)
Project Title: “*Regional and National Courts and Africa’s Economic Integration: A Study of the East African Community*”

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- 2013-2015 *SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship*, (\$40,000)
Project Title: “*Revisiting the Economic Community of West African States: A Socio-Legal Analysis*”
- 2014-2015 Nicole Senécal Graduate Scholarship in International Law, (\$10,000)
- 2013-2015 University of Ottawa Excellence Award, (Tuition, valued at over \$30,000)
- 2011-2015 University of Ottawa Admission Scholarship, (\$72,000)
- 2007-2008 Centre for Innovation Law and Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Innovation Law Scholarship, (\$20,000)

TEACHING AWARD

- 2015-2016 Nominated, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law Teaching Excellence Award.

TEACHING DIPLOMA AND WORKSHOP

- 2020 “Forum on Law Teaching and Learning in the COVID Context”, the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT), June 2, 2020 (Virtual) (Invited Panelist)
- 2017 The Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education (ACCLE) and the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Annual Conference – “Educating the Whole Lawyer”, June 8 – 10 2017, Victoria, British Columbia (Attendee)
- 2015 University of New Brunswick, Centre for Enhanced Teaching & Learning (Diploma in University Teaching - May)
- 2015 University of New Brunswick, Centre for Enhanced Teaching & Learning, “Terms of Engagement: Practical Strategies for Promoting Student Engagement in Today’s College Classroom” (Spring).

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

ONGOING

DOCTORAL SUPERVISOR: Akinyi Eurallayah: “Foreign Reserve Management and International Financial Stability: Implications of Kenya’s Debt Funded Foreign Reserves on East African Community Monetary Union.” (September 2020 - Present)

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER – Akinwumi Ogunranti: “Voices from Below—Norm Development of The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights through Non-Western (African) Perspectives” (January 2019 – Present)

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DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER – Oladiwura Eytayo-Oyesode: “Fostering Effective Tax Systems: The Role of the United Nations in Facilitating Revenue Generation to Implement the SDGs” (January 2019 – present)

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER – Sixiang Peng: “Control or Unleash? Exploring the role of China as an influential member of Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) in combating IUU fishing” (July 2020 – till present)

2020

LL.M. THESIS EXAMINER: Oluwaseyi Sanni: “Proposing a Constructivist Approach to Resolving Trade Conflicts Under the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement: A Cross Jurisdictional Analysis (August 2020)

LL.M. THESIS EXAMINER: Okanga Okanga: The province of (Substantive) Legitimate Expectation in Nigeria’s Tax Administration: A Law and Policy Evaluation (August 2020)

PH.D. THESIS PROPOSAL DEFENCE EXAMINER (with Professors Sara Seck and Richard Devlin) – Akinwumi Ogunranti - “Voices from Below—Norm Development of The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights through Non-Western (African) Perspectives” (January 2020)

2019

PH.D. THESIS PROPOSAL DEFENCE EXAMINER – (with Professors Kim Brooks and Colin Jackson) – Oladiwura Eytayo-Oyesode, “Fostering Effective Tax Systems: The Role of the United Nations in Facilitating Revenue Generation to Implement the SDGs.”

LL.M. THESIS EXAMINER – Patrick Ofori – “Tax Incentives for Attracting Foreign Direct Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Study of Ghana and Kenya (Supervisor – Prof. Kim Brooks; August 2019)

LL.M. THESIS CO-READER – Bahareh Jafarian – “Business and Human Rights in the Context of Sanctions: A Road to filling the Governance Gap” (Supervisor – Prof. Sara Seck; August 2019)

FIELD READING TOWARDS SATISFACTION OF FIRST PH.D. REQUIREMENTS - Akinwumi Ogunranti – International Investment Law (February 2019)

FIELD READING TOWARDS SATISFACTION OF FIRST PH.D. REQUIREMENTS – Oladiwura Eytayo-Oyesode, International Law & Economic Development (April 2019)

FACULTY & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021-22 Chair, INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law.
2021-22 Member, ACADEMIC COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, July-June.
2021 Member, DECANAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, Winter.
2021 Member, ASSOCIATE DEAN, GRADUATE STUDIES (SEARCH) COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, Winter.

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- 2021 Member, GRADUATE AD HOC COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law.
202-21 Chair, INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law.
202-21 Member, ACADEMIC COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, July-June.
2020 Member, ONLINE TEACHING & LEARNING WORKING GROUP (AD HOC), June – July.
2019-20 Chair, INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, July-June.
2019-20 Member, ACADEMIC COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, July-June.
2019 Member, ASSOCIATE DEAN, ACADEMIC (SEARCH) COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, January.
2018-19 Member & Chair (Winter Term), INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, July-June.
2018-19 Member, NOT-FOR-PROFIT LEGAL AID COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, Sep.–April.
2018-19 Chair, TEACHING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE, Schulich School of Law, July 2-June.
2015-17 Member, SCHOLARSHIP & RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick, Jan.– June.
2016-17 Member, LAW LIBRARY COMMITTEE, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick, Sept.– June.
2016-17 Member, FACULTY ADVISOR, Black Law Students' Association, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick.
2015-16 Member, ACADEMIC STANDING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick, Sept.–Aug.
2014-15 Member, CO-ORDINATOR, Human Rights Research and Education Centre Research Dialogues Series, University of Ottawa, June-May.
2014-15 Member, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa, Jan–April.

PROFESSIONAL

- SEP 2008 – AUG 2011 **Legal Counsel (Contracts and Commercial)**
Lekki Concession Company Limited, Lagos, Nigeria, [Legal, Project and Financial Risk Management, and Contract Administration]
- FEB-AUG 2007 **Assistant Legal Counsel (Corporate/Commercial)**
Lekki Concession Company Limited, Lagos, Nigeria
- OCT 2004 – DEC 2006 **Associate**
Aluko & Oyebo, Barristers & Solicitors [Corporate/Commercial & Business Advisory, Commercial Litigation; Arbitration, Project Finance]

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ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & EDITORIAL BOARDS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETIES

2022 - Executive Council Member, American Society of International Law, (Nominee).
2021 - BOARD MEMBER, Canadian Council of International Law.
2020 - DIRECTOR, International Law Association, Canada.
2020 - DIRECTOR, Society of International Economic Law.
2018-20 PRESIDENT, African International Economic Law Network.
2011-12 PRESIDENT, University of Ottawa Graduate Students in Law Association.

JOURNALS

2020 - BOARD MEMBER, Journal of International Economic Law.
2020 - CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF, African Journal of International Economic Law.
2020 - BOARD MEMBER, Ocean Yearbook.
2018 - EDITOR, The Nigerian Yearbook of International Law.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Member: American Society of International Law
Canadian Council of International Law
Society of International Economic Law
International Law Association, Canada
African Society of International Law
African International Economic Law Network
Law and Society Association
Investor State Dispute Settlement Academic Forum
Canadian Law and Society Association
Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa

MEDIA INTERVIEW/QUOTES

2021 “[How Regulations will tackle illicit financial flows in Africa](#)”, The Guardian, Nigeria.
12 October 2021.
2015 Legal Implications of the Cancellation of the Government of New Brunswick / Les
Produits Métalliques Snow-Plough Contract under the Inter-provincial Trade
Agreements – *CBC Information Morning Fredericton with Terry Senguin*, 29th June 2015.

**PEER-REVIEWER/THESIS EXTERNAL EXAMINER (Ph.D., LL.M., NATIONAL RESEARCH
FOUNDATIONS)**

NOV. 2021 TWAILR, Peer-Reviewer, “*An African perspective on answering the ethics question: who
should make the rules on self-driving cars?*”.

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- Nov. 2021 Leiden Journal of International Law, Peer-Reviewer, "*Regionalism as Development: the Lomé Conventions I and II (1975-1985)*".
- Oct. 2021 Journal of Law & Society, Peer-Reviewer, "*A New Frontier for Human Rights Litigation: Lawyers, Regional Economic Courts, and the Making of an Opportunity Structure*".
- AUG. 2021 University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, Ph.D. External Examiner, "*The International Economic Order: A Trigger for Global Justice and the Right to Development?*".
- July 2020 The Journal of World Investment & Trade, Peer Reviewer "*Multilateralisation of Investment Laws and Regional Economic Integration: The Imperatives for Africa's Economic Growth.*"
- JUNE 2020 University of Witwatersrand; Doctoral Proposal Reviewer "*Variable Geometry in the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement?*"
- AUG. 2020 University of Pretoria; External doctoral thesis examiner "*Establishing a legal framework of special and differential treatment under the World Trade Organization: Definitive Rights for developing countries?*"
- AUG. 2020 Peer Reviewer: South Africa's National Research Foundation (NRF) in evaluating the quality, impact and standing of the research portfolio of Dr OO Adeleke working in the field/s of "*Business and human rights; Human rights; Access to information; International investment law*"

BOOK MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

- MAR. 2020 Peer-reviewed for one of the manuscripts shortlisted for the Society of International Economic Law-Hart Prize in International Economic Law. The SIEL–Hart Prize is awarded every two years to an outstanding unpublished manuscript by an early career scholar in the field of International Economic Law, Hart Publishing.
- Shortlisted manuscript reviewed is written by Dr Timothy Masiko and is provisionally entitled *Flexible Economic Integration in Africa: Lessons and Implications for the Multilateral Trading System*.
- NOV. 2019 Peer-review of book manuscript on *The Investment Treaty Regime, Constitutional Governance and Public interest Regulation in Africa* by Dr. Dominic Dagbanja, Oxford University Press.